

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LeVOTA (Sponsor), BURNETT, KRAUS, ROORDA,
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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 29 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the department of transportation.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2008, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 29, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 29, to read as follows:

Section 29. [The highways and transportation commission] **A director of transportation, appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate,** shall be in charge of the department of transportation. [The number, qualifications, compensation and terms of the members of the highways and transportation commission shall be fixed by law, and not more than one-half of its members shall be of the same political party.] The selection and removal of all employees shall be without regard to political affiliation. The [highways and transportation commission] **department** (i) shall have authority over the state highway system; (ii) shall have authority over all other transportation programs and facilities as

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

9 provided by law, including, but not limited to, aviation, railroads, mass transportation, ports, and
10 waterborne commerce; and (iii) shall have authority to limit access to, from and across state
11 highways and other transportation facilities where the public interests and safety may require.
12 **The present members of the highways and transportation commission shall serve as such**
13 **until a director has been appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.** All
14 references to the highway commission and the department of highways in this constitution and
15 in the statutes shall mean the [highways and transportation commission] **director of**
16 **transportation** and the department of transportation.

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