

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUZICKA.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 40(a) of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the conservation commission.

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
2 following the first Monday in November, 2008, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 40(a), to read as follows:

Section 40(a). The control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the
2 bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries,
3 refuges, reservations and all other property owned, acquired or used for such purposes and the
4 acquisition and establishment thereof, and the administration of all laws pertaining thereto, shall
5 be vested in a conservation commission consisting of [four] **eight** members appointed by the
6 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than [two] **four** of whom
7 shall be of the same political party, **with one member from each department of conservation**
8 **region**. The members shall have knowledge of and interest in wildlife conservation. The
9 members shall hold office for terms of six years beginning on the first day of July of consecutive

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.

10 odd years. [Two] **Four** of the terms shall be concurrent; [one] **two members** shall begin two
11 years before and [one] **two members** two years after the concurrent terms. If the governor fails
12 to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy for the
13 unexpired term. The members shall receive no salary or other compensation for their services
14 as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and other expenses incurred while
15 actually engaged in the discharge of their official duties.

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