

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

[CORRECTED]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS (Sponsor), SANDER, FUNDERBURK, KOENIG,
COOPER, WELLS AND SCHARNHORST (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section relating to protection of parental rights.

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, 2010, 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 I of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one new section,
2 to be known as section 34, to read as follows:

**Section 34. That parents and legal guardians have a natural and fundamental right
2 to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their children, and that no government
3 action shall burden, abridge, or hinder this natural, fundamental right unless it is in
4 furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of
5 furthering that compelling governmental interest.**

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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.