

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions
2 and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt a ballot for the submission of a joint
3 resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed in section
4 A of this joint resolution shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to guarantee the natural and fundamental
6 rights of parents and legal guardians to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their minor
7 children and to restrict all government actions infringing upon these rights unless the
8 governmental action is the least restrictive means for furthering a compelling governmental
9 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.