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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CHAPPELLE-NADAL (Sponsor)
AND WALTON GRAY (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 30(a) of article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the board of freeholders.

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 VI of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 30(a), article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 30(a), to read as follows:

Section 30(a). **1.** The people of the city of St. Louis and the people of the county of St.
2 Louis shall have power (1) to consolidate the territories and governments of the city and county
3 into one political subdivision under the municipal government of the city of St. Louis; or, (2) to
4 extend the territorial boundaries of the county so as to embrace the territory within the city and
5 to reorganize and consolidate the county governments of the city and county, and adjust their
6 relations as thus united, and thereafter the city may extend its limits in the manner provided by
7 law for other cities; or, (3) to enlarge the present or future limits of the city by annexing thereto
8 part of the territory of the county, and to confer upon the city exclusive jurisdiction of the
9 territory so annexed to the city; or, (4) to establish a metropolitan district or districts for the
10 functional administration of services common to the area included therein; or, (5) to formulate

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.

11 and adopt any other plan for the partial or complete government of all or any part of the city and
12 the county. The power so given shall be exercised by the vote of the people of the city and
13 county upon a plan prepared by a board of freeholders consisting of nineteen members, nine of
14 whom shall be electors of the city and nine electors of the county and one an elector of some
15 other county. Upon the filing with the officials in general charge of elections in the city of a
16 petition proposing the exercise of the powers hereby granted, signed by registered voters of the
17 city in such number as shall equal three percent of the total vote cast in the city at the last general
18 election for governor, and the certification thereof by the election officials to the mayor, and to
19 the governor, then, within ten days after the certification the mayor shall, with the approval of
20 a majority of the board of aldermen **and in accordance with the equal protection clause of the**
21 **United States Constitution**, appoint the city's nine members of the board, not more than five
22 of whom shall be members of or affiliated with the same political party. Each member so
23 appointed shall be given a certificate certifying his appointment signed by the mayor and attested
24 by the seal of the city. Upon the filing with the officials in general charge of elections in the
25 county of a similar petition signed by registered voters of the county, in such number as shall
26 equal three percent of the total vote cast in the county at the last general election for governor,
27 and the certification thereof by the county election officials to the county supervisor of the county
28 and to the governor, within ten days after the certification, the county supervisor shall, with the
29 approval of a majority of the county council **and in accordance with the equal protection**
30 **clause of the United States Constitution**, appoint the county's nine members of the board, not
31 more than five of whom shall be members of or affiliated with the same political party. Each
32 member so appointed shall be given a certificate of his appointment signed by the county
33 supervisor and attested by the seal of the county.

34 **2. The board of freeholders established in subsection 1 of this section shall convene**
35 **for regular meetings each month beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31,**
36 **2014.**

37 **3. The people of the city of St. Louis and the people of the county of St. Louis shall**
38 **have the power to change any provision of this section or section 30(b) of this article upon**
39 **a vote of the people of the city and county. Any such proposal to change any provision of**
40 **this section or section 30(b) of this article shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the**
41 **city and county separately. If the proposal is adopted, copies of the adopted proposal**
42 **certified by the election authorities of the city and the county shall be deposited in the office**
43 **of the secretary of state and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for the city, and**
44 **in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county, and the courts of this state shall take**
45 **judicial notice thereof.**

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