

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FLANIGAN (Sponsor) AND ALLEN (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment amending article III of the Constitution of Missouri by adding thereto one new section relating to amendatory veto powers.

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, 2014, 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 III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 33, to read as follows:

Section 33. The governor shall have power to issue an amendatory veto for non-appropriations bills within the same time limitations as a veto override vote taken under sections 31 and 32 of the Constitution of Missouri. Such amendatory veto shall consist of the return of legislation to the originating house of the legislature with reasons for disapproval and the submission of the governor's proposed amended legislation which shall consist solely of the removal of any part or parts of the vetoed bill by entire section, chapter, or larger division thereof. The governor's proposed amended bill may consist of title and style changes to reflect the removal of sections, chapters, or larger portions of the vetoed bill, but shall not contain the addition of any new statutory or constitutional language that is not found in the original vetoed bill. The governor may submit multiple amendatory veto proposals regarding the same bill to the legislature, within the time

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.

12 **limitations authorized for exercise of the amendatory veto, and the proposal submitted last**
13 **in time shall have priority for purposes of a legislative vote. If a bill is returned by the**
14 **governor to the legislature without designation as a bill subject to the amendatory veto, or**
15 **without a proposed amended version of the bill submitted by the governor, then the bill**
16 **shall be considered subject to the normal veto override process under sections 31 and 32**
17 **of the Constitution of Missouri, and no amendatory veto shall thereafter be authorized.**
18 **The legislature may, by a majority vote of all elected officials in each house, accept or reject**
19 **the governor’s proposed amended bill within the same time limitations as a veto override**
20 **vote taken under sections 31 and 32 of the Constitution of Missouri. The bill thus voted**
21 **upon shall become a law. No legislative amendment of the governor’s proposed amended**
22 **bill shall be allowed at any time.**

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

5 “A 'yes' vote will amend the Constitution of the State of Missouri to allow the governor
6 to exercise an amendatory veto with regard to non-appropriations bills so that the governor may
7 propose the removal of entire sections, chapters, or larger portions of bills to the legislature for
8 acceptance or rejection by a majority vote thereon.

9 A 'no' vote would not amend the Constitution of the State of Missouri.”

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