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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 6 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to taxation.

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 X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 6, article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 6, to read as follows:

Section 6. 1. All property, real and personal, of the state, counties and other political subdivisions, and nonprofit cemeteries, shall be exempt from taxation; all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials, work in progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal property held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by distributors, wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments shall be exempt from taxation; and all property, real and personal, not held for private or corporate profit and used exclusively for religious worship, for schools and colleges, for purposes purely charitable, for agricultural and horticultural societies, or for veterans' organizations may be exempted from taxation by general law. In addition to the above, household goods, furniture, wearing apparel and articles of personal use and adornment owned and used by a person in his home or dwelling place may be exempt from taxation by general law

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 but any such law may provide for approximate restitution to the respective political subdivisions
13 of revenues lost by reason of the exemption. All laws exempting from taxation property other
14 than the property enumerated in this article, shall be void. The provisions of this section
15 exempting certain personal property of manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and
16 retail merchants and establishments from taxation shall become effective, unless otherwise
17 provided by law, in each county on January 1 of the year in which that county completes its first
18 general reassessment as defined by law.

19 2. All revenues lost because of the exemption of certain personal property of
20 manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and retail merchants and establishments shall
21 be replaced to each taxing authority within a county from a countywide tax hereby imposed on
22 all property in subclass 3 of class 1 in each county. For the year in which the exemption becomes
23 effective, the county clerk shall calculate the total revenue lost by all taxing authorities in the
24 county and extend upon all property in subclass 3 of class 1 within the county, a tax at the rate
25 necessary to produce that amount. The rate of tax levied in each county according to this
26 subsection shall not be increased above the rate first imposed and will stand levied at that rate
27 unless later reduced according to the provisions of subsection 3. The county collector shall
28 disburse the proceeds according to the revenue lost by each taxing authority because of the
29 exemption of such property in that county. Restitution of the revenues lost by any taxing district
30 contained in more than one county shall be from the several counties according to the revenue
31 lost because of the exemption of property in each county. Each year after the first year the
32 replacement tax is imposed, the amount distributed to each taxing authority in a county shall be
33 increased or decreased by an amount equal to the amount resulting from the change in that
34 district's total assessed value of property in subclass 3 of class 1 at the countywide replacement
35 tax rate, **after that replacement rate has been changed due to the assessed valuation**
36 **increases or decreases as set forth in subsection 3 of this section.** In order to implement the
37 provisions of this subsection, the limits set in section 11(b) of this article may be exceeded,
38 without voter approval, if necessary to allow each county listed in section 11(b) to comply with
39 this subsection. **At no time shall the rate calculated be above the rate first implemented**
40 **during the year in which that county completed its first general reassessment as defined**
41 **by law. No tax shall be imposed under this section for any tax year beginning on or after**
42 **January 1, 2019.**

43 3. Any increase in the tax rate imposed pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall be
44 decreased if such decrease is approved by **either** a majority of the voters of the county voting on
45 such decrease **or if such decrease is approved by a majority vote of the governing body of**
46 **the county.** A decrease in the increased tax rate imposed under subsection 2 of this section may
47 be submitted to the voters of a county by the governing body thereof upon its own order,

48 ordinance, or resolution and shall be submitted upon the petition of at least eight percent of the
49 qualified voters who voted in the immediately preceding gubernatorial election. **If the assessed**
50 **valuation of property as finally equalized, excluding the value of new construction and**
51 **improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in the general price level**
52 **from the previous year, the maximum authorized current levy applied thereto in each**
53 **county or other political subdivision shall be reduced to yield the same gross revenue from**
54 **existing property, adjusted for changes in the general price level, as could have been**
55 **collected at the existing authorized levy on the prior assessed value. At no time shall the**
56 **rate calculated be above the rate first implemented during the year in which that county**
57 **completed its first general reassessment as defined by law.**

58 4. As used in this section, the terms "revenues lost" and "lost revenues" shall mean that
59 revenue which each taxing authority received from the imposition of a tangible personal property
60 tax on all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials, work in
61 progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal property
62 held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by distributors,
63 wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments in the last full tax year immediately preceding
64 the effective date of the exemption from taxation granted for such property under subsection 1
65 of this section, and which was no longer received after such exemption became effective.

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