

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 90
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to article VIII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to early voting.

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, 2014, 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 VIII of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Article VIII, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 8, to read as follows:

Section 8. 1. Beginning with the 2016 general election, there shall be an early
2 **voting period held prior to an election for presidential or vice presidential electors, United**
3 **States senator, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state**
4 **treasurer, or attorney general. The early voting period shall begin on the third Saturday**
5 **immediately preceding an election and end on the Tuesday immediately preceding an**
6 **election, excluding Sundays. All general election laws including, but not limited to,**
7 **procedures for voting, registration, verification, vote counting, and confidentiality shall**
8 **apply to such early voting periods and voting hours shall be set by general law. This**
9 **section shall not inhibit the right to vote by absentee ballot or any other method of voting**
10 **currently allowed by general law. The general assembly may implement this section and**
11 **may regulate the early voting process by general law that is not inconsistent with the**
12 **requirements of this section.**

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.

13 **2. This section and any implementing legislation are subject to the appropriation**
14 **of state funds to local election authorities to cover the costs of early voting. If no**
15 **appropriation is made, then the early voting requirements of this section or any legislation**
16 **implementing this section are void.**

17 **3. This section is intended to completely preempt any other legislation, or a**
18 **simultaneous constitutional amendment placed on the ballot during the same election,**
19 **seeking to establish an advance voting or early voting period in addition to the early voting**
20 **period authorized by this section. This section grants the general assembly plenary power**
21 **to enact and regulate a single early voting period using uniform laws. Any legislation**
22 **authorizing multiple early voting periods is void.**

23 **4. If a simultaneous constitutional amendment authorizing early voting or advance**
24 **voting is placed on the ballot together with this proposed amendment at the same general**
25 **election, then the amendment with the highest affirmative vote total shall take effect under**
26 **article IV, section 51 of the Constitution of Missouri and any amendment or amendments**
27 **receiving a lower vote total shall be void and of no effect whatsoever.**

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