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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 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 VIII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article VIII, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new 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 voting period held prior to an election for presidential or vice presidential electors, United States senator, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, or attorney general. The early voting period shall begin on the third Saturday immediately preceding an election and end on the Tuesday immediately preceding an election, excluding Sundays. This time period for early voting shall be exclusive and early voting shall not be implemented during any time period not authorized under this section.

2. All general election laws, including but not limited to procedures for voting, registration, the appointment of election judges, and the verification and counting of votes, shall apply to the early voting period. The general assembly shall set hours for the early voting period by general law prior to the 2016 general election. Provisions regulating the confidentiality of voter information, limitations on the commercial use of early voter

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 **information, and the assessment of reasonable fees by election authorities for the release**
14 **of early voter information may be established by general law. The general assembly may**
15 **regulate the early voting process by any law that is not inconsistent with the requirements**
16 **of this section. This section shall not be interpreted to infringe upon the right to vote by**
17 **absentee ballot or any other method of voting currently allowed by law.**

18 **3. This section is self-executing. Any law that conflicts with this section shall not be**
19 **valid or enforceable, and this section shall be implemented notwithstanding Article X**
20 **Sections 16-24 of the Missouri Constitution.**

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