

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES.

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to the downsizing state government commission.

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*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, 2016, 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 IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 54, to read as follows:

**Section 54. There shall be a recurring downsizing state government commission organized for the purpose of maintaining efficient and effective government in this state. The commission shall consist of fifteen members appointed for four year terms, five appointed by the governor with no more than three members of one party, three by the president pro tem of the senate, two by the minority leader of the senate, three by the speaker of the house, and two by the minority floor leader of the house of representatives. No more than three members of the commission shall reside within the same United States congressional district and every congressional district shall have at least one member on the commission. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the**

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 performance of their official duties. The commission shall be staffed by personnel as  
12 deemed necessary to assist the commission in the performance of its duties.

13 Appointments to the commission shall be made within sixty days after the first  
14 general election held after the population of this state is reported to the President for each  
15 decennial census of the United States. The commissioners so appointed shall on the  
16 fifteenth day, excluding Sundays and holidays, after all members have been appointed,  
17 meet in the capitol building and proceed to organize by electing from their number a  
18 chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

19 The commission shall meet at least monthly and shall hold at least one public  
20 hearing in each congressional district to gather information and take testimony. The  
21 commission shall identify specific cost savings measures while maintaining or improving  
22 efficiency and access to government services with regard to taxing jurisdictions, local  
23 municipal governments, county governments, school districts, and state agencies. The  
24 commission shall prepare a detailed plan including itemized cost savings and descriptions  
25 of efficiency and access enhancements for delivery to the general assembly no later than  
26 two years after the commission is appointed. Any plan delivered to the general assembly  
27 shall include a specific implementation time frame not to exceed three years from adoption  
28 by the general assembly.

29 The commission shall disband upon adoption of a plan by the general assembly or  
30 four years after all members of the commission are appointed, whichever occurs first. The  
31 commission shall be reformed in the same manner within sixty days after the first general  
32 election held after the population of this state is reported to the President for each  
33 decennial census of the United States.

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