

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLOCHER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting two new sections relating to political subdivisions.

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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, 2020, 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 amendments to Article VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding two new sections, to be known as Sections 3(a) and 5(a), to read as follows:

**Section 3(a). Any new political subdivision or new form of government for territory located in an existing county, or city not within a county, that is created by an amendment to this Constitution shall not become effective except by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon in each existing county, or city not within a county, within the territory of the proposed new political subdivision or of the new government. In addition to amendments to this Constitution adopted after the enactment of this Section, this Section shall also apply to any amendment to this Constitution that is adopted concurrently with the enacting amendment of this Section.**

**Section 5(a). No ballot measure that would dissolve any city or county or merge any city or county with another city or county shall go into effect unless the ballot measure is approved by a majority of the votes cast on the measure in each affected city or county.**

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.

Section B. Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed in section A shall be as follows:

"Shall approval of a majority of the voters in each affected county be required before a constitutional amendment can impose a new form of government on that county?"

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