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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 19 and 25(a) of Article V of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to judges.

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, 2022, 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 V of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 19 and 25(a), Article V, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 19 and 25(a), to read as follows:

Section 19. Judges of the supreme court ~~[and]~~ **shall be selected for terms of sixteen years and shall be limited to serving one term.** Judges of the court of appeals shall be selected for terms of ~~[twelve]~~ **sixteen years[;]** **and shall be limited to serving one term.** Judges of the circuit courts **shall be selected** for terms of six years, and associate circuit judges **shall be selected** for terms of four years.

Section 25(a). **1.** Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of ~~[judge of any of the following courts of this state, to wit: The supreme court, the court of appeals, or in the office of]~~ circuit or associate circuit judge within the city of St. Louis and Jackson county, the governor shall fill such vacancy by appointing one of three persons possessing the qualifications for such office, who shall be nominated and whose names shall be submitted to the governor by a

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.

6 nonpartisan judicial commission established and organized as hereinafter provided. If the
7 governor fails to appoint any of the nominees within sixty days after the list of nominees is
8 submitted, the nonpartisan judicial commission making the nomination shall appoint one of the
9 nominees to fill the vacancy.

10 **2. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of judge of the supreme court or the**
11 **court of appeals, the governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate,**
12 **appoint a person to fill the vacancy.**

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