

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to the department of the highway patrol.

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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  
2 following the first Monday in November, 2026, 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 IV of the Constitution of the state  
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Section 12, Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and two new  
2 sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 12 and 55, to read as follows:

Section 12. The executive department shall consist of all state elective and appointive  
2 officials and employees except officials and employees of the legislative and judicial  
3 departments. In addition to the governor and lieutenant governor there shall be a state  
4 auditor, secretary of state, attorney general, a state treasurer, an office of administration, a  
5 department of agriculture, a department of conservation, a department of natural resources, a  
6 department of elementary and secondary education, a department of higher education, a  
7 department of highways and transportation, a department of insurance, a department of labor  
8 and industrial relations, a department of economic development, a department of public  
9 safety, a department of revenue, a department of social services, a department of the National

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.

10 Guard, **a department of the highway patrol**, and a department of mental health. In addition  
11 to the elected officers, there shall not be more than [~~sixteen~~] **seventeen** departments and the  
12 office of administration. The general assembly may create by law two departments, in  
13 addition to those named, provided that the departments shall be headed by a director or  
14 commission appointed by the governor on the advice and consent of the senate. The director  
15 or commission shall have administrative responsibility and authority for the department  
16 created by law. Unless discontinued all present or future boards, bureaus, commissions and  
17 other agencies of the state exercising administrative or executive authority shall be assigned  
18 by law or by the governor as provided by law to the office of administration or to one of the  
19 [~~sixteen~~] **seventeen** administrative departments to which their respective powers and duties  
20 are germane.

**Section 55. There shall be established a Missouri Department of the Highway  
2 Patrol in charge of the superintendent appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the  
3 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, who shall provide for the  
4 safety upon the highways and enforce traffic laws.**

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