

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARKS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 2 of Article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to affirming life.

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 I of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 2, Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 2, to read as follows:

Section 2. That all constitutional government is intended to promote the general
2 welfare of the people; that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of
3 happiness and the enjoyment of the gains of their own industry; that all persons are created
4 equal and are entitled to equal rights and opportunity under the law; that to give security to
5 these things is the principal office of government, and that when government does not confer
6 this security, it fails in its chief design.

7 **(1) That the term "person" under this constitution includes every human being**
8 **with a unique DNA code regardless of age, including every in utero human child at**
9 **every stage of biological development from the moment of conception until birth.**

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 **(2) Nothing in this constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires**
11 **the funding of an abortion.**

 Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of
3 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this
4 resolution shall be as follows:

5 "Should the Missouri Constitution be amended to protect each human life with a
6 unique DNA code regardless of age?".

 Section C. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt a fiscal note summary for the
3 submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official fiscal note summary of
4 this resolution shall be as follows:

5 "This change is expected to have no fiscal impact.".

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