

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

---

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WHALEY.

1439H.011

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Section A. Section 2, Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new  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.".

✓