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# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 18(b) and 31 of Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to assessors.

*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, 2026, 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 VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 18(b) and 31, Article VI, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 18(b) and 31, to read as follows:

Section 18(b). The charter shall provide for its amendment<sup>[§]</sup>; for the form of the county government<sup>[§]</sup>; **for** the number, kinds, manner of selection, terms of office, and salaries of the county officers<sup>[§]</sup>; and for the exercise of all powers and duties of counties and county officers prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state<sup>[§]</sup>. However, such charter shall<sup>[, except for the charter of any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants,]</sup> require the assessor of the county to be an elected officer.

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 31. The city of St. Louis, as now existing, is recognized both as a city and as a  
2 county unless otherwise changed in accordance with the provisions of this constitution. As a  
3 city it shall continue for city purposes with its present charter, subject to changes and  
4 amendments provided by the constitution or by law, and with the powers, organization, rights  
5 and privileges permitted by this constitution or by law. As a county, it shall not be required to  
6 adopt a county charter but may, except for the office of circuit attorney, amend or revise its  
7 present charter to provide for the number, kinds, manner of selection, terms of office and  
8 salaries of its county officers, and for the exercise of all powers and duties of counties and  
9 county officers prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state; **however, such charter**  
10 **shall require the assessor of the city to be an elected officer.**

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