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# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to a real property tax exemption for certain senior citizens.

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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 X of the Constitution of the state of  
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 6, Article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new  
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 6, to read as follows:

Section 6. 1. **(1)** All property, real and personal, of the state, counties and other  
2 political subdivisions, and nonprofit cemeteries, and all real property used as a homestead as  
3 defined by law of any citizen of this state who is a former prisoner of war, as defined by law,  
4 and who has a total service-connected disability, shall be exempt from taxation; all personal  
5 property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials, work in progress and finished  
6 work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal property held as goods, wares,  
7 merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by distributors, wholesalers, or retail  
8 merchants or establishments shall be exempt from taxation; and all property, real and  
9 personal, not held for private or corporate profit and used exclusively for religious worship,

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 for schools and colleges, for purposes purely charitable, for agricultural and horticultural  
11 societies, or for veterans' organizations may be exempted from taxation by general law. In  
12 addition to the above, household goods, furniture, wearing apparel and articles of personal use  
13 and adornment owned and used by a person in his home or dwelling place may be exempt  
14 from taxation by general law but any such law may provide for approximate restitution to the  
15 respective political subdivisions of revenues lost by reason of the exemption. All laws  
16 exempting from taxation property other than the property enumerated in this article, shall be  
17 void. The provisions of this section exempting certain personal property of manufacturers,  
18 refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and retail merchants and establishments from taxation shall  
19 become effective, unless otherwise provided by law, in each county on January 1 of the year  
20 in which that county completes its first general reassessment as defined by law.

21 **(2) (a) For the purposes of this subdivision, an "age-qualified individual" is**  
22 **defined as an individual who is sixty-five years of age or older, is a resident of this state,**  
23 **and has been a resident of this state for ten or more consecutive years.**

24 **(b) No age-qualified individual shall be subject to or liable for any real property**  
25 **tax otherwise levied or imposed under the laws of this state for any tax year in which the**  
26 **age-qualified individual has a Missouri adjusted gross income of one hundred fifty**  
27 **thousand dollars or less, or a combined Missouri adjusted gross income of two hundred**  
28 **thousand dollars or less if the age-qualified individual is married, regardless of the age**  
29 **of such spouse.**

30 **(c) The real property tax exemption provided under paragraph (b) of this**  
31 **subdivision shall extend to the spouse of an age-qualified individual if the spouse is fifty-**  
32 **five years of age or older, has been a resident of this state for ten or more consecutive**  
33 **years, and maintains the same residence as the age-qualified individual.**

34 2. All revenues lost because of the exemption of certain personal property of  
35 manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and retail merchants and establishments  
36 shall be replaced to each taxing authority within a county from a countywide tax hereby  
37 imposed on all property in subclass 3 of class 1 in each county. For the year in which the  
38 exemption becomes effective, the county clerk shall calculate the total revenue lost by all  
39 taxing authorities in the county and extend upon all property in subclass 3 of class 1 within  
40 the county, a tax at the rate necessary to produce that amount. The rate of tax levied in each  
41 county according to this subsection shall not be increased above the rate first imposed and  
42 will stand levied at that rate unless later reduced according to the provisions of subsection 3.  
43 The county collector shall disburse the proceeds according to the revenue lost by each taxing  
44 authority because of the exemption of such property in that county. Restitution of the  
45 revenues lost by any taxing district contained in more than one county shall be from the  
46 several counties according to the revenue lost because of the exemption of property in each

47 county. Each year after the first year the replacement tax is imposed, the amount distributed  
48 to each taxing authority in a county shall be increased or decreased by an amount equal to the  
49 amount resulting from the change in that district's total assessed value of property in subclass  
50 3 of class 1 at the countywide replacement tax rate. In order to implement the provisions of  
51 this subsection, the limits set in section 11(b) of this article may be exceeded, without voter  
52 approval, if necessary to allow each county listed in section 11(b) to comply with this  
53 subsection.

54 3. Any increase in the tax rate imposed pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall  
55 be decreased if such decrease is approved by a majority of the voters of the county voting on  
56 such decrease. A decrease in the increased tax rate imposed under subsection 2 of this section  
57 may be submitted to the voters of a county by the governing body thereof upon its own order,  
58 ordinance, or resolution and shall be submitted upon the petition of at least eight percent of  
59 the qualified voters who voted in the immediately preceding gubernatorial election.

60 4. As used in this section, the terms "revenues lost" and "lost revenues" shall mean  
61 that revenue which each taxing authority received from the imposition of a tangible personal  
62 property tax on all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials,  
63 work in progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal  
64 property held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by  
65 distributors, wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments in the last full tax year  
66 immediately preceding the effective date of the exemption from taxation granted for such  
67 property under subsection 1 of this section, and which was no longer received after such  
68 exemption became effective.

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