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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 51 and 52(b) of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to constitutional amendments.

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 III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 51 and 52(b), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 51 and 52(b), to read as follows:

Section 51. The initiative shall not be used for the appropriation of money other than of new revenues created and provided for thereby, or for any other purpose prohibited by this constitution. Except as provided in this constitution, any **statutory** measure proposed shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon. **Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution, constitutional amendments shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon in each of three-fourths of the counties in the state.** When conflicting measures are approved at the same election the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.

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 52(b). The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred
2 to the people. All elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at the general state
3 elections, except when the general assembly shall order a special election. Any **statutory**
4 measure referred to the people shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast
5 thereon, and not otherwise. **Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2(b) of Article XII**
6 **of this Constitution, constitutional amendments shall take effect when approved by a**
7 **majority of the votes cast thereon in each of three-fourths of the counties in the state,**
8 **and not otherwise.** This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the general
9 assembly of the right to introduce any measure.

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