

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 101

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to a joint committee on conservation oversight.

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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 III of the Constitution of the state  
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adopting one new  
2 section, to be known as Section 54, to read as follows:

**Section 54. 1. There is hereby established a permanent joint committee on  
2 conservation oversight.**

**2. (1) The joint committee shall consist of:**

**3 (a) Three state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of  
4 representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party; and**

**5 (b) Three state senators appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate,  
6 one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.**

**7 (2) The members of the joint committee shall select a chair from among the  
8 members of the joint committee.  
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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           **(3) (a) The speaker of the house of representatives may discharge any member**  
11 **of the joint committee appointed by the speaker at any time and appoint a successor.**

12           **(b) The president pro tempore of the senate may discharge any member of the**  
13 **joint committee appointed by the president pro tempore at any time and appoint a**  
14 **successor.**

15           **3. (1) The joint committee shall meet when necessary to perform the duties**  
16 **assigned to it in this section or by general law.**

17           **(2) A member of the joint committee shall receive no compensation in addition to**  
18 **the member's salary as a member of the general assembly but may receive**  
19 **reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred while attending official**  
20 **meetings of the joint committee.**

21           **4. The duties of the joint committee shall be as follows:**

22           **(1) To receive requests for approval from the department of conservation and**  
23 **the conservation commission relating to:**

24           **(a) Changes to any rule or regulation promulgated by the department or the**  
25 **commission;**

26           **(b) The purchase of any parcel of real property by the department or the**  
27 **commission;**

28           **(c) The selection of a director or deputy director of the department; and**

29           **(d) Other matters relating to the department or the commission submitted for**  
30 **the joint committee's consideration as provided by general law; and**

31           **(2) To vote to approve or reject such requests for approval.**

32           **5. (1) The department of conservation and the conservation commission shall**  
33 **submit items listed in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of this**  
34 **section to the joint committee for the joint committee's approval or rejection before**  
35 **acting on such items.**

36           **(2) The procedure and manner of the department's and commission's**  
37 **submission of requests shall be determined by general law.**

38           **6. The joint committee shall perform any other duties related to the department**  
39 **of conservation and the conservation commission as provided by general law.**

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