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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 107

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to the separation of cities from counties.

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. Article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adopting one new section, to be known as Section 34, to read as follows:

Section 34. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "City", the city of Kansas City;

(2) "Committee", the City-County Transition Committee established in this section;

(3) "County", Jackson County.

2. The residents of the city and the residents of the county may separate the city from the county as provided in this section. Upon such separation, the city shall continue for city purposes as a home rule city and shall not be subject to any governance by the county.

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. (1) There is hereby established the "City-County Transition Committee",**
11 **which shall:**

12 **(a) Consist of the following:**

13 **a. The mayor of the city, or the mayor's designee;**

14 **b. Two members of the governing body of the city; and**

15 **c. Three members of the governing body of the county who neither reside in nor**
16 **represent any part of the city;**

17 **(b) Establish the proposed plan required in this section and present the proposed**
18 **plan to the governing bodies of the city and the county; and**

19 **(c) Submit a progress report to the general assembly every six months until the**
20 **separation of the city from the county as provided in this section is complete.**

21 **(2) Before the end of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year**
22 **in which this section is adopted, the committee shall establish a proposed plan for the**
23 **separation of the city from the county. No member of the county's governing body that**
24 **represents the city or a portion thereof shall participate in establishing the proposed**
25 **plan. The county executive shall not participate in establishing the proposed plan.**

26 **(3) Such proposed plan shall include, but not be limited to:**

27 **(a) Provisions for all existing contracts or other agreements between the city and**
28 **the county or any other political subdivisions in the county to remain in effect until the**
29 **expiration or renewal of such contracts or agreements;**

30 **(b) A requirement that the county will maintain control of any county sports**
31 **complex authority created in such county under state law, retain ownership of any**
32 **property owned by such authority, and be the local government party to any contracts**
33 **and agreements between local government entities and a team that uses such sports**
34 **complex; and**

35 **(c) Provisions governing the provision of the following in the city and the county**
36 **after separation:**

37 **a. Law enforcement;**

38 **b. Public safety;**

39 **c. Courts and judicial systems;**

40 **d. Taxation and tax revenue management;**

41 **e. Transportation infrastructure including, but not limited to, roads, bridges and**
42 **public transit;**

43 **f. Water services; and**

44 **g. Waste-management services.**

45 (4) After such proposed plan is established and presented to the governing
46 bodies of the city and the county, the governing bodies shall notify the election
47 authorities of the city and the county.

48 4. (1) Upon receiving such notification, the election authorities shall submit the
49 question of whether to separate the city from the county as provided by the proposed
50 plan to the voters of the city and county on the next available day for any municipal
51 election.

52 (2) If a majority of the registered voters of the city and a majority of the
53 registered voters of the county voting on the question approve the separation of the city
54 from the county, the governing bodies of the city and the county shall begin the process
55 of adopting and implementing the proposed plan.

56 (3) If a majority of the registered voters of the city and a majority of the
57 registered voters of the county voting on the question reject the separation of the city
58 from the county, no separation as described in the proposed plan shall occur. Upon such
59 rejection, the committee shall establish a new proposed plan before the end of the
60 calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the proposed plan is
61 rejected and follow the procedures described in subsection 3 of this section and in this
62 subsection until the question of whether to separate the city from the county as provided
63 by the proposed plan is approved.

64 5. If the adoption of this section is rejected by the qualified voters of this state
65 voting on the question in the general election or a special election held in 2026, the
66 question shall be resubmitted to the qualified voters of this state in the general election
67 or a special election held in 2036 and every ten years thereafter until the adoption of this
68 section is approved.

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