

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 157

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WOODS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 49 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the general assembly.

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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 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Section A. Section 49, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 49, to read as follows:

Section 49. The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly, and also reserve power to approve or reject by referendum any act of the general assembly, except as hereinafter provided. **No statutory measure that is submitted by the initiative and approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon shall be amended or repealed by the general assembly unless one of the following conditions is met:**

(1) **More than six years have elapsed since the passage of the measure;**

(2) **Changes to the measure are approved by three-fourths of the members of both chambers; or**

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) Changes made by the general assembly that fail to receive the votes required**  
11 **in subdivision (2) of this section are submitted to voters and approved by a majority of**  
12 **the votes cast thereon at the next general election.**

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