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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 137

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHARP (37).

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 12 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to employment of members of the general assembly.

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Section A. Section 12, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 12, to read as follows:

Section 12. **1.** No person holding any lucrative office or employment under the United States, this state or any municipality thereof shall hold the office of senator or representative. When any senator or representative accepts any office or employment under the United States, this state or any municipality thereof, **[his]** **such senator's or representative's** office shall thereby be vacated and **[he]** **such individual** shall thereafter perform no duty and receive no salary as senator or representative.

2. During the term for which **[he]** **a senator or representative** was elected, no senator or representative shall accept any appointive office or employment under this state which is created or the emoluments of which are increased during such term.

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.** This section shall not apply to members of the organized militia, of the reserve
11 corps, and of school boards~~[-];~~ **employees of school districts;** and notaries public.

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