

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 130

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SEITZ.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 13 of Article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to civil claims on childhood sexual abuse.

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 I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 13, Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 13, to read as follows:

Section 13. 1. That no ex post facto law, nor law impairing the obligation of contracts, or retrospective in its operation, or making any irrevocable grant of special privileges or immunities, can be enacted.

2. **Notwithstanding subsection 1 of this section, retrospective laws may be enacted only as to civil claims involving the sexual abuse of a child or tortious conduct that caused or contributed to cause sexual abuse to a child.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of

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.

3 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this
4 resolution shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to protect children by providing that
6 retrospective laws may be enacted for civil childhood sexual abuse claims?".

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