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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BONDON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing sections 4 and 6 of article III and section 17 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three new sections in lieu thereof relating to residency requirements of elected officials.

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, 2018, 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 amendments to article III and article IV of the Constitution
5 of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 4 and 6, article III, and section 17, article IV, Constitution of
2 Missouri, are repealed and three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 4,
3 section 6, and section 17 to read as follows:

Section 4. Each representative shall be twenty-four years of age, and next before the day
2 of his **or her** election shall have been a qualified voter for [~~two~~ **five**] years and a resident of the
3 county or district which he **or she** is chosen to represent for one year, if such county or district
4 shall have been so long established, and if not, then of the county or district from which the same
5 shall have been taken.

Section 6. Each senator shall be thirty years of age, and next before the day of his **or her**
2 election shall have been a qualified voter of the state for [~~three~~ **five**] years and a resident of the
3 district which he **or she** is chosen to represent for one year, if such district shall have been so
4 long established, and if not, then of the district or districts from which the same shall have been
5 taken.

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.

Section 17. **1.** The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and
2 attorney general shall be elected at the presidential elections for terms of four years each. The
3 state auditor shall be elected for a term of two years at the general election in the year 1948, and
4 his successors shall be elected for terms of four years. No person shall be elected governor or
5 treasurer more than twice, and no person who has held the office of governor or treasurer, or
6 acted as governor or treasurer, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was
7 elected to the office of governor or treasurer shall be elected to the office of governor or treasurer
8 more than once. The heads of all the executive departments shall be appointed by the governor,
9 by and with the advice and consent of the senate. All appointive officers may be removed by the
10 governor and shall possess the qualifications required by this constitution or by law.

11 **2. The secretary of state, state treasurer, and attorney general shall have been a**
12 **resident of this state for at least five years prior to the election day.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116 and other applicable constitutional provisions and
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of
3 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this legislation
4 shall be as follows:

5 “Shall the Constitution of Missouri be amended to require those persons seeking the
6 office of state auditor, secretary of state, attorney general, or members of the general assembly
7 to maintain a place of residence in Missouri for five years or longer prior to election day?”

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