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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to permissible lobbying activities.

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 IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adopting one new section, to be known as Section 55, to read as follows:

Section 55. 1. After December 3, 2026, no person who has served as an elected official under or was employed as a high-level official or mid-level official by the executive branch shall:

(1) Act, serve, or register as a paid lobbyist;

(2) Engage in contract negotiations with the executive branch entity the person previously served if such contracts could reasonably benefit from privileged access, knowledge, or relationships established during such executive branch service;

(3) Participate in any consultant role that directly leverages prior executive branch service for private gain on matters closely tied to decisions they contributed to within their agency or department;

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.

11 **(4) Solicit prospective employers or clients to represent as a paid lobbyist during**
12 **the time of such service or employment; or**

13 **(5) Act in such a way during the time of such service or employment that could**
14 **be construed as similar to or the same as the actions of a paid lobbyist.**

15 **2. Any former elected official, high-level official, or mid-level official of the**
16 **executive branch who begins employment with an entity that contracts or deals directly**
17 **with the executive branch entity where such official was elected or employed during his**
18 **or her executive branch service shall disclose such employment to the Missouri ethics**
19 **commission within thirty days.**

20 **3. The Missouri ethics commission shall retain disclosures received under**
21 **subsection 2 of this section and shall make such disclosures accessible to the public on its**
22 **website.**

23 **4. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

24 **(1) "High-level official", a director or deputy director of any agency or**
25 **department, the chair of any commission, or any other senior executive position with**
26 **substantial decision-making authority;**

27 **(2) "Mid-level official", any employee in supervisory or regulatory roles within**
28 **the executive branch who directly reports to a high-level official and possesses**
29 **significant authority over policy decisions or operations.**

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