

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUGHTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 40(a) of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the conservation commission.

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, 2018, 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Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 40(a), to read as follows:

Section 40(a). The control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations and all other property owned, acquired or used for such purposes and the acquisition and establishment thereof, and the administration of all laws pertaining thereto, shall be vested in a conservation commission consisting of ~~four~~ **eight** members appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than ~~two of whom~~ **four members** shall be of the same political party, **and not more than one member shall reside in any one region under the map of eight regions in use by the conservation commission as of December 1, 2011.** The members shall have knowledge of and interest in wildlife conservation. The members shall hold office for terms of six years beginning on the first day of July ~~of consecutive odd years. Two of the terms shall be concurrent; one shall begin two years~~

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.

12 ~~before and one two years after the concurrent terms].~~ **The starting and ending years of the**
13 **terms shall be staggered such that no more than two terms shall end in the same year.**
14 **Members may be reappointed but may not serve more than one term in twelve years.** If
15 the governor fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining members shall fill the
16 vacancy for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no salary or other compensation for
17 their services as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and other expenses incurred
18 while actually engaged in the discharge of their official duties.

Section B. Pursuant to Chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional
2 provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the
3 submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the
4 amendment proposed in Section A shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to change the number of members on the
6 Conservation Commission from four to eight?"

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