

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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 43(c) of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the reauthorization of a sales tax dedicated to conservation purposes.

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Section A. Section 43(c), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 43(c), to read as follows:

Section 43(c). The effective date of this amendment shall be July 1, 1977. All laws inconsistent with this amendment shall no longer remain in full force and effect after July 1, 1977. All of the provisions of sections 43(a)-(c) shall be self-enforcing except that the general assembly shall adjust brackets for the collection of the sales and use taxes. **The provisions of sections 43(a), 43(b), and 43(c) shall be reauthorized and continue until a general election is held in 2020 or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose. Every ten years thereafter, the issue of whether to continue to impose the sales and use tax described in this section shall be resubmitted to the voters for approval. If a majority of the voters fail to approve the continuance of such sales and use tax, sections 43(a), 43(b), and 43(c) shall terminate at the end of the second fiscal year after the last election was held.**

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 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 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed in Section A shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to allow voters to decide whether or not to reauthorize a sales tax dedicated to the Department of Conservation and the Conservation Commission every 10 years?".

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