

SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 20, 20(a), 22, and 32 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting four new sections in lieu thereof relating to the time periods of the legislative sessions of the general assembly.

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*Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on  
2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2018, or at a special  
3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted  
4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following  
5 amendment to article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 20, 20(a), 22, and 32, article III, Constitution of  
2 Missouri, are repealed and four new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known  
3 as sections 20, 20(a), 22, and 32, to read as follows:

Section 20. The general assembly shall meet on the first Wednesday after  
2 the first Monday in January following each general election. The general  
3 assembly may provide by law for the introduction of bills during the period  
4 between the first day of December and the first Wednesday after the first Monday  
5 of January.

6 The general assembly shall reconvene on the first Wednesday after the  
7 first Monday of January after adjournment at midnight on [May thirtieth]  
8 **December twentieth** of the preceding year. A majority of the elected members  
9 of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number  
10 may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members  
11 in such manner and under such penalties as each house may provide. The

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

12 sessions of each house shall be held with open doors, except in cases which may  
13 require secrecy but not including the final vote on bills, resolutions and  
14 confirmations. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for  
15 more than ten days at any one time, nor to any other place than that in which the  
16 two houses may be sitting.

17 **The general assembly shall stand adjourned during the third full**  
18 **week of March, the third full week of May, the first two full weeks of**  
19 **July, the first full week in September, and the week of the fourth**  
20 **Thursday in November.**

Section 20(a). The general assembly shall adjourn at midnight on [May  
2 thirtieth] **December twentieth** until the first Wednesday after the first Monday  
3 of January of the following year, unless it has adjourned prior thereto. All bills  
4 in either house remaining on the calendar after 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday  
5 following the [second] **first** Monday in [May] **December** are tabled. The period  
6 between the first Friday following the [second] **first** Monday in [May] **December**  
7 and [May thirtieth] **December twentieth** shall be devoted to the enrolling,  
8 engrossing, and the signing in open session by officers of the respective houses  
9 of bills passed prior to 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday following the [second] **first**  
10 Monday in [May] **December**.

11 The general assembly shall automatically stand adjourned sine die at 6:00  
12 p.m. on the sixtieth calendar day after the date of its convening in special session  
13 unless it has adjourned sine die prior thereto.

Section 22. Every bill shall be referred to a committee of the house in  
2 which it is pending. After it has been referred to a committee, one-third of the  
3 elected members of the respective houses shall have power to relieve a committee  
4 of further consideration of a bill and place it on the calendar for  
5 consideration. Each committee shall keep such record of its proceedings as is  
6 required by rule of the respective houses and this record and the recorded vote  
7 of the members of the committee shall be filed with all reports on bills.

8 [Each house of the general assembly may provide by rule for such  
9 committees of that house as it deems necessary to meet to consider bills or to  
10 perform any other necessary legislative function during the interim between the  
11 session ending on the thirtieth day of May and the session commencing on the  
12 first Wednesday after the first Monday of January.]

Section 32. Every bill presented to the governor and returned with his  
2 objections shall stand as reconsidered in the house to which it is returned. [If the

3 governor returns any bill with his objections on or after the fifth day before the  
4 last day upon which a session of the general assembly may consider bills, the  
5 general assembly shall automatically reconvene on the first Wednesday following  
6 the second Monday in September for a period not to exceed ten calendar days for  
7 the sole purpose of considering bills returned by the governor.] The objections of  
8 the governor shall be entered upon the journal and the house shall proceed to  
9 consider the question pending, which shall be in this form: "Shall the bill pass,  
10 the objections of the governor thereto notwithstanding?" The vote upon this  
11 question shall be taken by yeas and nays and if two-thirds of the elected members  
12 of the house vote in the affirmative the presiding officer of that house shall certify  
13 that fact on the roll, attesting the same by his signature, and send the bill with  
14 the objections of the governor to the other house, in which like proceedings shall  
15 be had in relation thereto. The bill thus certified shall be deposited in the office  
16 of the secretary of state as an authentic act and shall become a law.

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