

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CUNNINGHAM.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article VII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to the verification of the immigration status of certain persons.

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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, 2020, 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 VII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article VII, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding  
2 thereto one new section, to be known as section 15, to read as follows:

**Section 15. Any law enforcement officer of the state or any  
2 political subdivision of the state who makes a lawful stop, detention, or  
3 arrest of any person in the enforcement of any state or local law, as the  
4 case may be, shall make a reasonable attempt to determine the  
5 immigration status of such person where reasonable suspicion exists  
6 that the person is unlawfully present in the United States, except if  
7 doing so would hinder or obstruct an investigation. The person's  
8 immigration status shall be verified with the United States Immigration  
9 and Customs Enforcement, or any successor federal agency pursuant to  
10 federal law. Any person who is arrested shall have his or her  
11 immigration status verified before being released. A law enforcement  
12 officer or agency of the state or any political subdivision of the state  
13 may not solely consider race, color, or national origin in implementing  
14 the requirements of this section except to the extent permitted by the  
15 United States or Missouri Constitutions. A person shall be presumed**

16 to be lawfully present in the United States if such person provides to  
17 the law enforcement officer or agency any of the following:

18 (1) A valid Missouri driver's license;

19 (2) A valid Missouri nondriver's license; or

20 (3) Any valid United States, state, or local government issued  
21 identification.

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