

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RUPP.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 8 of article IX of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the prohibition of public aid for religious purposes and institutions.

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, 2012, 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 IX of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 8, article IX, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 8, to read as
3 follows:

Section 8. Neither the general assembly, nor any county, city, town,
2 township, school district or other municipal corporation[, shall ever make an
3 appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any
4 religious creed, church or sectarian purpose, or to help to support or sustain any
5 private or public school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other
6 institution of learning controlled by any religious creed, church or sectarian
7 denomination whatever; nor shall any grant or donation of personal property or
8 real estate ever be made by the state, or any county, city, town, or other
9 municipal corporation, for any religious creed, church, or sectarian purpose
10 whatever] **may deny to any individual or entity the general state benefits**
11 **of any education program, funding, or other support on the basis of**

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

12 **religious identity or belief, so long as such general state benefits**
13 **comply with the requirements of the first amendment to the United**
14 **States Constitution.**

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

6 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Missouri be amended to end
7 discrimination against churches, religious organizations, and their members while
8 ensuring and safeguarding separation of Church and State as required by the
9 First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution?"

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