

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, February 13, 2014, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 23 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the right of Missouri citizens to keep and bear arms.

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, 2014, 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 I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 23, article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 23, to read as
3 follows:

Section 23. That the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms,
2 **ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such**
3 **arms**, in defense of his home, person, **family** and property, or when lawfully
4 summoned in aid of the civil power, shall not be questioned[; but this shall not
5 justify the wearing of concealed weapons]. **The rights guaranteed by this**
6 **section shall be unalienable. Any restriction on these rights shall be**
7 **subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to**
8 **uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect**
9 **against their infringement. Nothing in this section shall be construed**
10 **to prevent the general assembly from enacting general laws which limit**
11 **the rights of convicted violent felons or those duly adjudged mentally**
12 **infirm by a court of competent jurisdiction.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional
2 provisions and laws of the this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot

3 language for the submission of this act to the voters of this state, the official
4 ballot title of this act shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to include a
6 declaration that the right to keep and bear arms is a unalienable
7 right and that the state government is obligated to uphold that
8 right?"

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