

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOSLEY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 22(a) of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to jury trial waivers.

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

That at the next general election to be held in the
2 state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday
3 in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by
4 the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to
5 the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or
6 rejection, the following amendment to article I of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 22(a), article I, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 22(a), to read as follows:

Section 22(a). That the right of trial by jury as
2 heretofore enjoyed shall remain inviolate; provided that a
3 jury for the trial of criminal and civil cases in courts not
4 of record may consist of less than twelve citizens as may be
5 prescribed by law, and a two-thirds majority of such number
6 concurring may render a verdict in all civil cases; that in
7 all civil cases in courts of record, three-fourths of the
8 members of the jury concurring may render a verdict; and
9 that in every criminal case any defendant may, with the
10 assent of the **government and the** court, waive a jury trial

11 and submit the trial of such case to the court, whose
12 finding shall have the force and effect of a verdict of a
13 jury.

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