

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MERIDETH.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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 firearms.

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

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next
2 following the first Monday in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 23, Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new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

Section 23. **1.** That the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and
2 accessories typical to the normal function of such arms, in defense of his home, person,
3 family and property, or when lawfully summoned in aid of the civil power, shall not be
4 questioned. The rights guaranteed by this section shall be unalienable. Any restriction on
5 these rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to
6 uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their
7 infringement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the general assembly from
8 enacting general laws which limit the rights of convicted violent felons or those adjudicated
9 by a court to be a danger to self or others as result of a mental disorder or mental infirmity.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

10 **2. No transfer of ownership of a firearm shall be allowed unless the transfer is**
11 **approved or facilitated by a licensed firearm dealer so that the recipient of the transfer**
12 **is subjected to a background check. If the background check indicates the recipient of**
13 **the transfer may possess the firearm or if the background check is not completed within**
14 **a set number of days as provided by law, the transfer shall be allowed. If the**
15 **background check indicates that the recipient of the transfer cannot possess the firearm,**
16 **the transfer shall not be allowed and shall be deemed illegal.**

17 **3. No person shall carry a firearm in a public place unless the person possesses a**
18 **valid concealed carry permit.**

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