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# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 30(b) of article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to the consolidation of St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

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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 VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 30(b), article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed  
2 and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 30(b) and  
3 30(c), to read as follows:

Section 30(b). Upon certification of the filing of such similar petitions by  
2 the officials in general charge of elections of the city and the county, the governor  
3 shall appoint one member of the board who shall be a resident of the state, but  
4 shall not reside in either the city or the county, who shall be given a certificate  
5 of his appointment signed by the governor and attested by the seal of the  
6 state. The freeholders of the city and county shall fix reasonable compensation  
7 and expenses for the freeholder appointed by the governor and the cost shall be  
8 paid equally by the city and county. The appointment of the board shall be  
9 completed within thirty days after the certification of the filing of the petition,  
10 and at ten o'clock on the second Monday after their appointment the members of  
11 the board shall meet in the chamber of the board of aldermen in the city hall 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 the city and shall proceed with the discharge of their duties, and shall meet at  
13 such other times and places as shall be agreed upon. On the death, resignation  
14 or inability of any member of the board to serve, the appointing authority shall  
15 select the successor. The board shall prepare and propose a plan for the  
16 execution of the powers herein granted and for the adjustment of all matters and  
17 issues arising thereunder. The members of the board shall receive no  
18 compensation for their services as members, but the necessary expenses of the  
19 board shall be paid one-half by the county and one-half by the city on vouchers  
20 signed by the chairman of the board. The plan shall be signed in duplicate by the  
21 board or a majority thereof, and one copy shall be returned to the officials having  
22 general charge of elections in the city, and the other to such officials in the  
23 county, within one year after the appointment of the board. Said election officials  
24 shall cause separate elections to be held in the city and county, on the day fixed  
25 by the freeholders, at which the plan shall be submitted to the qualified voters  
26 of the city and county separately. The elections shall not be less than ninety days  
27 after the filing of the plan with said officials, and not on or within seventy days  
28 of any state or county primary or general election day in the city or county. The  
29 plan shall provide for the assessment and taxation of real estate in accordance  
30 with the use to which it is being put at the time of the assessment, whether  
31 agricultural, industrial or other use, giving due regard to the other provisions of  
32 this constitution. If [a majority] **at least sixty percent** of the qualified electors  
33 of the city voting thereon, and [a majority] **at least sixty percent** of the  
34 qualified electors of the county voting thereon at the separate elections shall vote  
35 for the plan, then, at such time as shall be prescribed therein, the same shall  
36 become the organic law of the territory therein defined, and shall take the place  
37 of and supersede all laws, charter provisions and ordinances inconsistent  
38 therewith relating to said territory. If the plan be adopted, copies thereof,  
39 certified to by said election officials of the city and county, shall be deposited in  
40 the office of the secretary of state and recorded in the office of the recorder of  
41 deeds for the city, and in the office of the recorder of deeds of the present county,  
42 and the courts of this state shall take judicial notice thereof.

**Section 30(c). The provisions of sections 30(a) and 30(b) of this**  
2 **article shall be the exclusive and controlling means by which the**  
3 **people of the city of St. Louis and the people of the county of St. Louis**  
4 **may consolidate both governments and territories.**

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