

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EVANS.

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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 the right to bear arms.

*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 following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 23, Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 23, to read as follows:

Section 23. That the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such arms~~[-in]~~ **shall not be infringed and shall forever be guaranteed. This section protects the private right of a citizen to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories commonly used in hunting; in sport shooting; in the lawful defense of [his] a home, a person, a family [and] , or property[;] ; or when lawfully summoned in aid of the civil power[,-shall not be questioned].** The rights guaranteed by this section shall be unalienable. **Arms commonly used for hunting, sport shooting, and lawful defense are arms that enable a person to hunt, to sport shoot, or to lawfully defend a home, a person, a family, or property and include those arms and compatible ammunition and accessories that could lawfully be purchased by a citizen in this state as of January 1, 2021.** Any restriction on these rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall

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.

12 be obligated to uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against  
13 their infringement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the general assembly  
14 from enacting general laws which limit the rights of convicted violent felons or those adjudicated  
15 by a court to be a danger to self or others as result of a mental disorder or mental infirmity.

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