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State Rep. David Day Proposes Constitutional Amendment to Change Composition of State Board of Education

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The board that oversees Missouri’s public schools would have more members and more input from individuals directly involved in the education process under a constitutional amendment proposed by state Rep. David Day, R-Dixon. Day filed HJR 46 that would expand the membership of the Missouri State Board of Education from eight to nine with three of those members consisting of one active classroom teacher, one active building principal, and one active school superintendent. Day said the change is an important one to give the board the experience and knowledge necessary to make informed decisions for Missouri’s public schools.

“Our goal is not to simply maintain the status quo in our system of education but instead to create a learning environment that rivals some of the best in the world. We can best do that with the help and guidance of men and women who are directly involved in the system and who can share their experiences with their fellow board members as they make decisions that impact all public schools,” said Day.

Day’s proposed constitutional amendment would require that no more than three of the lay members be from the same political party. It also would change the term of office for lay members from the current eight-year term to a four-year term with one reappointment possible. The teacher, principal, and superintendent members would be eligible to serve one four-year term only.

If approved by the legislature, HJR 46 would appear on the November 2012 ballot for voter approval. Representative Day is serving in his eighth and final year in the Missouri House of Representatives.

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