VOTING SCHOOL BONDS

WHEREAS, The constitutional provision requiring two-thirds or four-sevenths for the approval of school bond issues prevents many Missouri school districts from providing needed school facilities; and

WHEREAS, Most other states do not require so great a majority for the approval of school bonds; and

WHEREAS, Currently the minority of voters may unfairly impose their will upon the majority; and

WHEREAS, The constitutional provision limiting Missouri school districts’ bonding capacity to fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed valuation of property provides protection against excessive indebtedness; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers supports a constitutional amendment permitting the passage of school bonds by simple majority vote.

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