It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not a registered voter.

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable John (Jay) Ashcroft, Secretary of State for the state of Missouri:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and County (or city of St. Louis), respectfully order that the following proposed law shall be submitted to the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval or rejection, at the general election to be held on the 6th day of November, 2018 and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and County (or city of St. Louis), my registered voting address and the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

[Official Ballot title]

CIRCULATOR’S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF ____________________________

1. ______________________________________, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)

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signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence, I believe that each has stated his or her name, registered voting address and city, town or village correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter of the state of Missouri and County.

FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY. I am at least 18 years of age. I do ___ do not ___ (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition.

If paid, list the payer:

(Name of Payer) ____________________________

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures) ____________________________

Printed Name of Affiant ____________________________

Address of Affiant (Street, City, State & Zip Code) ____________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____________, A.D. 201___.

Notary Public (Seal) ____________________________

Signature of Notary ____________________________

Address of Notary (Street, City, State & Zip Code) ____________________________

My commission expires ________________
Sections 290.502, 290.512, and 290.527 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri are amended and a new section to be known as section 290.529 is enacted to read as follows:

290.502. 1. Except as may be otherwise provided pursuant to sections 290.500 to 290.530, effective January 1, 2007, every employer shall pay to each employee wages at the rate of $6.50 per hour, or wages at the same rate or rates set under the provisions of federal law as the prevailing federal minimum wage applicable to those covered jobs in interstate commerce, whichever rate per hour is higher.

2. The minimum wage shall be increased or decreased on January 1, 2008, and on January 1 of successive years, by the increase or decrease in the cost of living. On September 30, 2007, and on each September 30 of each successive year, the director shall measure the increase or decrease in the cost of living by the percentage increase or decrease as of the preceding July over the level as of July of the immediately preceding year of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase or decrease rounded to the nearest five cents.

3. Except as may be otherwise provided pursuant to sections 290.500 to 290.530, and notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, effective January 1, 2019, every employer shall pay to each employee wages at the rate of not less than $9.00 per hour, or wages at the same rate or rates set under the provisions of federal law as the prevailing federal minimum wage applicable to those covered jobs in interstate commerce, whichever rate per hour is higher. Thereafter, the minimum wage established by this subsection shall be increased each year by $1.00 per hour, effective January 1 of each of the next four years, until it reaches $13.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2023. Thereafter, the minimum wage established by this subsection shall be increased or decreased on January 1, 2024, and on January 1 of successive years, per the method set forth in subsection (2) of this section. If at any time the federal minimum wage rate is above or is thereafter increased above the minimum wage then in effect under this subsection, the minimum wage required by this subsection shall continue to be increased pursuant to this subsection (3), but the higher federal rate shall immediately become the minimum wage required by this subsection and shall be increased or decreased per the method set forth in subsection (2) for so long as it remains higher than the state minimum wage required and increased pursuant to this subsection.

4. For purposes of this section, the term “public employer” means an employer that is the state or a political subdivision of the state, including a department, agency, office, bureau, division, board, commission, or instrumentality of the state, or a city, county, town, village, school district, or other political subdivision of the state. Subsection (3) of this section shall not apply to a public employer with respect to its employees. Any public employer that is subject to subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall continue to be subject to those subsections.

290.512. 1. [No] Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no employer of any employee who receives and retains compensation in the form of gratuities in addition to wages is required to pay wages in excess of fifty percent of the minimum wage rate specified in sections 290.500 to 290.530, however, total compensation for such employee shall total at least the minimum wage specified in sections 290.500 to 290.530, the difference being made up by the employer.

2. Beginning January 1, 2019 and effective on the dates set forth below in this subsection, and notwithstanding the percentage established in subsection (1) of this section, no employer of any employee who receives and retains compensation in the form of gratuities in addition to wages is required to pay wages in excess of the percent set forth below in this subsection of the minimum wage rate specified in subsection (3) of section 290.502 or, where applicable, the minimum wage rate otherwise specified in sections 290.500 to 290.530:

   (1) fifty-one percent, effective January 1, 2019;
   (2) fifty-three percent, effective January 1, 2020;
   (3) fifty-five percent, effective January 1, 2021;
   (4) fifty-seven percent, effective January 1, 2022;
   (5) fifty-eight percent, effective January 1, 2023;
   (6) sixty percent, effective January 1, 2024;

however, in all cases, total compensation for such employee shall total at least the minimum wage specified in subsection (3) of section 290.502 or, where applicable, the minimum wage rate otherwise specified in sections 290.500 to 290.530, the difference being made up by the employer.

3. For purposes of this section, the term “public employer” means an employer that is the state or a political subdivision of the state, including a department, agency, office, bureau, division, board, commission, or instrumentality of the state, or a city, county, town, village, school district, or other political subdivision of the state. Subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to a public employer with respect to its employees. Any public employer that is subject to subsection (1) of this section shall continue to be subject to that subsection at
the percentage set forth therein of the minimum wage rate specified in subsections (1) and (2) of section 290.502 or, where applicable, the minimum wage rate otherwise specified in sections 290.500 to 290.530.

[2.] 4. If an employee receives and retains compensation in the form of goods or services as an incident of his employment and if he is not required to exercise any discretion in order to receive the goods or services, the employer is required to pay only the difference between the fair market value of the goods and services and the minimum wage otherwise required to be paid by sections 290.500 to 290.530. The fair market value of the goods and services shall be computed on a weekly basis. The director shall provide by regulation a method of valuing the goods and services received by any employee in lieu of the wages otherwise required to be paid under the provisions of sections 290.500 to 290.530. He shall also provide by regulation a method of determining those types of goods and services that are an incident of employment the receipt of which does not require any discretion on the part of the employee.

290.527. Any employer who pays any employee less wages than the wages to which the employee is entitled under or by virtue of sections 290.500 to 290.530 shall be liable to the employee affected for the full amount of the wage rate and an additional [equal] amount equal to twice the unpaid wages as liquidated damages, less any amount actually paid to the employee by the employer and for costs and such reasonable attorney fees as may be allowed by the court or jury. The employee may bring any legal action necessary to collect the claim. Any agreement between the employee and the employer to work for less than the wage rate shall be no defense to the action. All actions for the collection of any deficiency in wages shall be commenced within [two] three years of the accrual of the cause of action.

290.529. Except in the circumstances set forth in section 290.523, all the provisions of sections 290.500 to 290.530 are severable. If any provision, including any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of sections 290.500 to 290.530, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unconstitutionally enacted, such decision shall not affect other provisions or applications of sections 290.500 to 290.530 that can be given effect without the invalid, unconstitutional, or unconstitutionally enacted provision or application.