



NOTICE: The proposed amendment revises Article VIII of the Constitution by adopting six new Sections to be known as Article VIII, Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29.

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Section A. Article VIII of The Constitution is revised by adopting six new Sections to be known as Article VIII, Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 to read as follows:

Section 24. 1. Every voting machine used to conduct an election in the State of Missouri shall be tested and certified as secure prior to each election in which the machine will be used. Such testing and certification shall meet all federal standards.

2. Every voting machine used to conduct an election in the State of Missouri shall produce an individual, permanent paper record for each vote cast, which shall be made available for inspection and verification by the voter at the time the vote is cast. Such individual, permanent paper record shall be preserved for use in any election audit.

3. The candidate or their designee shall have the right to be present whenever paper ballots or the permanent paper records produced by electronic voting machines are counted, audited, or placed in storage.

4. Nothing in this Section shall be construed in such a way as to limit overseas servicemembers' access to secure voting options.

Section 25. 1. Beginning at the August 2024 primary election, and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, primary elections for all statewide offices, members of the Missouri General Assembly, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, elective offices of county governments, circuit and associate circuit judges who are not selected pursuant to Article V, Section 25(a) or 25(b) of the Missouri Constitution, and all public offices within any political subdivision that are filled through partisan elections, shall be open primaries where the four candidates for each office receiving the most votes advance to the general election.

2. Primary ballots for such offices shall meet the following criteria:

(1) All candidates for an office shall appear on a single ballot.

(2) Primary ballots shall include space for a write-in candidate for such offices.

(3) Primary ballots for partisan offices shall also include all candidates for public office described in this Section.

3. In the primary election for all statewide offices, members of the Missouri General Assembly, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, all elective offices of county governments, circuit and associate circuit judges who are not selected pursuant to Article V, Section 25(a) or 25(b) of the Missouri Constitution, and all public offices within any political subdivision that are filled through partisan elections, a qualified voter shall be permitted to cast a vote for any candidate for whom that voter is otherwise eligible to vote, regardless of candidates' party affiliations or lack thereof.

4. The four candidates for each office receiving the most votes in the primary election shall advance to the general election for that office. Only those candidates shall appear on the general election ballot.

5. If two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes for the same office, such that there is a tie for fourth place, such candidates or their designees shall have the right to draw lots to determine whose name shall appear on the general election ballot. If a candidate declines to participate, the election authority shall draw lots on their behalf.

Section 26. 1. Beginning at the November 2024 general election, and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, general elections for all statewide offices, members of the Missouri General Assembly, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, elective offices of county governments, circuit and associate circuit judges who are not selected pursuant to Article V, Section 25(a) or 25(b) of the Missouri Constitution, and all public offices within any political subdivision that are filled through partisan elections, shall be approval voting elections in which

a qualified voter may select as many candidates as they approve of for each office, and the candidate for each office receiving the most votes shall be elected.

2. Vote percentages for each office shall be calculated by dividing the total number of votes for a candidate divided by the total number of ballots cast by all qualified voters for such office.

3. The ballot shall be simple and easy to understand, consistent with best practices.

4. Instructions on the general election ballot shall include the following statement for each race: "Vote for AS MANY names as you approve."

5. Beginning at least one hundred twenty days before the first election utilizing the approval voting system, the Secretary of State and local election authorities shall conduct a voter education campaign to familiarize voters with the approval voting system.

Section 27. 1. Beginning August 1, 2024, and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election shall be called to fill any vacancy in a statewide office, office of member of the Missouri General Assembly, office of member of the United States Congress, office of circuit judge not selected pursuant to Article V, Section 25(a) or 25(b), office of associate circuit judge not selected pursuant to Article V, Section 25(a) or 25(b) of the Missouri Constitution, and public offices within any political subdivision that are filled through partisan elections.

2. A special election to fill a vacancy in any such office shall be conducted pursuant to the primary and general election processes described in Sections 25 and 26 of this Article.

Section 28. The Secretary of State shall issue rules and regulations necessary to implement Sections 24 to 27 of this Article. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of such Sections shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the requirements provided by law.

Section 29. If any provision of Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, or 28, or the application thereof to anyone or to any circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of those provisions and the application of such provisions to others or other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.