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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable John R. 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 amendment to the constitution 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 5th day of November, 2024, 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 name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

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John R. Ashcroft
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CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT, STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)
 (Petition Circulator's Printed Name)

NAME (Signature)	DATE SIGNED	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Street) (City, Town or Village)	Zip Code	Congr. Dist.	NAME (Printed or Typed)
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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

 Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)

 Street address of Affiant

 Printed Name of Affiant

 City, State and Zip Code of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20__

 Signature of Notary

Notary Public (Seal)

 Address of Notary

My commission expires: _____

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

Article III of the Constitution is revised by amending Sections 1, 14, 22, and 32 to read as follows:

Section 1. (a) The legislative power shall be vested in a senate and house of representatives to be styled "The General Assembly of the State of Missouri."

(b) To ensure that all political power in Missouri is vested in and derived from the people and founded upon the will of the people only, from and after January 2, 2025, each citizen of Missouri who is eligible to vote shall be able to assign one proxy to any member of the Missouri senate, authorizing that senator to cast votes on their behalf, and one proxy to any member of the Missouri house of representatives, authorizing that representative to cast votes on their behalf. Members of the General Assembly shall cast a number of votes equal to the number of proxies they hold, plus one vote for themselves, on all matters that are voted on in their respective houses, including votes taken in committees and on procedural matters.

(c) Citizens of Missouri may assign their proxies either electronically, through a system of Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens, or by means of a written (paper) proxy. Citizens may reassign a proxy at any time.

(d) The governor shall establish and maintain a system of Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens to facilitate the assigning and reassigning of proxies electronically. The governor shall be responsible for ensuring the security of that system and for ensuring the privacy of citizens utilizing the system.

(e) On or before January 2, 2025, the Secretary of State shall create and make available to citizens of Missouri, both electronic and paper versions of a proxy form, a form for citizens to use to reassign their proxies, and a form for citizens to submit to notify the secretary of state if they move out of the state of Missouri or are no longer eligible to vote. When so notified, the Secretary of State shall void their proxies. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for promptly voiding the proxies of citizens who are no longer eligible to vote in Missouri due to being incarcerated or deceased. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for notifying citizens, in the manner in which they have indicated they prefer to be notified, when a legislator to whom they have assigned a proxy vacates her or his office for any reason.

(f) The General Assembly shall pass legislation providing penalties for forging or falsifying proxies, for offering money, or any other thing of value, to influence a citizen with regard to the assignment of their proxies, and for accepting money, or any other thing of value, in exchange for the assignment of a proxy.

(g) Effective with the election to be held on November 3, 2026, and at all subsequent general elections for members of the General Assembly, the proxy forms on file with the Secretary of State shall be treated as the "ballot" for purposes of electing members of the General Assembly. The candidate for the senate in each senatorial district who has been assigned the most proxies by citizens residing in the same senatorial district as the candidate, as of 7 p.m. on the date of the election, shall be elected to the Missouri senate, and the candidate for the house of representatives in each legislative (house) district who has been assigned the most proxies by citizens residing in the same legislative (house) district as the candidate, as of 7 p.m. on the date of the election, shall be elected to the Missouri House of Representatives.

Section 14. [Writs of election to fill vacancies] Vacancies in either house of the general assembly shall be [issued by the governor] filled by the individual who is assigned the most proxies, by citizens of the district in which the vacancy occurred, as of 7 p.m. on the thirtieth day after the vacancy occurs.

Section 22. Every bill shall be referred to a committee of the house in which it is pending.

After it has been referred to a committee, [one-third of] the elected members of the respective houses by a vote of one-third or more shall have power to relieve a committee of further consideration of a bill and place it on the calendar for consideration. Each committee shall keep such record of its proceedings as is required by rule of the respective houses and this record and the recorded vote of the members of the committee shall be filed with all reports on bills.

Each house of the general assembly may provide by rule for such committees of that house as it deems necessary to meet to consider bills or to perform any other necessary legislative function during the interim between the session ending on the thirtieth day of May and the session commencing on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January.

Section 32. Every bill presented to the governor and returned with his objections shall stand as reconsidered in the house to which it is returned. If the governor returns any bill with his objections on or after the fifth day before the last day upon which a session of the general assembly may consider bills, the general assembly shall automatically reconvene on the first Wednesday following the second Monday in September for a period not to exceed ten calendar days for the sole purpose of considering bills returned by the governor. The objections of the governor shall be entered upon the journal and the house shall proceed to consider the question pending, which shall be in this form: "Shall the bill pass, the objections of the governor thereto notwithstanding?" The vote upon this question shall be taken by yeas and nays and if [two-thirds of the elected members of the house vote] a majority of the votes are in the affirmative the presiding officer of that house shall certify that fact on the roll, attesting the same by his signature, and send the bill with the objections of the governor to the other house, in which like proceedings shall be had in relation thereto. The bill thus certified shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state as an authentic act and shall become a law.