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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.

[OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE]

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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 VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. (a) All elections by the people shall be by ballot or by any mechanical method prescribed by law.

(b) Effective for elections conducted after January 1, 2025, there shall be no primary elections for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Auditor, United States Senator, U. S. Representative, State Senator, State Representative, and Circuit Judge. All candidates for these offices shall be listed on the ballot, without party designation, at the general election.

(c) The ballot shall be simple and easy to understand and shall allow a voter to rank a minimum of five candidates for each office in order of preference. A voter may include duly registered write-in candidates among their ranked choices for each office.

(d) The Secretary of State shall tabulate the votes for each office according to the following method: Tabulation proceeds in sequential rounds. In the first round, only first-choice votes are tabulated. If a candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes (fifty percent of the total votes cast, plus one vote) that candidate is elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes cast, the candidate with the lowest number of first-choice votes is eliminated and the candidates listed as the second choice on ballots cast for the candidate being eliminated are distributed among the "continuing candidates". In each subsequent round, the candidate who has the fewest "cumulative votes" is eliminated. In each subsequent round, the highest remaining choice for a continuing candidate on each ballot for the eliminated candidate shall be redistributed, in ranked order, as needed, among the continuing candidates. Ballots that do not rank any continuing candidate, that contain votes for more than one candidate at the same ranking, or in which a voter has left a ranking blank once that ranking would have been utilized, will be "exhausted ballots" and will not be counted in that round or subsequent rounds. This process is repeated in as many rounds as needed until one candidate wins election by receiving at least fifty percent plus one of the total cumulative votes.

(e) Election officials shall determine a random selection algorithm, prior to tabulation, to resolve ties between candidates. If a tie occurs at any point in the tabulation procedure and tabulation cannot proceed until the tie is resolved, then the random selection algorithm shall resolve the tie.

(f) All election officers shall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any voter voted; provided, that in cases of contested elections, grand jury investigations and in the trial of all civil or criminal cases in which the violation of any law relating to elections, including nominating elections, is under investigation or at issue, such officers may be required to testify and the ballots cast may be opened, examined, counted, and received as evidence.