

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.

County: _____

INITIATIVE PETITION

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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 the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

[OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE]

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STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF _____, I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print names of signers)

CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

	NAME (Signature)	DATE Signed	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Number)(Street), (City, Town Or Village)	ZIP CODE	CONG. 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 (or city of St. Louis). 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: _____

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

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures) _____ Street Address of Affiant _____

Printed Name of Affiant _____ City, State and Zip Code of Affiant _____

Signature of Notary _____ Address of Notary _____

(Seal)

NOTICE: The proposed amendment revises Article III of the Constitution by amending Section 8.

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

Section A. Article III of the Constitution is revised by amending Section 8 as follows:

Section 8.

1. The legislature shall propose no measure reducing voters' direct legislative power, notwithstanding any provision of this Constitution to the contrary.

2. The legislature shall not change any voter-initiated law without a referendum at a general election or three-quarters' consent in the House and in the Senate, unless more than seven years have passed since voters approved the law, notwithstanding any provision of this Constitution to the contrary.

3. No one shall be elected to serve more than eight years as a member of the House, nor more than eight years as a member of the Senate [total in any one house of the General Assembly nor more than sixteen years total in both houses of the General Assembly].

4. Legislators' term limit of eight years' membership in the House plus eight years' membership in the Senate is hereby replaced with a simplified term limit of sixteen years' total membership in the legislature, notwithstanding subsection 3 of this section to the contrary, so long as voters' direct legislative power is not reduced relative to 2022.

5. Voters' direct legislative power is defined as "reduced relative to 2022" if and only if:

(1) it is no longer the case that legal voters have the constitutional right to directly enact, by majority of votes cast thereon, laws and amendments proposed by initiative petition and relating to any of the subjects on which the legislature can propose laws and amendments, excluding any subject prohibited by this Constitution as of December 31,

2022, with signatures from five percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts sufficient to propose a law, and with signatures from eight percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts sufficient to propose an amendment, the signatures required calculated based on the most recent total general-election vote for governor; or

(2) it is no longer the case that legal voters have the constitutional right to order by petition a referendum on any act of the legislature (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, and laws making appropriations for the current expenses of the state government, for the maintenance of state institutions and for the support of public schools), with signatures from five percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts sufficient to order such a referendum, the signatures required calculated based on the most recent total general-election vote for governor.

6. For the purposes of this section, a "voter-initiated law" is defined to be a law that the people have proposed and enacted by the initiative.

7. For the purposes of this section, the legislature is defined to "change" a voter-initiated law if it passes a bill which modifies, repeals, or overrides any part of said law, whether with or without the signature of the governor.

8. In applying subsections 3 and 4 of this section, service in the General Assembly resulting from an election prior to December 3, 1992, or service of less than one year, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or two years, in the case of a member of the senate, by a person elected after December 5, 2002, [the effective date of this section] to complete the term of another person, shall not be counted.

9. If any provision of subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 of this section 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.