



NOTICE: The proposed amendment revises Article XII of the Constitution by amending Section 2(a) and Section 2(b) and adopting four new Sections to be known as Article XII, Sections 7, 8, 9, and 10.

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

Section A. Article XII of the Constitution is revised by amending Section 2(a) and Section 2(b) and adopting four new Sections to be known as Article XII, Sections 7, 8, 9, and 10 to read as follows:

Section 2(a). Constitutional amendments may be proposed at any time by a [majority] seventy percent vote of the members-elect of each house of the general assembly, the vote to be taken by yeas and nays and entered on the journal.

Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next even-numbered year November general election [, or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit any of the amendments]. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than fifteen days next preceding the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county, publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. If a majority of the votes cast thereon is in favor of any amendment, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. More than one amendment at the same election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

Section 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any constitutional amendment referred to voters shall be adopted when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise.

Section 8. Official ballot titles for any constitutional amendment referred to voters shall correctly and fairly express the true intent and meaning thereof and shall unambiguously state the principle of the provision sought to be added, amended, or repealed. An official ballot title shall use language from the full text of the proposed amendment when possible.

Section 9. a. Any registered voter of the state of Missouri has a right to propose amendments to this constitution via initiative petition, sign petitions proposing changes to this constitution, and vote on questions proposing changes to this constitution. Any restriction on these rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their infringement.

b. Any citizen of the United States has a right to act as a petition circulator in the state of Missouri. Any restriction on an individual acting as a petition circulator shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to uphold this right and under no circumstances decline to protect against its infringement.

Section 10. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a petition proposing changes to this constitution that has been approved for circulation in accordance with the law may be circulated by petition circulators and signed by any registered voter in the state of Missouri using the ballot title language that is certified for use at that time.

b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a ballot title has not been certified in the time required by law, a petition may be circulated by petition circulators and signed by any registered voter in the state of Missouri using the full language of the initiative petition in lieu of a ballot title.