

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 550.021, 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 Denny Hoskins, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2026, 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]

**CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT**

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

	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 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: You are advised that the proposed constitutional amendment may be interpreted to change, repeal, or modify by implication or may be construed by some persons to change, repeal, or modify by implication certain sections of the Missouri Revised Statutes, including, but not limited to: 160.516, 160.2500, 162.621, 170.340, 170.341, 171.011, and 171.181.

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

Section A. Article IX of the Constitution is revised by adopting one new Section to be known as Article IX, Section 11 to read as follows:

Section 11. 1. The people find that the Ten Commandments have played a significant role in the history of law and moral thought and are often referenced in the development of legal and civic traditions. The purpose of this section is to acknowledge that historical influence and to reinforce widely recognized civic values such as honesty, respect for persons and property, personal responsibility, and the rule of law. This section is intended to serve a secular educational purpose and shall not be construed to endorse or establish any religion, nor to require adherence to any religious doctrine.

2. Each public elementary and secondary school classroom in this state shall display, in a prominent location, a durable and legible copy of the Ten Commandments, as set forth in subsection 4, printed or inscribed on paper, parchment, or other surface not less than eleven inches by seventeen inches (11" × 17") in size. The display shall be kept in clean and legible condition.

3. Text of the Ten Commandments. For purposes of this section, the Ten Commandments shall be displayed in the following form:

The Ten Commandments

- I. You shall have no other gods before me.
- II. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
- III. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- V. Honor your father and your mother.
- VI. You shall not murder.
- VII. You shall not commit adultery.
- VIII. You shall not steal.
- IX. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- X. You shall not covet.

4. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt rules to implement this section, including standards for uniformity, placement, and maintenance of displays. Public schools may accept private donations of compliant displays, may purchase such displays using public funds, and may create their own displays if they meet the requirements of this section.

5. A school district may display, alongside the Ten Commandments, other historical or civic documents such as the preamble to the Missouri Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, or the Magna Carta, provided the presentation is consistent with the secular and educational intent of this section.

6. No student shall be required to read, recite, or affirm the Ten Commandments. No person shall be evaluated, disciplined, or rewarded on the basis of adherence to any religious belief or practice.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the display required and authorized by this section, together with any explanatory statement or companion documents permitted herein, shall not be deemed an establishment of religion, public aid in support of any church, sect, or denomination, or a preference for or discrimination against any religious faith or form of worship.

8. If any part of this section or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remaining parts or applications shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

9. This section shall take effect August 1, 2027.