

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.

INITIATIVE PETITION

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 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 3rd 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 or type names of signers)

REGISTERED VOTING

| NAME (Signature) | DATE SIGNED | 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 (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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures) \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20 \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name of Affiant) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal)

Address of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: The proposed amendment revises Article III of the Constitution by amending Article III, Section 49.

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 Article III, Section 49 to read as follows:

Section 49. 1. The people reserve the power and the fundamental right to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly, and also reserve the power and the fundamental right to approve or reject by referendum any act of the general assembly, except as hereinafter provided.

2. If a simple majority of the votes cast thereon is in favor of any constitutional amendment, statutory initiative, or referendum measure, the same shall take effect at the end of 30 calendar days after the election.

3. If the people enact a law by statutory initiative, within the first five years of the effective date of the law, the general assembly shall only amend or repeal the law if the general assembly votes to amend or repeal such law with at least three-fourths of the members of each house of the general assembly voting in the affirmative.

4. Any ballot summary statement of a measure shall be in the form of a question using no more than 100 words and shall: (i) be true, accurate, unbiased, and be clearly written using words that have a common everyday meaning to the general public, and (ii) be neither intentionally argumentative nor likely to create prejudice either for or against the proposed constitutional amendment, statutory initiative, or referendum measure.

5. Any citizen who wishes to challenge, on any basis, the official ballot title or the fiscal note prepared for a proposed constitutional amendment submitted by the general assembly, by initiative petition, or by constitutional convention, or for a statutory initiative or referendum measure, shall bring an action in the circuit court of Cole County. The action shall be brought within ten calendar days after the official ballot title is certified by the secretary of state; any action brought after ten calendar days of when the title is certified shall be untimely. The circuit court shall accord first priority to examining the official ballot title or the fiscal note and the objections, may hear arguments, and shall render its decision within ten calendar days after the action is filed and, should the court sustain the challenge, must adopt by order such ballot title and/or fiscal note as it determines will meet the requirements of law.

6. Any action brought under Section 49(5) that is not fully and finally adjudicated within 180 calendar days of filing, and more than 70 calendar days prior to election in which the measure is to appear, including all appeals, shall be extinguished, unless a court extends such period upon a finding of good cause for such extension. Such good cause shall consist only of court-related scheduling issues and shall not include requests for continuance by the parties.

7. Any challenge to the sufficiency of a petition, other than with respect to its official ballot title or fiscal note, shall be brought within ten calendar days after the secretary of state has issued the certificate setting forth the petition's sufficiency; any action brought after ten calendar days of when the certificate has been issued shall be untimely.