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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 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 7th day of November, 2028, 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.

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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

_____.

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Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)

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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 is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. 1. All elections by the people shall be by paper ballot or by any mechanical method prescribed by law.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in any election for public office in the state of Missouri where there are more than two candidates for election to a single office where there can only be one winner, voters shall be able to cast votes for up to seven candidates ranked in order of preference. [Voters shall have only a single vote for each issue on which such voter is eligible to vote. Voters shall have the same number of votes for an office as the number of open seats to be elected to such office at that election. Under no circumstance shall a voter be permitted to cast a ballot in a manner that results in the ranking of candidates for a particular office. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, this subsection shall not apply to any nonpartisan municipal election held in a city that had an ordinance in effect as of November 5, 2024, that permits voters to cast more than a single vote for each issue or candidate on which such voter is eligible to vote.]

3. Votes shall be tabulated in rounds. In the first round, only first-choice votes shall be counted. If any candidate has a majority of the first-choice votes, that candidate is elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes shall be eliminated and the second-choice votes of voters who voted for that candidate shall be distributed among the "continuing candidates". If any candidate then has a majority of the "cumulative votes", that candidate is elected. If no candidate has a majority of the cumulative votes, the continuing candidate with the fewest cumulative votes shall be eliminated and the highest ranked remaining choice of voters who voted for that candidate shall be distributed among the continuing candidates. This process shall be repeated for as many additional rounds of tabulation as necessary until a continuing candidate has a majority of the cumulative votes.

[3.] 4. 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.