

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 referendum 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 Jason Kander, 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 8th day of November, 2016, unless the general assembly shall designate another date, 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 _____, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)

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NAME (Signature)	DATE SIGNED	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Street) (City, Town or Village)	ZIP CODE	CONG. DISTR.	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 PLEAD 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)

 (Printed Name of Affiant)

 Address of Affiant

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

 Signature of Notary

Address of Notary: _____

Notary Public (Seal)
 My commission expires _____.

Whereas:

- Decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court have equated spending money in elections with speech and granted corporations the constitutional rights of the People, permitting the wealthy to buy enormous influence in our government through uncontrolled political spending. This undermines the aspirations of Missourians to a true democracy with a level playing field.
- Corporations, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, unions, and other artificial legal entities, are created under state laws. There is no mention of these entities in the Constitution.
- Money is property, not speech. Its unregulated use for political purposes creates unequal access to political power and influence. Money contributed or spent for political purposes should be subject to regulation.

Therefore:

(1) We the People of the state of Missouri, with the legislative power retained by us under the Missouri Constitution (including Article III, Sections 49 through 53), hereby call for an Article V Convention by enacting into law this Application, in accordance with Article V of the U. S. Constitution, for the specific and exclusive purpose of considering a Constitutional Amendment consistent with the following principles:

(a) Corporations Are Not People. Artificial entities, such as corporations, unions and non-profit corporations, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state, shall have no constitutional rights and shall be subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State or Local law. Nothing in this clause shall be construed to limit the rights of the People as specified in the U.S. Constitution and its Amendments.

(b) Money is Not Speech. Money is property and shall not be construed as speech. The People, to ensure a level playing field for all people regardless of their economic status, empower and direct Federal, State, and Local governments to regulate, limit or prohibit the contribution and spending of money for political purposes and to require full and prompt public disclosure of all such transactions.

(2) This measure constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made similar applications pursuant to Article V.

(3) A copy of this initiative shall be transmitted to the President of the United States; to each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation; to the presiding officers of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives; to each Governor and presiding officer of each legislative body of each of the United States.

(4) This Application shall be codified in the Missouri Revised Statutes.