

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 John R. Ashcroft, 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 law 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 5th day of November, 2024, 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)

1.	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

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)

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 enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:

Two new sections of the Missouri Revised Statutes are hereby enacted, to be known as sections 286.131 and 143.012, to read as follows:

286.131. 1. A program to be known as “The Renewable Energy Project” is hereby created to be administered by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

2. Funding for The Renewable Energy Project will be provided through revenues from a tax on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends, as provided for in Section 143.012. Additional funds may be solicited and accepted through grants from the federal government or other sources and from voluntary contributions.

3. The Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations shall, within one (1) calendar year of the effective date of this section, promulgate rules necessary for the administration of this section, including methods for the expenditure of the funds collected pursuant to section 143.012 and other sources in a manner that increases the percentage of electricity generated by wind and solar sources within the state of Missouri as rapidly as possible.

4. Workers hired through this program may form or join a union to negotiate pay and benefits and may be employed directly by the state of Missouri or by privately-owned businesses through contracts with the state of Missouri.

5. The locations of any facilities leased or constructed as part of, or in support of, The Renewable Energy Project will be selected with an emphasis on creating jobs in economically depressed areas of the state of Missouri.

6. Until such time as at least 90 percent of the electricity generated in Missouri is generated from clean, renewable sources, funds collected pursuant to this section and section 143.012 shall be used solely for the purposes of employing workers, purchasing or leasing the resources and capital equipment, and leasing, constructing, and/or renovating the facilities necessary, to manufacture, sell, and/or install solar panels, wind turbines, and/or their component parts.

7. Once the state of Missouri is producing 90% or more of its electricity from clean, renewable sources, the funds generated by the tax on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends and from other sources may be used, as directed by appropriate legislation, for the construction and maintenance of state-owned highways and bridges or other infrastructure projects.

8. All subsections and all clauses of this Section, and the phrases, and the words within them, are severable. If any of the provisions within them are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted or invalid, the remainder of those provisions shall remain valid and the application of such provisions shall not be affected thereby.

143.012. 1. Beginning with the 2025 calendar year, a tax on capital gains and qualified dividends will be imposed, with the funds collected dedicated to providing funding for The Renewable Energy Project. The amount of the tax will be the difference between the dollar amount of taxes paid to the federal government by each taxpayer on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends earned, and the dollar amount of the taxes that would have been paid had the capital gains or qualified dividends been taxed as marginal ordinary income, based on each taxpayer’s federal tax bracket.

2. Any taxpayer whose total family income is less than 110 percent of the dollar amount of the poverty threshold, based on the poverty guidelines published by the Department of Health and Human Services, is exempt from this tax.

3. All subsections and all clauses of this Section, and the phrases, and the words within them, are severable. If any of the provisions within them are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted or invalid, the remainder of those provisions shall remain valid and the application of such provisions shall not be affected thereby.