



NOTICE: The proposed amendment revises Article VIII of the Constitution by adopting six new Sections to be known as Article VIII, Sections 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14.

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

Section A. Article VIII of the Constitution is revised by adopting six new Sections to be known as Article VIII, Sections 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14 to read as follows:

Section 8. Ballot titles for ballot measures, whether proposed by the General Assembly or through citizen initiative or referendum, shall be clear, unbiased, fair, sufficient, and to the extent possible shall only include language found in the proposed measure.

Section 9. 1. Subject to appropriation and upon request by an election authority, the secretary of state shall provide technical assistance and recommended guidelines for the management, administration, and accuracy of voter rolls and registrations maintained and used by any election authority, including but not limited to signature reviews and removing deceased individuals from the voter rolls, and may provide funding assistance to election authorities.

2. Subject to appropriation and federal law, election authorities shall update all voter rolls which such election authority has control over, upon the proper notification by a state or federal agency of any voter who is not a qualified registered voter in the jurisdiction of such election authority, including deceased individuals.

Section 10. 1. All established political parties in the state shall have a right to have their designated nominees appear on the general election ballot. For purposes of this Section, "established political party" shall mean a political party which, at either of the last two general elections, has one of its candidates for any statewide office receive more than two percent of the entire vote cast for the office.

2. Any group of persons desiring to form a new political party throughout the state, which shall include being formed for all districts and counties in which the party may have nominations, shall file a petition with the secretary of state which shall be signed by at least ten thousand registered voters of the state obtained at large.

3. All established political parties in the state will retain their established political party status unless such party, at any two consecutive general elections fails to have at least one candidate for any statewide office receive more than two percent of the entire vote cast for the office.

Section 12. 1. In any party primary election, each registered voter shall be entitled to receive the ballot of one and only one political party. Each eligible registered voter who participates in a party primary shall be entitled to vote on all questions and for any nonpartisan candidates submitted by political subdivisions and special districts at the primary election. Each eligible registered voter who does not wish to participate in a party primary may vote on all questions and for any nonpartisan candidates submitted by a political subdivision or special district at the primary election. For purposes of this Section, "nonpartisan candidate" shall mean a candidate who is not a candidate of any political party and who is running for an office for which party candidates may not run.

2. In a contest for nomination for or election to an office of a political subdivision or special district, the requirements of this section shall not apply in any circumstance where it conflicts with a federally mandated voting system or with a law or policy adopted in any election after the year 2014 by a majority of the voters casting votes in such election of the subdivision or district.

3. Nothing in this section shall apply to the election of delegates selected by senate district to a constitutional convention under the provisions of Article XII of this Constitution.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary and subject to other provisions of this article relating to primaries, voters shall have the freedom to choose all the candidates they like in each primary, special, and general election race conducted by election authorities in the State of Missouri, including all subdivisions therein, held on or after the enactment of this section.

5. The instructions on every ballot subject to this section shall state, "Choose ALL candidates you like in each race."

6. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared the winner of the election for that office. In all elections where multiple candidates are to be elected for the same office or position, the number of candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the respective number of offices or positions appearing on the ballot shall be elected.

7. Nothing in this section shall authorize or allow any voter to assign to a candidate any order, ranking order, or ranking number, indicating a voter's preference for or against any candidate.

Section 13. 1. Prior to the certification of the election results, each election authority shall, at a minimum, undertake a manual audit of randomly selected precincts which shall equal the greater of: 5% of all election precincts within the election authority's jurisdiction, one precinct, or any number required by law. No such audit shall be performed, conducted, or overseen by any non-governmental entity. All ballots cast at such election by qualified registered voters in such precincts shall be subject to the manual audit. The manual audit shall be open to the public, be completed

within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the election, and document the exact method of random selection to select precincts. Results from the manual audit shall be publicly available within two (2) days after its completion.

2. For the randomly selected precinct(s), the election authority shall manually audit one (1) contested election or ballot issue which shall be randomly selected from each of the following categories, where applicable: (A) Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, United States senate candidates and state-wide candidates; (B) State-wide ballot issues; (C) United States representative candidates and state general assembly candidates; (D) Partisan circuit and associate circuit judge candidates and all nonpartisan judicial retention candidates; and (E) all remaining candidates or ballot issues for the remaining political subdivisions and special districts, including the county, in the randomly selected precincts. In addition to the randomly selected office or ballot measure above, the election authority shall manually audit all races in which the margin of victory between the two (2) top candidates is equal to or less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the number of votes cast for the office.

3. If, based on the manual audit, the election authority finds evidence of errors in the original tabulation that could change the result of any election or would exceed a threshold established by law, the election authority shall immediately notify the candidates in such election of the evidence of errors in the tabulation and such candidates may request a manual recount of all ballots in that election as provided by law.

Section 14. If any portion, clause, or phrase of this Amendment is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional in a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions, clauses, and phrases shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect.