

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 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 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 the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

[Official Ballot Title]

**CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT**

2024 FTD 20

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)

NAME (Signature)	DATE SIGNED	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Number) (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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of payer)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Affiant

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Affiant (Street, City, State & Zip Code)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 202\_\_.

Notary Public (Seal)

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

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Notary (Street, City, State & Zip Code)

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

*One new section in Article X to be known as Section 27 is enacted as follows:*

Section 27

1. This section shall be known as the “Local Voters’ Right and Option to Set Tobacco Taxes Initiative.”

2. Notwithstanding section 1 of this article or any other law to the contrary, local voters shall have the right and option to set tobacco taxes in counties.

3. Any tobacco tax approved by local voters under this initiative shall be used solely for education, health and mental health, crime prevention, job creation, veterans’ services, or other local use specifically approved by local voters, so long as the use is legal under Missouri law.

4. As used in this initiative, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) “Local voters” shall not mean the General Assembly nor the local governing body in a county, but shall only mean a majority of the qualified voters casting ballots in an election in a county on a county-wide tobacco cigarette tax measure.

(2) “Right and option to set tobacco taxes” means the right, power, and authority to set, control, impose, establish, levy, collect, fix, reduce, eliminate, or change the rate or dedicated use of a county excise tax on tobacco cigarettes.

5. All existing local tobacco taxes and any dedicated uses in place on the effective date of this initiative shall remain in effect provided, however, that the rate or dedicated use of such taxes may only be modified with the approval of local voters.

6. All of the provisions of this initiative are severable. If any provision of this initiative is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted, the remaining provisions shall be and remain valid.