



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

Article III of the Constitution is revised by adding one new Section to be known as Article III, Section 54 to read as follows:

Section 54.

1. The legislature shall be prohibited from repealing, amending, or overriding any law or constitutional provision enacted by citizen initiative, unless eighty percent of legislators refer the change to voters, notwithstanding sections 2(a) and 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution, sections 27, 29, 32, and 52(a) of Article III of this Constitution, and any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary.
2. Laws and legislatively-referred amendments shall be prohibited from restricting citizens' powers of initiative and referendum, notwithstanding sections 2(a) and 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution and any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary.
3. Measures proposed by petition or the legislature shall be decided at general elections, unless the governor and eighty percent of legislators approve special elections, notwithstanding section 52(b) of Article III of this Constitution, section 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution, and any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary.
4. Citizens shall be allowed to promptly challenge misleading ballot titles, demanding courts immediately rewrite them to be completely unbiased, clear, and accurate, notwithstanding sections 2(b) and 3(c) of Article XII of this Constitution and any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, pre-existing signature and vote requirements shall be maintained, as follows: a simple majority of votes cast statewide on the measure shall be sufficient to enact any law or amendment proposed by initiative petition; a simple majority of votes cast statewide on the measure shall be sufficient to reject any law upon which a referendum is ordered by referendum petition; signatures from five percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to propose a law; signatures from eight percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to propose an amendment; signatures from five percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to order a referendum; and the number of signatures required shall be calculated based on the total vote for governor at the general election last preceding the filing of any petition.
6. This section is self-executing and shall be construed to strongly protect the citizens' powers of initiative and referendum, all political power being vested in the people and founded upon their will only.
7. If any provision of subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 of this section or the application thereof to anyone or to any circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of those provisions and the application of such provisions to others or other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.