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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.

County

INITIATIVE PETITION

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To the Honorable Denny Hoskins, 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 3rd day of November, 2026, 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.

CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF I, being first duly sworn, say (print names of signers)

Signature	Date Signed	Registered Voting Address	Zip Code	Cong. District	Printed First and Last Name
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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 (or city of St. Louis). 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 Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of , A.D. (Seal)

Printed Name of Affiant City, State and Zip Code of Affiant Signature of Notary Address of Notary

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 attempting to repeal or amend 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, 31, 32, and 52(a) of Article III of this Constitution, and any other provision of law or of this Constitution to the contrary. For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase “attempting to repeal or amend any law or constitutional provision enacted by citizen initiative” shall be construed to mean proposing or passing any law or constitutional amendment which, if enacted, would modify, repeal, or supersede, whether in whole or in part, and whether explicitly or by implication, any law or constitutional provision enacted by citizen initiative. This subsection shall be construed to protect not only laws and constitutional provisions enacted by citizen initiative after the effective date of this section but also laws and constitutional provisions enacted by citizen initiative on or prior to the effective date of this section.

2. No law or legislatively-referred constitutional amendment shall impede citizens’ initiative or referendum power, notwithstanding sections 2(a) and 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution, sections 1, 31, 32, and 52(a) of Article III of this Constitution, and any other provision of law or of this Constitution to the contrary.

3. Ballot measures proposed by petition or the legislature shall be decided at general elections, except when 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 law or of this Constitution to the contrary.

4. Citizens shall be allowed to promptly challenge misleading ballot titles, requiring courts immediately rewrite them to be unbiased, clear, and accurate, notwithstanding sections 2(b) and 3(c) of Article XII of this Constitution and any other provision of law or of this Constitution to the contrary.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this Constitution to the contrary, pre-existing signature and vote requirements shall be maintained, as follows: a simple statewide majority of votes cast on the measure by individual legal voters shall be sufficient to enact any law or amendment proposed by initiative petition; a simple statewide majority of votes cast on the measure by individual legal voters shall be sufficient to reject any law upon which a referendum is ordered by referendum petition; signatures from five percent of the individual 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 individual 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 individual 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.