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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.

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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 County (or city of St. Louis); my registered 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 voting address and the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name. To the Honorable Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State for the state of Missouri: We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and

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STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF		being first duly sworn	being first duly sworn, say (print names of signers)			
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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 his 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 SULTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR (Seal) A.D. Address of Notary day of 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: Subscribed and sworn to before me this. Signature of Notary City, State and Zip Code of Affiant Street Address of Affiant Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures) Printed Name of Affiant 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 measure enacted by citizen initiative, or pass any law functionally approximating one rejected by referendum petition, 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 measure 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. This subsection shall be construed to protect against not only laws functionally approximating those rejected by referendum petition after the effective date of this section but also laws functionally approximating those rejected by referendum petition on or prior to the effective date of this section.
- 2. No legislatively-referred constitutional amendment shall impede citizens' initiative or referendum power, notwithstanding sections 2(a) and 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution, section 1 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. Courts shall immediately rewrite misleading ballot titles 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 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.