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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 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 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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John R. Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE

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)
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Printed Name of Affiant	City, State and Zip Code of Affiant	Signature of Notary	Address of Notary
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NOTICE: The proposed amendment revises Article VIII of the Constitution by adopting four new Sections to be known as Article VIII, Sections 8, 9, 10, and 12.

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 four new Sections to be known as Article VIII, Sections 8, 9, 10, and 12 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. 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.

4. Any person desiring to be an independent candidate for any state or federal office to be filled by voters, shall file a petition with the secretary of state. Any person desiring to be an independent candidate for any county office shall file a petition with the election authority of the county. If an independent candidate is to be nominated for a statewide office, the petition shall be signed by at least ten thousand registered voters of the state. If the independent candidate is to be nominated for a district or county office, the petition shall be signed by the number of registered voters in the district or county which is equal to at least two percent of the total number of voters who voted at the last general election for candidates for the office being sought or is equal to ten thousand voters, whichever is less.

Section 10. 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 the provisions of this section 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 12. 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.