



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGES TO THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION

The Citizen Initiative Petition is a process where the Missouri Constitution can be changed independently of the legislature and bring an issue to a vote by the people, by the citizens' themselves.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Signatures Required



For constitutional changes: Eight percent of voters in any six of the eight congressional districts are required to get an initiative on the ballot

Sec. of State's Role



The SOS is charged with overseeing the process and with certifying proposed petitions for the ballot

The County Clerks Role

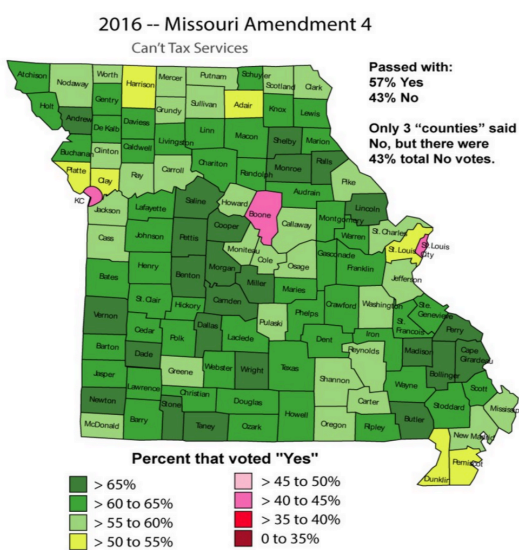


The SOS's office distributes copies to local election officials (mainly clerks) to verify signatures

INITIATIVE PETITIONS ARE NOT THE CONCERN



There are 26 of the 50 states that have the Initiative Petition (IP) processes. This allows the people a vital alternative check in government, allowing them to circumvent the legislature and bring an issue to the people. The concern is not the IP process, but the balance between the voice of all Missourians in all parts of the state.

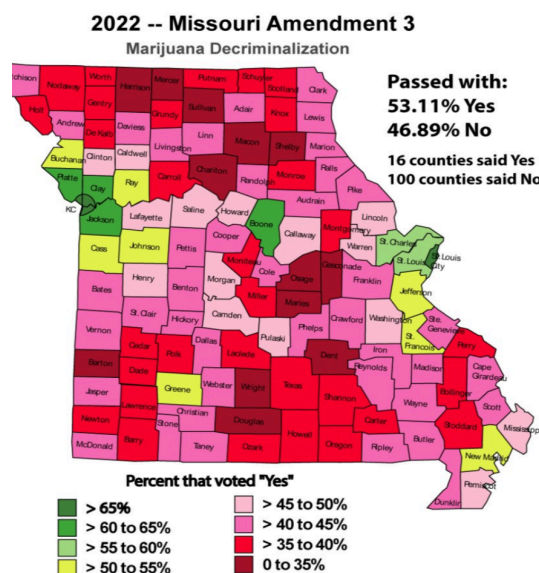


EQUAL REPRESENTATION

Currently it only takes a simple statewide majority popular vote (50%+1 vote, achievable with just urban areas) to permanently ratify or alter our state constitution. This leaves the rural minority feeling unrepresented and overridden by the urban majority.

The maps show two issues that represent the urban/rural divide and illustrates the power a densely populated geographical area has.

With concurrent majority ratification, everything about the IP process would stay the same except for the adoption of the proposed amendment. Ratification would now require a simple majority vote in five of the eight congressional districts.



THE BALANCE BETWEEN MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Both the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution were originally designed, first and foremost, to protect individual liberty from encroachments by those more powerful or more numerous... protection from the tyranny of the majority. Concurrent ratification is how we: Elect our president, amend the US Constitution, pass laws based on geographical representation. Concurrent ratification uses the voice of the entire state through congressional districts.

Key Proposed Amendments to Missouri Constitution on November 5th

- Perpetual minumum wage increase tied to Consumer Price Index. Businesses will raise prices to cover the cost of higher wages which will raise minimum wage and will again raise prices
- Sports Betting
 - Ban on Rank Choiced Voting

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS: AMENDMENT 3
ADDING ABORTION AND 8 SUBSECTIONS TO THE
MISSOURI CONSTITUTION UNDER ARTICLE 1

Official Ballot Title Language	Potential Consequences
Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitutuion to establish a right to make decisions about reproductive health care, including abortion and contraceptives, with any governmental interference of that right presumed invalid; remove Missouri’s ban on abortion; allow regulation of reproductive health care to improve or maintain the health of the patient; require the government not to discriminate, in government programs, funding, and other activities, against persons providing or maintaining reproductive health care; and allow abortion to be restricted or banned after fetal viability except to protect the life or health of the woman?	<p>Lack of parental rights or notification since “The right to reproductive health care cannot be denied, interfered with, delayed, or otherwise restricted... Any restriction will be presumed invalid”.</p> <p>This will handcuff health departments from doing proper inspections on abortion clinics.</p> <p>There is no description of the definition of “health care professional” leaving the door open for the loose interpretation of a health care provider (such as a school nurse or someone less qualified) to administer an abortion, It does not specify physician.</p> <p>There are no guardrails around what qualifies around protecting the “health of the mother” allowing physical health, mental health, There are no guardrails around what qualifies, it could include almost anything and allows abortion up to 9 months.</p> <p>Potentially granting civil liability to providers or anyone assisting with an abortion regardless of medical training, removing the ability to sue for medical malpractice if woman are injured or harmed.</p> <p>“Fetal viability” is defined good faith judgement of the treating health care professional, opening the door for abortions up to 9 months.</p> <p>“The government shall not discriminate against persons providing or obtaining reproductive health care or assisting another person in doing so”. The word government is defined as the “State of Missouri or any municipality, township, district... etc. This potentially means cities could loose the right to use zoning districts to affect where an abortion clinic is located. It may also limit licensing for abortion centers, potentially allowing then to be opened in a neighboring home, in an HOA, or within a school.</p> <p>Reproductive health care has come to include “gender transition” surgeries and hormone therapies in other states.</p> <p>The definition of “reproductive freedom” has eroded protections for women’s sports and locker rooms in other states.</p>

Please share this information with your friends and family and help spread the word about the the vulnerability of our constitution.

Paid for by Friends of Jill Carter for Senate, Tanya Williams treasurer