

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.

INITIATIVE PETITION

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 law 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 6th day of November, 2018, 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 name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

[OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE]

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 MO. SECRETARY OF STATE

CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT, STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)
 (Petition Circulator's Printed Name)

1.	NAME (Signature)	DATE SIGNED	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Street) (City, Town or Village)	Zip Code	Congr. Dist.	NAME (Printed or Typed)
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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.

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

 Printed Name of Affiant

 City, State and Zip Code of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D. 201__

 Signature of Notary

Notary Public (Seal)

 Address of Notary

My commission expires: _____

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:

Two new sections of the Missouri Revised Statutes, to be known as sections 130.230 and 143.990, are enacted to read as follows:

130.230. 1. "The Missouri Elections Trust Fund" is hereby created to provide public financing for candidates for office in Missouri who agree to accept the conditions specified herein, and who subsequently meet those conditions.

2. The Missouri Elections Trust Fund will be administered by a board, to be known as the "Missouri Elections Trust Fund Commission" consisting of seven members, to be nominated by the governor and approved by the senate. The Missouri Elections Trust Fund Commission shall, within one (1) calendar year of the effective date of this section, promulgate rules necessary for the administration of this section, including a method for the expenditure of the funds collected.

(1) No individual may be appointed to the Missouri Elections Trust Fund Commission who is:

(a) a government employee;

(b) a registered lobbyist, or who has been a registered lobbyist at any time during the 5-year period preceding their appointment to the commission;

(c) an officer or employee of a political party or political campaign;

(d) an elected official, senator, or representative.

(2) Members of the Missouri Elections Trust Fund Commission shall be appointed for a term of five years; except the second and third classes of the first seven members to be appointed, who shall be divided into three classes, as follows;

(a) The first three members to be confirmed shall serve a full five-year term;

(b) The fourth and fifth members to be confirmed shall serve a three-year term;

(c) The sixth and seventh members to be confirmed shall serve a one-year term.

(3) Members of the commission may be removed from office if convicted of fraud or mismanagement of funds administered by the commission, or conviction of a felony.

3. Members of the commission will be reimbursed for travel and other expenses at the prevailing rate for other employees and officers of the state of Missouri.

4. The funds collected under this program will be distributed only to candidates who accept and meet the conditions required to qualify for public financing.

5. Candidates accepting public funds must agree to and meet the following conditions:

(1) Not to accept contributions from corporations or political action committees that accept corporate contributions;

(2) Not to accept donations totaling more than \$1000 from any individual or other source, excluding a political party of which they are a member, during an election cycle ("election cycle" is defined as the period between two general elections for the same office); and

(3) That at least one-half of the money raised, or in-kind contributions received, by the candidate will come from individual contributors who contribute a total of \$100 or less to the candidate during an election cycle.

6. The funding provided to eligible candidates will be in the form of matching funds, with the ratio of the match relative to the amount of money raised by candidates to be determined by the commission based on the total amount of money raised by all candidates who have elected to accept public funds and the total amount of money available from the fund during each election year.

(1) Thirty-five percent of the funds available shall be distributed on the first day of June of each general election year, based on total monetary contributions received during the election cycle up to the date of the quarterly report filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission for the quarter ending on the thirty-first day of March. (In-kind contributions are not eligible for matching funds.)

(2) The balance of available funds shall be distributed on the third Monday in September of each general election year to eligible candidates in the general election, based on total monetary contributions received and reported through the thirtieth day of August.

7. When a candidate or committee files a termination statement and disclosure report with the Missouri Ethics Commission, any and all funds remaining after repaying any debts owed by the campaign committee are to be paid over to the Missouri Elections Trust Fund, up to and including an amount equal to the full amounts of matching funds received by said candidate.

8. All subsections and all clauses of this Section, and the phrases, and the words within them, are severable. If any of the provisions within them are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted or invalid, the remainder of those provisions shall remain valid and the application of such provisions shall not be affected thereby.

143.990. 1. In each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2018, each individual or corporation having paid state income taxes in the amount of twenty-five dollars or more may designate that five dollars of the tax paid shall be paid over to the Missouri elections trust fund as provided in section 130.230. In the case of a husband and wife with a filing status of married filing combined having paid state income tax in the amount of fifty dollars or more, each spouse may designate that five dollars shall be paid to the fund.

2. The option to contribute to this fund, as authorized by this section, shall be clearly and unambiguously printed on the same page of each income tax return form provided by the state upon which the amount of tax owed is indicated, and shall include the following statement: "Contributing to the Missouri Elections Trust Fund will not increase the amount of tax owed or reduce the amount of overpayment to be refunded."

3. The department of revenue shall deposit the contributions made pursuant to this statute into the Missouri Election Trust Fund as created in section 130.230.

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