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.

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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)

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

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Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)

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Street address of Affiant

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Printed Name of Affiant

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City, State and Zip Code of Affiant

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

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Signature of Notary

Notary Public (Seal)

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Address of Notary

My commission expires: _____

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

Sections 128.346 and 128.348 of the Revised Missouri Statutes are hereby amended, to read as follows:

128.346. The districts established by the provisions of sections 128.400 to 128.440 for the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States shall be effective beginning with election to the 108th Congress and through the election of the 112th Congress. The districts established by sections 128.451 to 128.458 for the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States shall be effective beginning with the election to the 113th Congress. Effective beginning with the election of representatives to the 117th Congress, representatives to the Congress of the United States from the state of Missouri shall be elected at large, in the manner prescribed by section 128.348.

128.348. 1. The state of Missouri is hereby divided into nine congressional districts. Effective with the election for the 113th Congress, the state of Missouri shall consist of eight congressional districts. [The legal voters of each district shall elect one member of Congress of the United States.] Effective with the election for the 117th Congress, representatives to the Congress of the United States shall be elected according to the method described herein.

2. Each political party shall nominate an ordered list of candidates, including a number no greater than the number of representatives (members) to which the state of Missouri is entitled.

3. Each political party may determine its ordered list of candidates through a primary election, caucuses, a statewide party nominating convention, or a combination of caucuses and a statewide party nominating convention.

4. A primary election will be the default method for parties to select an ordered list of candidates. Should a political party determine that they will select candidates by caucuses, statewide party convention, or a combination of caucuses and a statewide party convention, a legally designated representative of the party will notify the secretary of state, in writing, of the method to be used, no later than the first day of April of an election year.

5. If a political party elects to use a primary election as the means of determining its candidates for the general election, all qualified candidates who file for said party's nominations will appear on the primary ballot for that party. Registered voters will be allowed to vote in one, and only one, party's primary election, and to vote for one, and only one, candidate from that party.

6. An ordered list of candidates for each party, including a number of candidates totaling up to the number of seats in Congress to which the state of Missouri is entitled, will be placed on the ballot in the general election, based on the number of votes received by each candidate in the primary election for each party.

7. Should a party elect to nominate candidates for the general election by means of caucuses and/or a statewide party convention, an ordered list of that party's candidates shall be filed with the secretary of state's office no less than 90 days before the general election date in election years.

8. To qualify for a place on the ballot, an independent candidate must present petitions signed by one-fifth of one percent of the total number of legal voters in the general election last preceding. The number of "legal voters" is equal to, and determined by, the total vote for governor in the general election last preceding. Said petitions must be delivered to the secretary of state no later than one-hundred and twenty days before the general election.

9. The signatures on petitions submitted by independent candidates and political parties shall be subject to verification according to the procedures in the code of state regulations for independent candidate petitions in force at the time the petitions are submitted.

10.) In each general election, each voter will cast a single vote for a political party, and its ordered list of candidates, or for an independent candidate for Congress appearing on the ballot, or a single write-in vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, who has properly registered with the secretary of state as a write-in candidate.

11. The following method of tabulation shall be used to determine how many representatives will be elected from each political party and which independent candidates (if any) will be elected:

(1) The total number of valid votes cast for all parties, and independent and valid write-in candidates, will be divided by the number of representatives to be elected. The resulting number will then be rounded to the nearest whole number. The total number of votes cast for each party or independent candidate will then be divided by that number and each party awarded that number of representatives and that many candidates from that party's ordered list are elected. Any independent or valid write-in candidate receiving at least the number of votes needed to be elected is elected.

(2) Any remaining votes for each party above the number needed to elect those representatives are counted as "surplus votes" for that party. The votes for any party or independent candidate or valid write-in candidate falling short of the number needed to be elected are also treated as surplus votes.

(3) The number of representatives thus elected is subtracted from the total number of representatives to be elected. If the number of representatives thus elected is fewer than the number to which the state of Missouri is entitled, additional representatives will be elected, in order, based on the highest number of surplus votes. The next candidate(s) from the ordered list of a party that has already had some candidates elected, the first candidate from the ordered list of a party that has not had a candidate elected, or the independent or valid write-in candidate, with the most surplus votes is elected. If there is more than one additional representative to be elected, the number of surplus votes needed to be elected is to be deducted from the total of surplus votes held by that party or independent candidate and the process is repeated until all seats are filled.

(4) In both primary and general elections, officials shall determine a random selection algorithm, prior to tabulation, to resolve ties between candidates. If a tie occurs at any point in the tabulation procedure and tabulation cannot proceed until the tie is resolved, then the random selection algorithm shall resolve the tie.

12. All subsections and all clauses of this statute, 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.