

FACT SHEET

YES ON 4

PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTION

A Call to Protect Missouri's Constitution

Why We NEED Citizen Initiative Petition (IP) Reform

A Citizen Initiative Petition is DIRECT DEMOCRACY.

We are a Representative Republic. Foreign nationals and out-of-state billionaires are corrupting the citizen initiative petition process to push for direct democracy, bypassing our representative government. If left unchecked, the bloated Missouri Constitution will continue to be filled with harmful amendments that fly in face of Missouri values. Amendment 4 is a critical step to restore balance and protect our state and constitution.

What's in Amendment 4?

Amendment 4 introduces common-sense reforms to Missouri's initiative petition process, aiming to prevent fraud, foreign interference, and manipulation while maintaining citizen input.

Key Provisions Include:

- Prohibits contributions from foreign adversaries and nationals: **Bans** direct and in-kind **contributions** from **foreign entities** to citizen initiative petitions.
- Ensures support for amendments is geographically diverse, securing a Constitution for ALL Missourians. Amendment 4 will protect rural Missourians from decisions made by large populated areas, and will require all citizen constitutional amendments receive **approval** by a **simple majority** in **each** of the **eight congressional districts**.
- Shields our constitution from out-of-state special interests that use deceptive ballot language to push poorly understood changes, burden taxpayers, and advance partisan agendas or donor interests. Amendment 4 protects voters by **requiring public hearings** for **voter input** and providing ballot text to each voter at the time of voting.

- The initiative process is subject to fraudulent and misleading actions from professional signature gatherers and political operatives. Amendment 4 **criminalizes signature fraud**.

These measures protect the process from abuse without eliminating citizen-led initiatives.

How Voters will Ratify Constitutional Amendments

Amendment 4 differentiates ratification requirements based on how amendments are proposed, ensuring a broader consensus for citizen-driven changes:

- **Citizen Initiative Petitions:** requires a simple majority (50% plus one) in **each** of the **eight congressional districts**, promoting statewide buy-in.
- **Legislative Joint Resolutions:** requires a simple majority (50% plus one) **statewide**.

This structure strikes a balance between accessibility and protection against urban-dominated decisions that could overshadow rural voices.

Citizens Still Have a Voice to Petition the Government

Amendment 4 does not eliminate the citizen initiative process – it refines it to prevent exploitation. Important points include:

- No changes to the citizen initiative petitions for Statutory or Referendum ballot measures
- These measures will still only require a **simple majority** (50% plus one) **statewide** to pass
- The legislature retains the ability to modify or repeal any statutory ballot measures, preserving flexibility
- Missouri can continue to propose and vote on laws that align with its values

This is where the CITIZEN'S VOICE BELONGS.

THE CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS IS BEING CORRUPTED BY THE OUT-OF-STATE BILLIONAIRES

The Citizen Initiative Petition (IP) Process is Being Abused

Citizen IPs submitted to the Secretary of State for circulation since 2002:

- More than 313 Citizen Initiative Petitions were submitted to the Secretary of State for circulation
- 232 for Constitutional Amendments
- 78 submissions were for Statutory petitions
- 3 submissions were for Referendums

74% of petitions submitted – Constitutional Amendments
22% of petitions submitted – Statutory Law changes

Democrat Citizen IP Attempts

180 Constitutional Amendment petitions circulated:

- 23 were approved for the ballot
- 14 approved by voters: a **60% success rate**

Republican Citizen IP Attempts

54 Constitutional Amendment petitions circulated

- **Zero** made it to the ballot.

Conservative Citizen Initiative Petitions that did NOT Collect Enough Signatures for Ballot Submission

Many conservative priorities have been proposed via petitions but have failed to advance due to a lack of signatures or resources. These examples include:

- **School Choice** (8 times) (Versions of school choice have been passed by the legislature.)
- **Immigration Enforcement** (This was passed in 2024 in HB 495.)
- Personhood (2 times)
- **Ban on Abortion** (The legislature passed HJR 73, the Heartbeat Bill, and the Trigger Law.)
- Right to Work
- Eminent Domain (13 times)
- Parental Rights (2 versions)
- Medical Freedom (2 times)
- Hand Counting of Ballots
- **Photo ID for voting** (Passed in HB 1878)
- **Requiring Paper Ballots** (Passed in HB 1878)
- Repeal of the Missouri Court Plan

BOLD = Bills passed by the Republican Legislature

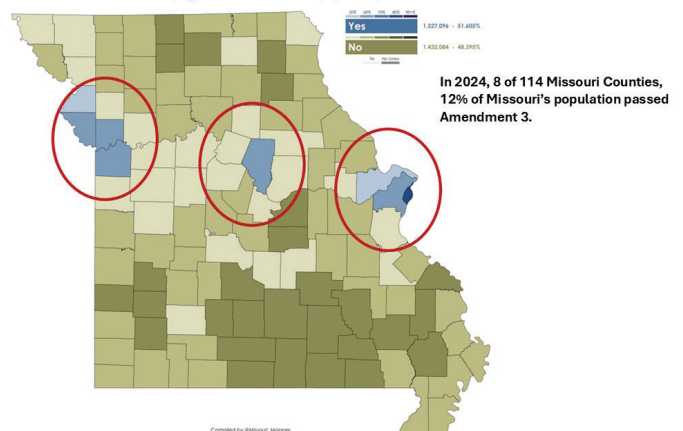
Amendment 4 Stops Foreign Funding from Influencing Our Constitution

- The Sixteen Thirty Fund, supported by **Swiss billionaire** Hansjorg Wyss, **donated** more than **\$10 million** to pass Amendment 3 in 2024
- **George Soro's** Open-Source Fund **donated** more than **\$2 million** to pass Proposition A (Minimum Wage increase) in 2024.

Urban Cities Dictate Constitutional Amendments

In 2024, Missouri's densely populated areas like St. Louis and Kansas City approved Amendment 3, imposing a **constitutional right** to an **abortion and sex-change surgeries** on rural voters who overwhelmingly rejected Amendment 3. **Only 8 of 114 counties passed Amendment 3** in 2024!

2024 Missouri Amendment 3, Right to Abortion Initiative, by county - Unofficial Results



Other amendments supported by foreign nationals and out-of-state billionaires

- Stem Cell Research
- Legalized marijuana and DEI (added **32** pages to our constitution).
- Medicaid Expansion
- Lottery
- Bingo
- Riverboat Gambling
- Sports Betting

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