

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Article III of the Constitution is revised by amending Sections 50, 52(a), and 52(b) to read as follows:

Section 50(a). Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall [be] have paper copies signed by and/or electronic statements of support submitted by eight percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state, or have paper copies signed by one-third of the members of either house of the general assembly, and petitions proposing laws shall [be] have paper copies signed by and/or electronic statements of support submitted by five percent of such voters, or have paper copies signed by one-third of the members of either house of the general assembly.

Section 50(b). Every such petition shall have paper copies [be] filed with the secretary of state or statements of support submitted electronically not less than six months before they are to be voted on at the next general state election. Every such petition signed by members of the general assembly shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than sixty days before the next general election or a special election if one is ordered. A special election may be ordered by a resolution signed by one-third or more of the members of either house of the general assembly and submitted to the secretary of state at the same time petitions for a proposed law or constitutional amendment are submitted to the secretary of state.

Section 50(c). Every such petition and/or electronic statement of support shall contain an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be “Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:”. Petitions for laws shall contain not more than one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be “Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:”.

Section 50(d). The governor shall facilitate electronic filing of statements of support by establishing and maintaining a system of Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens. The governor shall be responsible for ensuring the security of that system and protecting the privacy of citizens utilizing that system.

Section 50(e). The secretary of state shall create a suitable form for electronic statements of support and make them available to citizens.

Section 52(a). A referendum may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, and laws making appropriations for the current expenses of the state government, for the maintenance of state institutions and for the support of public schools) either by petitions signed by five percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state, or by petitions signed by one-third or more of the members of either house of the general assembly[, as other bills are enacted]. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session of the general assembly which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded.

Section 52(b). The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred to the people. All elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at the next general state election[s], except when one-third or more of the members of either house of the general assembly submit a resolution to the secretary of state [shall order] ordering a special election. Any such special election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. The date of the special election shall be not less than sixty days after petitions for a referendum have been filed with the secretary of state, nor later than sixty days before the next general state election. Any measure referred to the people shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise. This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the general assembly of the right to introduce any measure.