

# Two Elegantly Simple, Yet Incredibly Powerful, Pro-Democracy Reforms that will Make Missouri a Perfect Democracy

The Missouri Constitution opens with a powerful statement of democratic ideals:

*“All political power is vested in and derived from the people.  
All government of right originates from the people,  
is founded upon their will only,  
and is instituted for the good of the whole.”*

[Constitution of the State of Missouri, Article I, Section 1]

There is a name for the type of government where “all political power is vested in and derived from the people” and founded upon the will of the people - it’s called democracy. When the acts of a democratic government are “instituted for the good” of all the people, it is a Perfect Democracy. Two proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution will make Missouri a more Perfect Democracy:

**The Perfect Democracy Amendment** will make it easier for the citizens of Missouri to call veto referendums and use the initiative by allowing citizens to sign petitions electronically through Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens.

A **proxy** is a form authorizing someone else to vote on your behalf.

**The Proxies for Citizens Amendment** will allow every citizen who is eligible to vote in Missouri to assign a proxy to any one member of the Missouri Senate and any one member of the Missouri House authorizing them to vote on their behalf and then give each senator and each representative a number of votes equal to the number of proxies they have been assigned, plus one for themselves, on every matter voted on in the General Assembly.

Proxies can be assigned and reassigned at any time by submitting a proxy form, either electronically through Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens or by submitting a paper form. This will ensure that every politically active citizen is represented by a senator and a representative who shares their views and values and votes as they would vote themselves if voting directly on issues of concern. The effect of allowing citizens to reassign their proxies at any time will be to enable citizens to vote (indirectly) on any legislation voted on in the General Assembly.

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