

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 1 and 22 to read as follows:

Section 1. (a) The legislative power shall be vested in a senate and house of representatives to be styled “The General Assembly of the State of Missouri.”

(b) To ensure that all political power in Missouri is vested in and derived from the people and founded upon the will of the people only, from and after January 2, 2027, each citizen of Missouri who is eligible to vote shall be able to assign one proxy to any member of the Missouri senate, authorizing that senator to cast votes on their behalf, and one proxy to any member of the Missouri house of representatives, authorizing that representative to cast votes on their behalf. Members of the General Assembly shall cast a number of votes equal to the number of proxies they hold, plus one vote for themselves, on all matters that are voted on in their respective houses, including votes taken in committees and on procedural matters.

(c) Citizens of Missouri may assign their proxies either electronically, through a system of Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens, or by means of a written (paper) proxy. Citizens may reassign a proxy at any time.

(d) The governor shall establish and maintain a system of Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens to facilitate the assigning and reassigning of proxies electronically. The governor shall be responsible for ensuring the security of that system and for ensuring the privacy of citizens utilizing the system.

(e) On or before January 2, 2027, the Secretary of State shall create and make available to citizens of Missouri, both electronic and paper versions of a proxy form, a form for citizens to use to reassign their proxies, and a form for citizens to submit to notify the secretary of state if they move out of the state of Missouri or are no longer eligible to vote. When so notified, the Secretary of State shall void their proxies. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for promptly voiding the proxies of citizens who are no longer eligible to vote in Missouri due to being incarcerated or deceased. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for notifying citizens, in the manner in which they have indicated they prefer to be notified, when a legislator to whom they have assigned a proxy vacates her or his office for any reason.

(f) The General Assembly shall pass legislation providing penalties for forging or falsifying proxies, for offering money, or any other thing of value, to influence a citizen with regard to the assignment of their proxies, and for accepting money, or any other thing of value, in exchange for the assignment of a proxy.
Section 22. Every bill shall be referred to a committee of the house in which it is pending.

After it has been referred to a committee, [one-third of] the elected members of the respective houses by a vote of one-third or more shall have power to relieve a committee of further consideration of a bill and place it on the calendar for consideration. Each committee shall keep such record of its proceedings as is required by rule of the respective houses and this record and the recorded vote of the members of the committee shall be filed with all reports on bills.

Each house of the general assembly may provide by rule for such committees of that house as it deems necessary to meet to consider bills or to perform any other necessary legislative function during the interim between the session ending on the thirtieth day of May and the session commencing on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January.