The Proportional Representation Amendment

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

Article VIII, Section 24 is amended to read as follows:

1. Effective January 2, 2029, there shall be no primary elections for the offices of representative to the U. S. House of Representatives, state senator, or member of the Missouri House of Representatives. In the general election to be held on November 5, 2030, and all subsequent general elections, all candidates for those offices shall be elected at-large (statewide).
2. All candidates for each office shall be listed on the ballot by political party, with independent candidates listed together under the heading “Independent Candidates”.
3. Voters shall cast a single vote for one candidate for each office.
4. Each candidate shall be placed on their party’s ordered list, in order of number of votes received (from most to least). Independent candidates shall be treated as a political party for purposes of determining the order in which independent candidates shall be elected.
5. The number of votes needed to be awarded a seat shall be determined by dividing the total number of votes cast for each office (U.S. Representative, state senator, and member of the Missouri House of Representatives) by the number of seats to be awarded, rounded to the nearest whole number. The number of seats each party shall be awarded and how many independent candidates shall be awarded seats, shall be determined by dividing the total number of votes received by all of the candidates for each party and for all independent candidates by the number of votes needed to win a single seat. Once seats have been awarded in this manner, any remaining seats shall be awarded to the party or parties or independent candidates having the highest number of remaining votes or to an additional independent candidate if independent candidates collectively have the highest number of remaining votes.
6. After the candidates winning seats in the U. S. House of Representatives have been determined, congressional district maps shall be drawn before those representatives to the U. S. House of Representatives take office, with each district as equal in population as possible and with one of the members elected residing in the district they represent, if possible.