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It should be, in miniature, an exact portrait of the people at large.  
It should think, feel, reason, and act like them.  
That it may be the interest of this Assembly to do strict justice at all times,  
it should be an equal representation, or in other words,  
equal interests among the people should have equal interest in it.  
Great care should be taken to affect this,  
and to prevent unfair, partial, and corrupt elections.”*

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Common sense and observation tell us, and research confirms, that **“economic elites and organized groups representing business interests have substantial independent impacts on U.S. government policy, while mass-based interest groups and average citizens have little or no independent influence.”** Implementing systems of Proxies for Citizens will shift power to senators and representatives who most accurately reflect the will of the people. That will shift power from economic elites and corporate interests to Politically Active Citizens and make Missouri a true 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.”***

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. These proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution will make Missouri a Perfect Democracy

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