



# AMENDMENT 4

In August 2026, Missourians will vote on Amendment 4, a common-sense reform to protect Missouri's Constitution, require broad statewide support for citizen-led constitutional amendments, and give voters the full text before they vote.

Amendment 4 will appear on the ballot in the following form:<sup>1</sup>

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- ★ Modify current requirements that a statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution;
- ★ Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and
- ★ Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot?

The Department of Corrections estimates increased annual costs of up to \$21,817. The Office of State Public Defender estimates an unknown fiscal impact. Other state governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

In Missouri, our initiative petition system has been hijacked by Liberal special interests. Amendment 4 makes a simple proposition: changes to the state constitution should have support from all across the state. Missourians should be given the full text of a proposed constitutional amendment. The State Constitution should belong to all Missourians.

## Stops Foreign Influence

Missourians have made their voices loud and clear: Missouri elections are for citizens only.

Amendment 4 adds a ban on foreign funding of ballot measures to the Missouri Constitution.

- ★ Since 2014, the foreign-backed Sixteen Thirty Fund has spent \$13 million on Missouri ballot measure campaigns.<sup>2</sup>
- ★ Missouri ranks fourth-highest among all 50 states for the amount of foreign spending on ballot measures.
- ★ In 2026, a Cole County judge removed this provision from the ballot description. It remains a part of the amendment.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sos.mo.gov/petitions/2026ballotmeasureconstitutions>

<sup>2</sup> <https://americansforpublictrust.org/reports/sixteen-thirty-fund-cumulative-spending-on-ballot-issue-campaigns/>

<sup>3</sup> Cole County Circuit Court, Judge Daniel Green's order in the Missouri Association of Realtors / "Missourians for Fair Governance" challenge to the Amendment 4 ballot summary



## Punish Petition Fraud

Liberal ballot measure campaigns pay their out-of-state contractors by the signature, creating incentives for fraud. Currently, petition fraud must be prosecuted at the county level, even for a statewide initiative. Amendment 4 would empower the Attorney General to prosecute fraudsters and protect Missouri voters.

- ★ In 2025, Jackson County Prosecutor Melesa Johnson announced she would not prosecute petition fraud connected to a redistricting petition.<sup>4</sup>
- ★ Amendment 4 defines petition signature fraud to include forged or false signatures, signing another person's name, tricking a voter into signing the wrong petition, or exchanging money or anything of value for a petition signature.

## Full Text for Every Voter

Voters should not have to rely only on campaign ads, slogans, or short summaries when deciding whether to change the Constitution. Amendment 4 gives voters access to the actual text before they vote.

- ★ The so-called Clean Missouri amendment was approved in 2018, then substantially changed two years later after voters were made aware of its changes to the redistricting process.<sup>5</sup>
- ★ In 2022, the pro-Marijuana Amendment 3 was described to voters in six bullet points, despite adding 42 pages to our state constitution.<sup>6</sup>

## Sample Messages

- ★ Ballot summaries are not enough. Voters deserve the full text. #YesOn4
- ★ Permanent constitutional changes should have broad support across the state. Vote #YesOn4!
- ★ Amendment 4 protects voters from misleading summaries and narrow special-interest campaigns. #YesOn4

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.jacksoncountyprosecutor.com/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/1736>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.stlpr.org/government-politics-issues/2020-11-04/missourians-scrap-clean-missouri-redistricting-plan-pass-amendment-3>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/petitions/2022BallotMeasures>