NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of **Texas County, Missouri**, that a **Primary Election** will be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the political parties and voting upon constitutional amendments. The election has been called and certified according to law, and the official ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

REPUBLICAN PARTY

State Auditor

- Scott Fitzpatrick
- Gerald (Jerry) Wistrand Jr.

United States Representative – District 8

- Jason T. Smith
- Gordon Heslop

State Representative – District 143

- Bennie Cook

Associate Circuit Judge

- Parke Stevens, Jr.

Presiding Commissioner

- Scott Long
- Chance Dalton Bland

County Clerk

- Peggy Dixon Seyler

Circuit Clerk

- Erin Smith
- Heather Stark-Reynolds

Recorder of Deeds

- Lindsay Koch

Prosecuting Attorney

- Jacob P. Smith

Burdine Township Committeeman

- Terry Brown
- Anthony Milone

Jackson Township Committeeman

- Edward Walton
- David Scantlin

Piney Township Committeeman

- Mike Baker
- Sanford Nagel

Piney Township Committeewoman

- Dee Dee Butler
- Julia E. Pounds

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

State Auditor

- Quentin Wilson
- Gregory Upchurch

United States Representative – District 8

- Chris Reichard
- Frank A. Barnitz

State Representative – District 143

- Marsha Snodgrass

Presiding Commissioner

- Lee Kern

Recorder of Deeds

- Madeline Miller

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

State Auditor

- Dustin Coffell

United States Representative – District 8

- Rebecca Sharpe Lombard

QUESTIONS

The following measures will appear on the ballot:

- Constitutional Amendment No. 1
- Constitutional Amendment No. 2
- Constitutional Amendment No. 4
- Constitutional Amendment No. 5

Polling places will be open from **6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

The official ballot contains the complete text of each constitutional amendment and public measure to be voted upon at said election.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Election and the offices, candidates, and questions listed herein are a true and correct representation of the official ballot to be used in the **Primary Election** to be held in **Texas County, Missouri**, on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**.

Dated this 13th day of July , 2026.

Peggy Seyler
Texas County Clerk & Election Authority

NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Primary Election – Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Texas County, Missouri

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution will be submitted to the qualified voters of Texas County, Missouri, at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1

Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c) (Second Regular Session) SJR No. 1

Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?

The measure allows continued collection of the existing sales and use tax, which generates revenue of approximately $140 million annually.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2

Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (First Regular Session) HCS HJR Nos. 23 & 3

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to require all charter counties, including Jackson County, to provide for the election of a county assessor and require assessors in all charter counties to comply with any training requirements established by general law?

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4

Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Extraordinary Session) HCS HJR No. 3

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 and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 5

Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS SCS HCS HJR Nos. 173 & 174

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to require legislative phase-out of the individual state income tax based on revenue growth and authorize the expansion of sales and use taxes; curtail constitutional limits on taxing goods and services; and require local tax rate cuts without reducing school funding if local sales tax revenue increases?

The proposal has no direct impact on state or local tax revenue. If passed, implementing legislation will have an unknown impact to state and local tax revenue. If implemented, state governmental entities expect a reduction of $57,000 annually in income tax check-off donations and implementation costs of at least $100,000.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct notice of the constitutional amendments to appear on the official ballot for the Primary Election to be held in Texas County, Missouri, on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

Dated this 13 day of July, 2026.

Peggy Seyler
Texas County Clerk & Election Authority

Livestock

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And another pig seemed to need “more spread up high,” but another displayed good “skeletal flexibility.”

Skeletal flexibility in a big ol’ pig. Who knew?

The best thing I heard Owings say during beef competition (also on Friday) was how a winner of a class had an admirably “big top.”

I couldn’t help but think, “yeah, if I’m showing, I definitely want my cow to have a big top.”

That’s the beauty of livestock judging. There are elements that just aren’t obvious to the average layperson – or for that matter, the “expert.” But at the same time, some of it is simply common sense and you can often discern when one animal stands out among the rest.

Anyway, I’d like to give another shoutout to the Texas County Fair Board for constantly improving the barns and adjacent grounds, and always creating a better venue for a big-time show. On that note, if you haven’t seen it, you ought to check out the tall metal structure that now stands at the entrance to the main livestock barn area that displays the names of sponsoring businesses, organizations and individuals. When I made my way to the poultry show on Wednesday morning, I did a major double-take when I saw it. It’s very pretty and not at all gaudy, and is a nice addition to what was already a more-than-adequate livestock fair venue.

And a special shoutout to County Fuel for bidding highest at last Saturday’s Junior Livestock Sale to become the second “title sponsor” for the photo backdrop in the showing arena (following State Farm as the first-ever from last year). The Texas County Fair Board certainly benefits from that kind of financial boost, which helps cover the massive number of expenses accrued when putting on such a huge event.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by Jerry L. Barnett, a single man, dated 5/31/2007, recorded on 6/1/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-2473, in Book 838, Page 380, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Texas County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on 8/13/2026, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at 11:00 AM, at the Texas County Justice Center – 519 North Grand Avenue, Houston, MO 65483, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

A PART OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF BLOCK 3 OF STEFFEN'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI, RUN SOUTH 60 FEET ACROSS CHESTNUT STREET, THENCE EAST 182 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID CHESTNUT STREET FOR THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGIN-NING OF THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED, THENCE EAST 47 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 100 FEET, THENCE WEST 47 FEET AND THENCE NORTH 100 FEET TO THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

Vylla Solutions – Missouri, LLC
Successor Trustee
TS No.: 26-40541
Pub Commences: 5/28/2026

By: NFPDS
Website: www.realtybid.com

Purported Address:
120 E CHESTNUT ST, HOUSTON, MO 65483

Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional in-formation regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Billy E. Gibson Sr. and Pauletta Gibson; husband and wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Billy E. Gibson Sr. and Pauletta Gibson; husband and wife dated July 18, 2007 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Texas County, Missouri in Book 842, Page 559 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:45 AM), at the West Front Door of the Court House, City of Houston, County of Texas, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Texas County, State of Missouri, to wit:

LOCATED IN TEXAS COUNTY, MISSOURI, TO WIT A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGHWAY NO. 63, THENCE WEST 300 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID HIGHWAY NO. 63, 290 FEET, THENCE NORTH 24 FEET TO THE NORTH SIDE OF A PRIVATE ROAD, THENCE RUN EAST 160 FEET FOR THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 170 FEET, THENCE EAST TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY NO. 63, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A POINT ON ABOVE MENTIONED PRIVATE ROAD LYING EAST OF THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO EXISTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ROADS.

ALSO, A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AT POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE AND THE WEST LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGHWAY NO. 63, THENCE WEST 300 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID HIGHWAY NO. 63, 290 FEET, THENCE NORTH 24 FEET FOR THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING ON NORTH SIDE OF ROAD, THENCE NORTH 170 FEET; THENCE EAST 160 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 170 FEET TO THE ROAD, AND THENCE WEST 160 FEET TO THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No: 234368.072226.470354 FC

Notice

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLISH ON: June 25, 2026 07/02/2026, 07/09/2026, 07/16/2026

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by Jerry D. Bay and Sabrina S. Bay, a married couple, dated September 15, 2023 and recorded on September 19, 2023 in book 2023, page 3010, as Document No. 202303010, Office of Recorder of Deeds, Texas County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on July 28, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at 12:00PM, at the Texas County Courthouse, 210 North Grand Ave, West Front door, Houston, MO 65483, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING 170 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2 BLOCK 6 OLD SURVEY OF THE TOWN OF SUMMERSVILLE, MISSOURI, THENCE RUN NORTH 50 FEET; THENCE EAST 147 1/2 FEET TO THE CRAIG PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTH 50 FEET; AND THENCE WEST 147 1/2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

S&W Foreclosure Corporation
Successor Trustee

Pub Commences
June 25, 2026

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26-041806

By: LOGS Legal Group LLP

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Ascribe

Purported address:
364 Rogers Ave, Summersville, MO 65571

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IN THE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TEXAS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Division: PROBATE
Case Number: 26TE-PR00068
In the Estate of ROBERT E. SMITH, deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROBERT E. Smith, Decedent:

On JUNE 17, 2026, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ROBERT E. SMITH, decendent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of TEXAS COUNTY Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The name and address of the personal representative is: JOAN E. SMITH, 1004 CEDAR RIDGE DR., HOUSTON, MO 65483

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: LEE J. VOREL, 901 ST. LOUIS STREET, 20 TH FLOOR, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806, 417-866-7777

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of decedent's death: 27-JUN-2025

/s/ Erin Smith,
Circuit Clerk
BY: Bobbi Martin,
Deputy Clerk

Date of first publication: JULY 2, 2026

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of Houston, Missouri
Houston Outdoor Recreation Complex

This is the Bid Advertisement for the procurement and installation of the chainlink fence and gates around the ballpark at the new Houston Outdoor Recreation Complex for the City of Houston, Missouri. Bids shall be based on Design Drawings and Technical Specifications provided by the Engineer, Archer-Elgin.

Electronic Bid Packages will be received until 4:00pm on Thursday, July 30, 2026. Bids will be collected and reviewed by Mid-State Pipeline, the Construction Manager, on behalf of the City of Houston.

Electronic copies of the Bidding and Contract Documents may be requested from the office of the Engineer, Archer-Elgin at 573-364-6362 or by e-mail to Katelynn Erbar kerbar@cmarcher.com. Following the request, a complete set of the bidding documents will be emailed as "zipped" PDF files.

A Pre-bid Conference will not be held. It is highly encouraged to visit a similar ballpark complex and recreation building in Belle, MO. Contact Jim Zumwalt (jzumwalt@midstatepipeline.com) at 573-619-1860 for a visit to the Belle site and questions.

The Owner and Construction Manager reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities, and to determine the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder, and to award the contract on that basis.

Bids for the project shall be submitted via email to Jim Zumwalt (jzumwalt@midstatepipeline.com) and copied to Courtney Manfred (cmanfred@cmarcher.com) and Travis Witzemann (twitzemann@houstonmo.org)

The prevailing hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Industrial Commission of Missouri, will be complied with on this project, and not less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages as found by the agencies or Court of Appeals shall be paid to all workmen performing work under this contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

July 13, 2026
City Of Houston

ENGINEER'S PROJECT NO. 25142618

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri

To be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 2026.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1

[Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c), Missouri Constitution (SJR 1, 2005)]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?

The measure allows continued collection of the existing sales and use tax, which generates revenue of approximately $140 million annually.

Article IV, Section 47(c) of the Missouri Constitution:

Section 47(c). Provisions self-enforcing, exception—not part of general revenue or expense of state—effective and expiration dates.—[The effective date of this amendment shall be November 8, 1998.] All laws inconsistent with this amendment shall no longer remain in full force and effect after the effective date of this section. All of the provisions of Sections 47(a), 47(b) and 47(c) shall be self-enforcing except that the General Assembly shall adjust brackets for the collection of the sales and use taxes. The additional revenue provided by Sections 47(a), 47(b) and 47(c) shall not be part of the "total state revenue" within the meaning of Sections 17 and 18 of Article X of this Constitution. The expenditure of this additional revenue shall not be an "expense of state government" under Section 20 of Article X of this Constitution. [This Section 47(a), 47(b) and 47(c) shall terminate after ten years following the effective date of this amendment.] **Upon voter approval of this measure in a general election held in 2006, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, the provisions of this section, 47(b), and 47(a) shall be reauthorized and continue until a general election is held in 2016 or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose. Every ten years thereafter, the issue of whether to continue to impose the sales and use tax described in this section shall be resubmitted to the voters for approval. If a majority of the voters fail to approve the continuance of such sales and use tax, Section 47(a), 47(b), and 47(c) shall terminate at the end of the second fiscal year after the last election was held.**

STATE OF MISSOURI } SS
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 1, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.

Denny Hoskins

DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (First Regular Session) HCS HJR 23 & 3]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- **require all charter counties, including Jackson County, to provide for the election of a county assessor; and**
- **require assessors in all charter counties to comply with any training requirements established by general law?**

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 18(b) of Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to assessors.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 18(b), Article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 18(b), to read as follows:

Section 18(b). The charter shall provide for its amendment[,]**;** for the form of the county government[,]**;** **for** the number, kinds, manner of selection, terms of office, and salaries of the county officers[,]**;** and for the exercise of all powers and duties of counties and county officers prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state[;]**.** However, such charter shall[, except for the charter of any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants,] require the assessor of the county to be an elected officer **and to comply with all training provisions required by general law.**

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI } SS
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 2, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.

Denny Hoskins

DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Extraordinary Session) HCS HJR 3]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

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.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to ballot measures, with penalty provisions.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adopting one new section, to be known as Section 54, to read as follows:

Section 54. 1. This section shall be known as the "Protect Missouri Voters" amendment.

2. For purposes of this section, a statewide ballot measure shall mean any measure submitted or proposed to be submitted to the voters of the state under articles III or XII of this constitution.

3. (1) No political committee that makes expenditures or contributions in support of or in opposition to a statewide ballot measure shall knowingly or willfully receive, solicit, or accept, whether directly or indirectly, contributions from a foreign adversary of the United States or a foreign national. No foreign adversary of the United States or a foreign national shall make any contribution or expenditure in support of or in opposition to a statewide ballot measure.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) A foreign adversary of the United States shall be defined as:

a. Any national, provincial, or local government or any entity that is directly or indirectly controlled or owned by a government or that directly or indirectly controls a government or a political party of a foreign country designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of State from the time such designation is published in the Federal Register until revoked; or

b. Any individual who is a citizen of a foreign country meeting the requirements of subparagraph a of paragraph (a) subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section and who is not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident;

(b) A foreign national shall be defined as any individual who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States of America.

(3) Any violation of this subsection shall be punishable by imprisonment for up to one year or a fine of up to one thousand dollars or both, plus an amount equal to three times the illegal contributions. The attorney general shall have exclusive criminal jurisdiction.

(4) The general assembly may by law:

(a) Enact laws to implement the restrictions of this subsection, or enact further restrictions to implement this subsection;

(b) Enact restrictions on foreign support for or opposition to Missouri ballot measures;

(c) Enact reporting requirements regarding foreign support for persons or committees that oppose or support ballot measures; and

(d) Provide for the investigation and enforcement of the provisions of any such enactments, or of this subsection including, but not limited to, criminal penalties or civil remedies.

4. (1) Any person who commits any of the following acts with respect to a petition on a statewide ballot measure is guilty of the crime of petition signature fraud:

(a) Signs any name other than his or her own to any petition, or who knowingly signs his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or who knows he or she is not at the time of signing or circulating the same a Missouri registered voter and a resident of this state;

(b) Intentionally submits petition signature sheets with the knowledge that the person whose name appears on the signature sheet did not actually sign the petition;

(c) Causes a voter to sign a petition other than the one the voter intended to sign;

(d) Forges or falsifies signatures; or

(e) Knowingly accepts or offers money or anything of value to another person in exchange for a signature on a petition.

(2) Any person who knowingly causes a petition circulator's signatures to be submitted for counting, and who either knows that such circulator has violated subsection 1 of this section or, after receiving notice of facts indicating that such person may have violated subsection 1 of this section, causes the signatures to be submitted with reckless indifference as to whether such circulator has complied with subsection 1 of this section, shall also be deemed to have committed the crime of petition signature fraud.

(3) The crime of petition signature fraud shall be punishable by imprisonment for up to one year or a fine of up to one thousand dollars or both. The attorney general shall have exclusive criminal jurisdiction to prosecute under this section.

5. At a reasonable time and place after an initiative petition is submitted with signatures and before a petition is placed on a ballot, the secretary of state or the secretary's designee shall conduct one or more in-person or web-based hearings to receive additional public comment regarding the purpose and effect of the proposed measure. Transcripts or summaries of the hearings shall be made available to the public no later than seven days after the hearing is conducted and before the petition is placed on the ballot.

6. Notwithstanding Sections 51 and 52(b) of this article and Article XII, Section 2 (b) of this constitution, statewide ballot measures to amend the constitution that are proposed by initiative petition are approved only if affirmative votes are cast by a majority of voters in each congressional district in effect at the time of the vote.

7. The full text of any statewide ballot measure proposed by the initiative shall be made available to each voter, either legibly printed on paper or in digital format, at the time a ballot is made available to the voter for voting. This requirement is in addition to, and does not replace, all other printings and displays of the full text and the ballot title required under this constitution or by law. The secretary of state is expressly authorized to promulgate rules consistent with rule making authority under Missouri law to implement and administer the provisions of this subsection.

8. The provisions of this section are self-executing. All of the provisions of this section are severable. If any provision of this section is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted, the remaining provisions of this section shall be and remain valid.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Stop foreign nationals and foreign adversaries of the United States from providing funding to influence ballot measure elections, and allow criminal prosecution of violators;
- Punish initiative petition signature fraud as a crime;
- Require public hearings be held to get public comment before initiative petitions are placed on the ballot;
- 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?"

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI } SS
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 4, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.

Denny Hoskins

DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 5

[Proposed by 103rd General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS SCS HCS HJR 173 & 174]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- **Require legislative phase-out of the individual state income tax based on revenue growth, and authorize the expansion of sales and use taxes;**
- **Curtail constitutional limits on taxing goods and services; and**
- **Require local tax rate cuts without reducing school funding if local sales tax revenue increases?**

The proposal has no direct impact on state or local tax revenue. If passed, implementing legislation will have an unknown impact to state and local tax revenue. If implemented, state government entities expect a reduction of $57,000 annually in income tax check-off donations and implementation costs of at least $100,000.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 4(d) and 26 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to taxation.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 4(d) and 26, Article X, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 4(d) and 26, to read as follows:

Section 4(d). **1.** In enacting any law imposing a tax on or measured by income, the general assembly may define income by reference to provisions of the laws of the United States as they may be or become effective at any time or from time to time, whether retrospective or prospective in their operation. The general assembly shall in any such law set the rate or rates of such tax. The general assembly may in so defining income make exceptions, additions, or modifications to any provisions of the laws of the United States so referred to and for retrospective exceptions or modifications to those provisions which are retrospective.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, the general assembly shall enact legislation to reduce and eliminate the state individual income tax by requiring reductions to the top rate of the individual income tax based on revenue growth until such tax is eliminated. Upon the elimination of the individual income tax, the general assembly shall be prohibited from enacting or imposing any state individual income tax.

Section 26. **1.** In order to prohibit an increase in the tax burden on the citizens of Missouri, state and local sales and use taxes (or any similar transaction-based tax) shall not be expanded to impose taxes on any service or transaction that was not subject to sales, use or similar transaction-based tax on January 1, 2015.

2. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, including subsection 1 of this section, for the purpose of reducing and eliminating the state individual income tax and reducing local tax rates, state and local sales and use taxes (or any similar transaction-based tax) may be expanded by legislation to impose taxes on transactions involving any goods and services. For the purposes of this section, the phrase "for the purpose of reducing and eliminating the state individual income tax and reducing local tax rates", with respect to legislation enacted by the general assembly, means that the legislation expressly states the general assembly's finding that such legislation will directly lead to the reduction and elimination of the state individual income tax as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, and will directly or indirectly lead to the reduction of local tax rates as provided in subsection 3 of this section.

(2) Any expansion of the sales and use tax base or increase in the state sales and use tax rate enacted for the purpose of reducing and eliminating the state individual income tax and reducing local tax rates shall be offset in the same legislation by a reduction in the top rate of individual income tax that reduces such tax revenues, less refunds, by an amount that is at least substantially equal to revenues generated by such expansion of the sales and use tax base or increase in the state sales and use tax rate, and, if such legislation is enacted within five years of the effective date of this amendment, shall not be considered new annual revenue for the purposes of Section 18 (e) of this Article and shall be exempt from the provisions of Article IV, Sections 30(b), 30(c), and 30(d) of this Constitution.

3. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, beginning twelve months from the effective date for legislation in which the general assembly expands the sales and use tax base pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, any political subdivision that imposes a sales or use tax shall, in the manner provided by law enacted by the general assembly, make a one-time adjustment to one or more of the following rates of tax imposed by the political subdivision to reduce the amount of revenue generated thereby in an amount that is substantially equal to ninety-seven percent of the additional revenue produced by any expansion of the sales and use tax base authorized by this section:

(a) The sales and use tax rate;

(b) The levy imposed on property in class 2;

(c) The levy imposed on property in subclass (1) of class 1;

(d) The levy imposed on all class 1 property if such political subdivision imposes a single rate of levy on all such property; or

(e) The rate of any tax imposed on earnings.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection to the contrary, no political subdivision shall adjust its local tax rates in a manner that results in any reduction in funding to any public schools within, or serving, such political subdivision.

4. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, beginning twelve months from the effective date for legislation in which the general assembly expands the sales and use tax base pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, each sales and use tax rate imposed directly by this constitution, with the exception of the rate imposed under Article XIV of this Constitution, shall, in the manner provided by law enacted by the general assembly, be adjusted in order to reduce the amount of tax in an amount substantially equal to the amount of tax produced by any sales and use tax base expansion authorized by this section. The state auditor shall be responsible for calculating the reduced rates that will go into effect as provided in this subsection.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Phase-out the individual income tax based on revenue growth;
- Reduce personal property and other local taxes when local revenues increase;
- Modify the sales and use tax to eliminate income tax and reduce local taxes; and
- Protect local funding for public schools and other purposes?".

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI } SS
Secretary of State

I, Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 5, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the fourth day of August, 2026.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.

Denny Hoskins

DENNY HOSKINS, CPA
Secretary of State