

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE COMMITTEE BILL NO. 10

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAUL (113).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 116.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 116.050, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 116.045 and 116.050, to read as follows:

116.045. Initiative and referendum petition signature pages shall be printed on a form by the secretary of state, which shall include all of the information and statements set forth in sections 116.030 and 116.040, as applicable, and comply with section 116.050. The form shall be made available in electronic format.

116.050. 1. Initiative and referendum petitions filed under the provisions of this chapter shall consist of pages of a uniform size. Each page, excluding the text of the measure, shall be no larger than eight and one-half by fourteen inches. Each page of an initiative petition shall be attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of the proposed measure. Each page of a referendum petition shall be attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of the measure on which the referendum is sought.

2. **The secretary of state shall collect a filing fee of three hundred fifty dollars for each initiative petition filed. Each fee collected under this section shall be placed in the petition trust fund created under subsection 4 of this section and established by the state treasurer and shall be refunded if the initiative petition qualifies for the ballot. The refund shall be made not later than one month after the occurrence of the election at which the measure appeared on the ballot. An additional filing fee of twenty-five dollars shall be collected for each page of text of the measure in excess of ten pages.**

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.

14 **3.** The full and correct text of all initiative and referendum petition measures shall:

15 (1) Contain all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in
16 brackets and all new matter shown underlined;

17 (2) Include all sections of existing law or of the constitution which would be repealed
18 by the measure; and

19 (3) Otherwise conform to the provisions of Article III, Section 28 and Article III, Section
20 50 of the Constitution and those of this chapter.

21 **4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Petition Trust Fund",**
22 **which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be**
23 **custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer**
24 **may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and money in the fund**
25 **shall be used solely by the secretary of state for the purpose of refunding fees collected**
26 **under this section.**

27 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
28 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall revert to the credit of the general
29 revenue fund.

30 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other
31 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited
32 to the fund.

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