



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in Support of this Bill. I Feel That This Bill is Unnecessary and a Duplication of of the Missouri State Constitution for Elections, Chapter 115 of the Revised State Statues and Promulgated Rules of the Missouri Secretary of State. We Have These Protections into Law. Again this Bill is Unnecessary and a Duplication of Existing Laws!



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Dear Chairman Shaul and Members of the Election Committee: The Freedom Principle STL submits this testimony in support of HJR 131. The right to vote is essential to our American democracy. For almost 250 years, Americans have gone to the voting booth to choose one candidate for a specific office. HJR 131 protects the one-person-one-vote standard and will prevent the efforts of dark money funded groups like Better Elections MO from implementing Rank Choice Voting in Missouri. Groups like Better Elections MO is promoting Rank Choice Voting as a change to our current election process and give voters more options and decrease partisan extremism. It sounds good, but it is a fairy tale. Rank Choice Voting is literally RANK! Rank Choice Voting doesn't eliminate negative campaigns, but it does disenfranchise voters. Rank Choice Voting creates ballot exhaustion. Rank Choice Voting takes away a voter's one-person-one-vote and instead forces them to rank all candidates from favorite to least favorite. If no candidate gets more than 50% of votes based on voters' first choice, an "instant runoff" takes place. This forces voters to strategize through hypothetical third, fourth, or fifth rounds of elimination rather than focusing on their first choice among top candidates. Our election process was shaken to its core in 2020. The right to vote and the right to have that vote counted is essential to election integrity. Missouri residents must have confidence in the electoral systems, processes, and results. HJR 131 protects the integrity of our elections, and we urge the Committee to approve. The Freedom Principle STL is a Pro-America, Pro-St. Louis Region, Pro-Capitalism and Pro-Individual Liberty, membership-based organization working to engage citizens who have become disenfranchised with the current policies enacted by our progressive government leaders.



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All ballots should be paper and individual must be Americans citizen to vote. Proof of registered voters mandatory



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No rank choice voting for Missouri.			



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Paper Ballots only in all cases, except Military Personnel and others who cannot make it to their home poll.



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I support this legislation. One man one vote has always been a foundational precept. Voting is NOT a listing of preferences; it is one specific choice.



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“The use of paper ballots in our elections is more critical now more than ever. The State of MO is currently in violation of Federal law, and was also in our 2020 election, due to the use of non accredited or expired lab accreditations for our voting machines. The EAC, which has been deemed the Federal Election Authority can not be trusted to follow HAVA laws regarding our election machines.” THIS LAW MUST PASS for Missouri to have free, transparent and fair elections.



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Missouri's initiative petition process has been working for the people to get the opportunity to say what they want about MO constitution and MO laws. It has worked for 100 years and yet this legislature believes it needs to change. There is an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" The citizens of MO have the right to speak out on specific issues as they arise, new circumstances and new needs for the state. Let the people speak when the need arises. Don't change anything about how we Missourians can use the initiative petition process to move our state forward.



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I oppose this bill as adding additional burdens on the voting process.



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This bill erases the rights and freedom to submit public referendums that have the purpose of presenting voter choices without fear of having the legislature override those petitions. The people have chosen to move toward ranked-choice to limit the number of people one party can place on a ballot and to allow other parties representation on ballots when those candidates have won primary elections.



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Missouri Voter Protection Coalition opposes HJR 131. This is a proposed constitutional amendment to modify Art. VIII of the Missouri constitution to clarify that: (i) only US citizens are allowed to vote (which is already the case), (ii) that voters may only cast a single vote for each candidate or issue; and (iii) that the political party candidate receiving the most votes in a primary will be the only candidate for that party in the general election. MOVPC opposes this resolution on grounds that it would needlessly further restrict voter participation in primary elections, and appears designed to counter the growing movement towards greater openness and less partisanship in primary elections. We should be looking at models that further open participation, not constrict it. Denise Lieberman, Director & General Counsel
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HJR 131 is not needed and redundant



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I'd expect MO conservatives to apply "show me" and "if it ain't broke, dont fix it." To my knowledge, there has been no showing that the Missouri election laws are broken in any way. Rather, what I see, and vigorously oppose, is a crew of trumpsucking, cowardly GOP legislators bent on making voting more difficult, in hopes of silencing voices of a growing minority population more inclined to vote Democratic. Instead of blocking votes, the GOP should be attempting to persuade minority voters to support GOP candidates--something highly unlikely as long as minority voters see the GOP as supporting voter suppression!



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Please do not pass this bill out of committee. It is overreaching, dictating partisanship in all future elections by enshrining this dictate into the constitution. For example, what if no candidate receives 50%? In fact, what if there were many candidates, with 2 or three top candidates but each under 30%? Certainly, voters should have more opportunity to decide who would best represent them. To ensure this, some states have run-offs. Some use rank choice voting. In these days of polarization, we need to make sure we have representatives who are willing to work hard to represent all of their constituents.



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March 2, 2022 Representative Dan Shaul Elections and Elected Officials Committee Missouri House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 313-1 Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Shaul and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Joint Resolution No. 131 seeks to stifle Missourians' voice in politics by preemptively dictating what they can say with their vote. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to oppose HJR 131. The bill language states that "voters cast a single vote for each office or issue" and that a "winner of any political party primary election be the only candidate for that political party on the ballot." This is clearly a legislative maneuver designed to prevent the future implementation of other voting conventions, such as ranked-choice voting, which would allow the top candidates, regardless of political affiliation, to appear on the ballot. Trying to put in place rules that would prevent rank-choice voting or disregard for political affiliation is an example of the legislature trying to exert undue influence on the votes, and therefore voice, of the people of Missouri. Once again, Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully asks you to vote "no" on HJR 131 in order to preserve the right of Missourians to voice their opinions by voting. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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there is no reason to make it harder for people to vote. it's already hard enough in MO to vote. don't make it worse.



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HJR 131 is an example of the General Assembly's ability to fight back against initiative petitions it does not like. It is clearly an effort to give the voters an alternative to the rank choice voting initiative petition.