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**I am Full Opposition to this Bill and Proposed State Constitutional Amendment. Is This A Joke? What An Insult to the Intelligence of Each and Every Missourian. This is Unrealistic and Unattainable. This is Power Hungry Elected Officials Trying to Control their Destiny and Screw the Great Residents of Missouri. The Power and Insults have Gone to Your Heads!**



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**This anti-democratic bill will reduce the influence of citizens in our state's political process, and thereby will give even more power to lobbyists, many of whom are funded by sources outside of Missouri**



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The initiative petition process gives Missourians an opportunity to change the law or constitution by directly voting on the issue. They do not have to pass the ballot issue, but it gives them the opportunity to choose. HJR 133 is another version of "Missourians should not have the right to have a say in how they are governed." It is interesting that only the legislature is pushing additional hurdles to putting an initiative petition on the ballot. The citizens of Missouri are not up in arms about making initiative petitions more expensive or harder to get on the ballot or increasing the threshold for passage – **ONLY THE LEGISLATORS ARE CLAMMERING FOR THESE CHANGES.** Let the people speak through the initiative process. Do not add burdens that take away this right from the people. HJR 133 is only designed to silence Missourians. Legislators don't have to abide by the same standards and that is unacceptable.



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Everything in this constitutional amendment makes it harder and harder for any citizen led ballot initiatives to get passed. This is absolutely weakening our democracy. And there is no valid reason that issue placed on the ballot by the legislature can pass with LESS votes needed than the ballot initiative petitions that come directly to the people.



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The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), guided by Jewish values, advocates, educates, collaborates and mobilizes action on issues important to the Jewish community, 60,000 strong in St. Louis. We are committed to pursuing religious tolerance, civic discourse and social justice in St. Louis and beyond. The Sage Hillel taught "Al tifros min hatzibur," Do not separate yourself from the community (Pirke Avot 2:5). Moreover, it is our responsibility to play an active role in our community and in choosing its leaders. Rabbi Yitzhak taught that "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Babylonian Talmud Berachot 55a). Rabbi Yitzhak further explained that in the Torah, Bezalel could be chosen to build the Tabernacle only with the community's approval. This deeply embedded ethic of political participation has guided Jews to enthusiastically participate in the American electoral process. This Resolution makes it difficult for our people and all people in our state to influence the policy making process. The new standard proposed for passage of citizen amendments, based on voter registration and turnout, will make it nearly impossible for passage of such amendments. This effectively takes power away from the people. Further this Resolution created and dual and unfair standard, allowing the general assembly to maintain the existing status quo of a simple majority, for its proposed amendments to move forward. As people of faith, we oppose any efforts that challenge citizens' ability to participate in the electoral process and promote policy changes. We ask you to oppose HJR 133.



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Former U.S. Attorney General, Senator, and Missouri Governor John Ashcroft said in 1992, “It is through the initiative petition process that those who have no influence with elective representatives may take their cause directly to the people. The General Assembly should be reluctant, therefore, to enact legislation that places any impediments on the initiative power which are inconsistent with the reservation found in the Constitution.” The passage of HJR 133 would hamper Missourians’ ability to exercise their right to contribute directly to legislation. HJR 133 enacts such impediments by creating a double standard between citizen-initiated and politician-initiated constitutional amendments. Citizen-initiated petitions require over 300,000 signatures from Missourians to appear on the ballot, while legislative ballot referrals require less than 100 votes. Over the last century, the Missouri legislature has referred over four times as many constitutional amendments to the ballot as the people of Missouri have. Furthermore, if HJR 133 was passed, the legislature is saying they should be held to a lower standard than the people by only needing a majority of votes cast to pass their initiatives while the people would need the majority of registered voters to not only vote, but also vote favorably for their petitions in order for them to pass. Voter turnout and participation fluctuates significantly from year to year and race to race. Added to that, Missouri lacks investments in our current voting system that would encourage consistent, high turnout across elections, including statewide early voting, automatic voter registration, and more. The principle laid out by former Gov. John Ashcroft stands true to this day. Participating in direct democracy is the people’s constitutional right, and it must be protected and maintained. We cannot strengthen our state and Missouri communities by diminishing the power of the people. As representatives of people across the state of Missouri, it is your duty to empower your constituents and their voices. Supporting this legislation would do the exact opposite. It would create the idea that everyday Missourians should not have as much say in the laws that govern them compared to those elected to office. It sends the message that everyday Missourians do not know what is best for themselves and should be held to a different standard than those in office. State legislators are a reflection of the people they serve — not a body of all power, authority, and intelligence. Missouri Health Care for All is opposed to the proposed changes put forth in HJR 133, and we strongly recommend that committee members vote ‘no’ on this proposal and any others that would obstruct Missourians’ ability to use the initiative petition process and participate in creating the laws that govern them.





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Regarding HJR133, requiring an initiative petition to pass by half of the registered voters renders any passage difficult in the extreme. For example, if there is a 50% turnout of registered voters, all 100% of them must vote for the initiative petition in order for it to pass. Obviously, an impossibility. All elections are won or lost by those who are motivated enough to turn out and vote on the issues that are of concern to the electorate. Those who stay home are obviously not interested enough, and it is ridiculous to count their numbers in any decision that is made by those who do vote.



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**I oppose this legislation and all legislation that attempts to create greater hurdles to the Initiative Petition Process.**



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Missouri voters have enjoyed the ability to use Initiative Petitions to pass laws the MAJORITY of voters want. To make this process harder by requiring all congressional districts to participate and raising the number of signatures needed is heavy handed and should not pass. Amendments proposed by the general assembly would maintain the simple majority vote to pass, creating a two-tiered and unfair system. This could lead to confusion and bizarre results. For an election with 50 percent voter turnout, 100 percent of voters would have to support the proposal for it to pass. An election with less than 50% voter turnout could never result in passage. This could lead to confusion and bizarre results. Our legislative body is to represent the people. We elect you, we pay you, we provide great benefits and you should be doing the will of the people, not blocking their majority. And stop telling us we don't know what we voted for!



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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition HJR 133. This resolution proposes changing the threshold for passage of a proposed citizen lead constitutional amendment in confusing ways that create bizarre results, while leaving the current threshold for legislatively-proposed amendments. This would have the affect of generating confusing and silencing the voices of Missouri's everyday citizens. Currently, proposed citizen amendments pass by a majority of votes cast. This resolution proposes requiring passage by at least half of the total number of registered voters, based on total number of eligible voters in the most recent preceding election. In contrast, amendments proposed by the general assembly would maintain the simple majority vote to pass, creating a two-tiered and unfair system. This would lead to confusion and bizarre results. For an election with 50 percent voter turnout 100 percent of voters would have to support the proposal for it to pass. An election with less than 50% voter turnout could never result in passage. This means that measures adopted by a majority of voters would still not pass. Measures that capture a signifiant majority - even a supermajority - of votes cast would not pass muster in a lower-turnout election. For more than a century, access to the citizen initiative process has allowed for a voter engagement on a range issues by Missouri voters across the political spectrum - conservative, progressive and everything in between. The citizen initiative process provides a manner for direct participation. It promotes civic engagement and encourages citizens to discuss issues with one another. It promotes accountability between the government and the governed. But for this potential to be realized, it must be actual — by not erecting undue barriers to participation. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." Missouri's initiative petition process allows its citizens to effectuate the the Constitution's guarantee and ensures the ability for all Missourians to have a voice in their government. Lawmakers should applaud Missouri's initiative process and eschew efforts to make direct participation more difficult and elusive for Missouri's citizens. Denise Lieberman, Director & General Counsel MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION 6047 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112 denise@movpc.org (314) 780-1833



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HJR 133 just seems like a bad idea to me. It creates a two-tiered and unfair system with one system for citizen initiative constitutional amendments and another for legislatively-proposed amendments. HJR 133 should be rejected.



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The initiative process is a way for all citizens of the state to have a voice in which bills come before the people. Limiting this process by raising the numbers required to place a proposal on the ballot is a way to limit public participation in our government in Missouri.



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My name is Elizabeth Franklin, Plattsburg MO and I am submitting the following regarding House Joint Resolution No 133. I do not support this House Joint Resolution and am respectively submitting testimony in opposition. Missouri has had a citizen petition initiative process for over 100 years and voter confidence is high for laws passed through the petition process. The ballot initiative process is rigorous. Currently only 40% of the constitutional amendments placed on the ballot via citizen petition initiative have passed, proof that the process is demanding and requires much thought by Missouri voters and exceedingly hard work by interest groups who want an initiative on the ballot. The proposed change for passage of citizen petition constitutional amendments from a majority of votes cast to a majority of REGISTERED voters is not realistic. This legislation could result in the following scenario: if 10,000 voters are registered when an initiative is placed on the ballot, 5001 must vote to pass this initiative. That means if 4000 total votes are CAST, the passage of the constitutional amendment is impossible even if 100% of those who CAST a vote support the measure. Moreover, the two-tier system whereby the General Assembly can place a constitutional amendment on the ballot and passage requires majority of votes CAST, NOT the majority of registered voters is simply despicable. This very clearly says to Missourians that the citizen-initiated constitutional amendments proposals need "more scrutiny", and an unreasonably high level of votes as if citizen ideas are not as worthy as those of the General Assembly. Is this the message the General Assembly wants to send to your constituents? HJR 133 clearly sends this message. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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**This is another attempt to disable the Citizen Initiative Petition Process. It increases the threshold for a ballot initiative passage to the majority of all registered voters, rather than the majority of votes cast. This is an impossible number. We should "oppose this legislation and all legislation that attempts to create greater hurdles to the Initiative Petition Process."**





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I oppose HJR 133 because it imposes an extraordinary burden for passage of a citizen initiative. Requiring a majority of all registered voters rather than a majority of voters for passage of a citizen initiative creates an insurmountable burden for passage by voters. It is also an unfair burden compared to the legislature's ability to pass a constitutional amendment with only a majority of votes.



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**Please don't make citizens' initiatives any harder. But you could require a certain portion of the people gathering signatures be volunteers, to put a check on commercial interests.**



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Good Day,I am a Golden Life member of both the NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sisterhood founded on Christian principles. I have visited the Missouri Capitol several times over the years. Specifically, I traveled from Kansas City as part of our Social Action Committee's annual Delta Days at the Missouri State Capital and more recently as an advocate of Medicaid Expansion. Delta was founded in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, DC. Our first social action was marching down Pennsylvania Avenue for women's suffrage soon thereafter. Communities Creating Opportunities and other faith-based and community organizations sponsored bus trips to the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City in support of Medicaid Expansion for citizens caught in the Affordable Health Care gap.I was impressed with the historic art of the edifice and accessibility to the legislative process. The hallowed halls were lined with pictures of public servants I respect such as Senator Yvonne Wilson and Representatives Mary Groves Bland, Bill Gray, Jackie McGee and others. These and others live up to their title, The Honorable.Years before, I wrote to The Honorable Governor John Ashcroft who went on to serve as US Senator and US Attorney General. I urged him to sign the bill on his desk passed by the a progressive Missouri House and Senate to divest Missouri funds in an international response to apartheid in South Africa and then enforce the law he signed when the MOSERS Board refused to comply almost 5 years later. I was surprised, both times, he did the honorable thing after I appealed to him citing Old Testament references in the name of Jesus. I supposed as a Republican, he would not sign the Democratic led divestment bill into law. Little did I know, he was the son of a Pentecostal preacher and was not Jewish as I assumed. I try to leave judging people to the Lord God Almighty now.Bishop Desmond Tutu visited UMKC and praised Missouri's forward thinking in this important fight for human rights. Divestment did not cost the state any money as was predicted. In fact, funds increased. Nelson Mandela was subsequently released from prison after 27 years and went on to vote for the first time in a presidential election he won. GLORY TO GOD.I still do not understand how Medicaid Expansion could not pass the Missouri legislature. How could a reasonable group of people refuse federal funding to comply with federal law? This was in deference to public health! Many have benefited from Affordable Health Care (aka, Obama Care). Missouri is now one of 38 Medicaid Expansion states.THE PETITION INITIATIVE PROCESS MUST BE MAINTAINED AS IS. It is an important check to the partisan politics I saw evident in Medicaid Expansion. The failure of the Missouri legislature to act in the best interests of our citizenry that time was countered by this process to get the issue on the ballot and passed with the current percentage of signatures in the current number of Congressional Districts with the current simple majority. HJR31, 34, 79 and 133 are not in the best interests of our democratic process. The process which already requires a high thresh hold of signatures has served us well. A two-thirds majority on any ballot decision or election is unrealistic. How many legislators could garner 2/3 of the vote from their home constituencies?Amazed by His Grace,Sis. Getta R. Hall (pronounced "G" as in

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**This bill aims to make it all but impossible for Missouri citizens to get propositions onto the ballot in our state. Several great things have come from this process such as expansion of Medicaid, and the current process should not be changed; if anything the restrictions should be lessened.**



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**This is another attempt to disable the Citizen Initiative Petition Process. It increases the threshold for a ballot initiative passage to the majority of all registered voters, rather than the majority of votes cast. This is an impossible number. We should "oppose this legislation and all legislation that attempts to create greater hurdles to the Initiative Petition Process." I oppose this legislation.**





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**I support a majority of votes cast over a majority of registered voters. Those whom choose not to participate in voting have made their decision to remain neutral.**



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The initiative petition process is a way for the people to fight back when the Missouri Legislature fails to act in our best interest, and the process is already difficult enough. This bill would render the IPP nearly impossible and is an infringement on Missourians' constitutional rights.



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Chairman Shaul and members of the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee: The Sierra Club, Missouri Chapter opposes House Joint Resolution 133. The proposed changes to the citizen initiative process would make the participation of ordinary Missouri citizens almost impossible. All The While leaving the current threshold for legislatively-proposed amendments highlights a lack of fairness in our state's political system. We must keep political participation fair for all Missouri citizens, and this Resolution actively pushes Missourians out of this process. The initiative petition process is a 114-year-old tradition of passing crucial amendments to the constitution across partisan lines. Missouri voters trust the ballot initiative process, and we can't have politicians and special interest groups undermine that trust. Citizen-led initiatives improve the quality of life for many people in our state, and allow us to make laws that reflect the will of Missouri voters. The legislature should follow the will of the people, instead of attempting to grab power by limiting our ability to make decisions for ourselves. The Missouri Sierra Club represents 13,000 Missouri members across the state who advocate for conservation, environmental and social justice, and democracy through grassroots efforts. We believe that every voter should have the all tools to exert their constitutional right to be involved in our democracy. The proposals in House Joint Resolution 133 are unnecessary and harmful as they will impede on Missourians ability to participate in Missouri's 100+ year old constitutional right.. We urge you to vote No on HJR 133.



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This would weaken the people's ability to pass important ballot initiatives. Perhaps this could be a discussion if we made it easier for people to vote: automatic registration, same day registration, election day holiday, etc



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February 25, 2022 at 4:00 a.m. Missouri could be looking to spend additional resources on elections this year. Several expected ballot measures, more absentee ballots and conducting the 2022 August primary and November midterm elections will increase costs this year, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft said. Morning Updates Sign up for Morning Updates daily newsletter and stay informed on the top NewsTribune.com stories. Email Address Ashcroft presented the Secretary of State Office's budget requests for the 2023 fiscal year, which begins July 1, to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday morning. The secretary of state largely stuck to the budget requests Gov. Mike Parson laid out in his executive budget, which totals \$38 million for elections. One of the largest costs will be proportionally reimbursing local election authorities for the cost of running elections that involve statewide candidates, statewide ballot measures, and state senators or representatives. Since 2018, the Secretary of State's Office has been required to reimburse for the proportional cost of administering those elections if the Legislature appropriates the funds. The executive budget provides \$6.3 million of general revenue to reimburse local authorities for this year's elections. Ashcroft is also requesting \$4.2 million in general revenue from the supplemental budget to reimburse local election authorities for the state's share of 2020 election costs. That \$4.2 million would be added to \$2.1 million in federal funds the department has saved. The Legislature didn't appropriate the funds in 2020 amid COVID-19 concerns. Ashcroft and Parson are also asking for the usual \$4.28 million standing appropriation for the Election Administration Improvement fund, which currently sits around \$22 million. Ashcroft said the fund is used to pay for material election costs, maintenance of the state's centralized voter registration system and grants to local election authorities, but not the state's share of election costs sent to local authorities. The entire fund isn't spent each year to better manage election costs, Ashcroft said. It also ensures the Secretary of State's Office has some money on hand if the state has to call special elections in any given year. "Every year we ask for a little bit more than we think we're going to need, and then in every four years, we try not to ask for as much and use the balance we've built up for the presidential preference primary," he said. The Secretary of State's Office has never spent its full Election Administration Improvement fund appropriation from the state. In addition to money to reimburse local election authorities and the usual appropriation to the Election Improvement fund, Ashcroft is requesting \$5.25 million to publish public notices of statewide ballot measures in the media. He's expecting there to be several. "We know that there will be an HJR (House Joint Resolution) dealing with how the treasurer may make investments, we think it's plausible there will be a marijuana IP (Initiative Petition) of some sort," Ashcroft said. "Potentially ranked choice voting, legalizing of sports gaming, and school choice are all initiative petitions that appear like they have money and organization behind them, so that's why we're asking for \$5.25 million I'm afraid." Ashcroft suggested the lawmakers also grant his office up to 10 percent flexibility with the funds in the event costs aren't that high. He said the additional funds would go to support libraries

around the state. Another major election expense will be reimbursing local election authorities for the cost of absentee ballots and mailing them to voters. Ashcroft said his office usually requests \$70,000 for absentee ballots in a normal year, but this year his office is requesting an additional \$130,000. He said he's not expecting voters to use absentee ballots as much as they did during the 2020 election, but the usual \$70,000 likely won't be enough. The state spent roughly \$477,000 on absentee ballots during the 2020 election cycle, Ashcroft said, which came from a combination of state and federal dollars. The price to mail a single ballot can vary from the price of the stamp to more than \$2 depending on the area, Ashcroft said. The state has also received more than \$15 million in federal grants to improve election security, Ashcroft said, which is included in the Election Administration Improvement fund. "We're using those for election security, and we're using those to send in the whitehat hackers to every election authority that will allow us — it's their choice — then we're providing grants for them to buy equipment or services they feel they need to make sure they're properly secure," Ashcroft said. He said the state is also paying third-party groups to watch election systems in local jurisdictions that permit it. Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee asked about whether the secretary of state's budget provides him with the resources to audit local election authorities. The Legislature has historically granted the secretary of state's office flexibility within its core budget, but Ashcroft said they haven't used it. He said he's still asking for that flexibility in his office's core budget, but he would seek approval from the General Assembly before directing funds for election audits and other unappropriated functions. But, he said, his office could probably use its Election Administration Improvement fund to complete audits. In addition to election costs, Ashcroft's budget requests include continued funding to support the governor's 5.5 percent pay increase for state employees, funding to continue previous pay raises and several million for state libraries. An earlier version of this story incorrectly stated how much the Secretary of State's Office is requesting for election costs and election staffing. The executive budget provides \$38.3 million that can be spent on elections, but the office has never used its full elections appropriation.



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**I oppose this bill**





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The initiative petition process is fundamental to the exercise of democracy. There is no need to make it nearly impossible for citizens to petition their government to address issues that the legislature will not address. Please oppose this bill.



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Marilyn McLeod, President, League of Women Voters of Missouri LWVMO is opposed to HJR 133 (Davidson). This measure would effectively curtail the right of Missouri citizens to use the initiative petition process by requiring such petitions to be approved by a majority of registered voters in the state. This is very different than approval of a measure by a majority vote by the people who take the time to vote in an election. Although it is always possible that a majority of registered voters might vote in an election, this measure would require a majority vote approval by a majority of registered voters. This would be almost impossible to achieve. Yet, this HJR allows Constitutional Amendments proposed by the General Assembly to pass by a simple majority in an election. This means that only about 100 members of the legislature can pass a bill to put on a statewide ballot and then require only a simple majority to pass; while signatures of hundreds of thousands of citizens are required to put a citizen initiative on a statewide ballot and then require a majority vote by a majority of registered voters, whether they vote or not. Any election with less than a majority of registered voters actually voting would mean that a measure would automatically fail. The hypocrisy of this unfair system is unconscionable. This bill effectively shuts down the voice of the people and should be voted down.



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I am opposed to making it so difficult for citizens to access their right to petition the government in a direct manner. The threshold is too high and would render it nearly impossible for a citizen petition to reach those numbers, especially since it is based on voters registered instead of turnout in an election. For an election with 50 percent voter turnout, 100 percent of voters would have to support the proposal for it to pass. An election with less than 50% voter turnout could never result in passage. It seems to me the threshold should be higher for the elected officials to place an issue on the ballot since they already have the ability to pass a bill. Furthermore, launching this kind of effort would only be feasible for very well funded national based organizations. Not a true citizen effort, to say the least. Please vote no on this bill. Democracy works best best when it works for all of us and is the key to a stable society.



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HJR 133 is absurd! Some bills make it harder to get enough signatures of registered voters and some bills require a supermajority instead of a simple majority vote among those who voted on a ballot issue. Aren't those enough to satisfy your need to kill off the Initiative Petition process? Now HJR 133 would require a ballot issue that comes from The People win the approval of--not just the citizens who vote "yes" on the bill--all the registered voters!! Everyone knows that voter turnout is good if it's near 50%. Why not just introduce a JR to eliminate the Initiative Process? That is in effect what all these bills are trying to do. I strongly oppose HJR 133!!



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March 9, 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, The 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. 133 seeks to weaken Missourians' power by making it significantly harder to approve proposed constitutional amendments that are initiated by Missouri citizens who wish to improve their health and living conditions. For this reason, we respectfully ask that you oppose HJR 133. HJR 133 specifically seeks to modify Article XII Section 2(b) of the Missouri Constitution to require a majority of registered voters to approve constitutional amendments that arise from initiative petitions, which differs from the current requirement of a majority of votes cast. This would make it significantly more difficult for Missourians to pass amendments that could meaningfully improve their lives. The Missouri Secretary of State reported that there were 4.34 million registered voters in Missouri at the time of the 2020 general election, and the state saw a record turnout of 3.03 million votes cast. Even with this record turnout, a constitutional amendment would require 72% of those votes to favor the amendment in order to meet the criterion outlined in HJR 133. Of all the petition-initiated constitutional amendments that were on the ballot from 2000-2020, 60% passed with a simple majority but only 13.3% would have passed if they required a majority of the number of voters registered during the 2020 election. (1, 2) When you factor in the likelihood that most elections will not have the turnout of the 2020 election, it becomes obvious that this resolution would make it nearly impossible to amend the constitution through the initiative petition process. In addition, it is clear that HJR 133 is an attempt to slow the recent wave of amendments that Missouri's citizens have directly proposed. From 2000-2015, only 23% of proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot were initiated through the petition process. (1, 2) However, from 2016-2022, 50% of such amendments have been initiated by a petition. (2) It is apparent that Missourians have chosen to engage more directly in the legislative process in recent years due to frustration with the bureaucracy in Jefferson City, but HJR 133 seeks to punish them for it. We urge you to take a long-term view and think about what is best for Missouri's citizens, as well as the state's democratic processes. Once again, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment asks you to vote "no" on HJR 133 in order to preserve the right of Missourians to pass life-improving amendments with a majority of votes cast. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111 Sources: (1): Valentine, David C., "Constitutional Amendments, Statutory Revision and Referenda Submitted to the Voters by the General Assembly or by Initiative Petition, 1910-2010". Missouri Legislative Academy Institute of Public Policy Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, December 2010. pp. 8-9. University of Missouri. (2): [https://ballotpedia.org/List\\_of\\_Missouri\\_ballot\\_measures](https://ballotpedia.org/List_of_Missouri_ballot_measures)



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**I oppose this amendment as I do not believe in Authoritarian One Party Rule.**



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**I am in opposition of this legislation because it creates a larger hurdle to implement the will of the people**



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Please vote NO on this bill. It seeks to severely limit the ability of taxpaying voters to bring forth initiative petitions to place issues of importance to US, the voters, on the ballot. No way should legislators make it harder for people to do this. It is hard enough already. It is our right to exercise our rights, to enjoy our freedom to fully participate in this democracy. Making it harder is anti-democracy behavior. Do not do to us what so many of you say you are against being done to Americans. Don't trample on freedom!





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This bill is an unabashed power grab by the legislature. While specifically stating that Amendment proposed by the by the General Assembly will continue to be passed by a simple majority vote, it increases the hurdle for amendments proposed by the PEOPLE to a majority of REGISTERED VOTERS. I know of no other current legislation which requires a majority or any other portion of REGISTERED VOTERS to pass. If there is such legislation, it is very rare. This legislature would encourage people to stay home and not vote if they do not like a ballot issue. This is contrary to everything a democracy is built on. This bill has nothing in it for voters, it is a simply a way for legislators to silence the voice of their constituents. Why are legislators afraid of letting the voters vote?



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The joint resolution requires a majority of all registered voters to vote for the approval of any future constitutional amendment submitted by the initiative petition, regardless of the percentage of those actually voting on the measure who vote in favor. This requirement creates a strange incentive that will discourage some eligible and interested voters from voting on the measure. The provision makes the votes of those oppose a measure irrelevant, since the number or fraction of those voting in opposition does not affect its approval. The Association supports removing barriers for eligible citizens to vote and participate politically. The initiative petition process is already a significant and challenging effort. The Association is concerned that this change would act to discourage voting, and may cause the initiative petition process to no longer be a realistic option for Missouri citizens to bring issues of concern forward for public consideration.



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**There's no reason the bar for citizen led initiative petitions should be higher than the bar for legislature led constitutional amendments. This is restricting the freedom of the people of Missouri. VOTE NO!**



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CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64110</b>
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Testimony opposing House Joint Resolution 133, Patricia Bartholome, League of Women Voters of Kansas City, 816-531-5278, pbartholome50@gmail.com. HJR 133 is clearly designed to reduce the opportunity of Missouri voters to take part in the legislative process. It sets an unrealistic bar by requiring a passage of a citizen-initiated ballot issue by a majority of registered voters, a number that would be virtually impossible to meet. This valuable and trusted process is not easy and the record affirms that, with only 28 out of 69 citizen-initiated Constitutional Amendments having been approved. This amendment cannot be viewed as anything other than a measure to dissuade citizens from using the initiative petition which is a sacred right afforded to the citizens of this state. The League of Women Voters opposed bill HRJ 133. Thank you.



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To the Honorable Members of the Committee I hereby submit, in writing the following testimony: My name is Patricia O'Roark and I am writing to urge you in the strongest terms possible to resist any attempt to change the Initiative Process which is currently in the Missouri Constitution. I am unable to go to Jefferson City to testify in person. But it is important that you know how strongly I feel about this attempt to effectively eliminate the initiative process in the state of Missouri. I have over the years participated in initiative process campaigns and I want you to know that it is not an easy matter to bring a measure to the ballot box under current rules. I'm not arguing that the process should be easier, but to make the rules and standards so much harder is to effectively eliminate it. Please, do not pass HJR 133 out of committee. This measure would require a majority of all registered voters to vote for the approval of any future constitutional amendment submitted by initiative petition initiated by the people regardless of the percentage of those voting on the measure who vote in favor. Think about it. There are 4.6 million persons registered to vote. If this bill passes, future measures that reach the ballot box through the initiative process would require approximately 2.4 (51%) million votes in favor before the measure would be considered passed. If the turnout is less than 50% of registered voters then the measure would fail, even if 100% of voters vote in favor. Put another way, in an election with 50% turnout, 100% would have to vote in favor of the amendment. This is nuts. This measure would cause the initiative petition process to no longer be a realistic option for Missouri citizens to bring issues of concern forward for public consideration. Furthermore, HJR133 creates a double standard in that, while initiatives instigated by the people require over 50% of registered voters in the entire state, the General Assembly can secure amendments to our Constitution with a mere majority of the those who vote. There is no basis for this double standard, and it should not stand. I oppose HJR 133 and urge you not to pass it out of committee. Further, I urge you not to support any changes to the Constitution related to Article XII related to initiatives instigated by the people. The people need this right to participate directly in our democracy, especially when we feel unheard in Jefferson City.



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**This bill is an attack on Missourians. For a century, we the people of Missouri have had equal power as the legislature when it comes to the threshold that must be met to have constitutional amendments take effect. There is no reason aside from petty power mongering and fear of the people that drives this bill. Vote no.**



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Another law making it more difficult for the citizens of Missouri to have their voices heard. If the majority of Missourians do not agree with citizen led amendments on the ballot, they can vote them down. They should have that choice.





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I am opposed to HJR 133 for multiple reasons. Foremost is opposition to the Legislature's changing citizens' right to petition in any way. Also, this resolution creates a two-tiered method for amending our Constitution that disrespects citizens' democratic participation in government and would make it, essentially, impossible for them to succeed. This two-tiered criteria would create considerable confusion about requirements for passage. It was stated in an earlier hearing that things proposed by the Legislature are more thoroughly researched and vetted than those proposed by citizens. This is a gross and insulting underestimation of Missouri's citizens and our informed participation in government. An irony of the Legislature's mania to change the initiative petition process is that citizens would have less need to proceed with these measures if our legislators would listen and address problems that are truly essential to the quality of life in Missouri.



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**I oppose this legislation and all legislation that attempts to create greater hurdles to the Initiative Petition Process.**



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**This unAmerican resolution transparently seeks to silence the voice of The People by making the initiative petition process harder than it already is.**



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**I oppose this legislation and all legislation that attempts to create greater hurdles to the Initiative Petition Process.**



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**Stop messing with our ability to enact the people's will. You won't do your jobs so we will take it into our own hands.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TORI SCHAFER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MISSOURI</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>906 OLIVE STREET</b>			
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**HJR 133 is attempt to stop the people's access to direct democracy. The ACLU opposes this bill in its entirety.**





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**This is another attempt to disable the Citizen Initiative Petition Process. It increases the threshold for a ballot initiative passage to the majority of all registered voters, rather than the majority of votes cast. This is an impossible number. We should "oppose this legislation and all legislation that attempts to create greater hurdles to the Initiative Petition Process."**