



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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I am 100% Opposed to this Awful Bill, Attempting to Erode Our State Constitution and OUR Sacred and important Elections by taking the Courts Right of Judicial Ballot Review and the Lanes of Three (3) Bodies of Government that Keep One Another In Check and Balanced. This Bill NEEDS to be Defeated and is Highly Unconstitutional. If Passed, I Will Gladly Challenge this Illegal and Unconstitutional Law in the State Courts.



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| WITNESS NAME: MARIEL LUTZ | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-727-0600 | |
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May 3, 2022 Representative Jered Taylor Special Committee on Government Oversight Missouri House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 306-A Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Taylor 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. Senate Bill No. 812 seeks to confuse voters by not allowing rewritten, and likely clearer, explanations of bills to appear on the ballot. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to oppose SB 812. When a new bill appears on the ballot to be voted on by the public, a summary is written explaining the potential effects of the bill. Currently, the courts are allowed to rewrite said summary, especially if the summary from the General Assembly does not clearly explain the potential consequences of the bill. This bill would prohibit the courts from writing a new summary for a bill that would appear on the ballot when the bill is voted on. This would prevent the courts from providing the voter with a more clear and concise summary of the bill and its potential impact than the summary written by the General Assembly. The language of the legal field can be confusing and often seem unnecessarily complicated, especially if you are not used to it. The members of the General Assembly are used to legal language but many everyday Missourians are not. The courts understand this and are allowed to rewrite ballot summaries with more understandable language, while still correctly conveying the nature of the bill. We should not hinder the ability of voters to understand what they are voting for or against by preventing the writing of clearer summaries on the ballot for proposed bills. Not every voter has a law degree and they should not need one to understand what they are voting on. If we truly value hearing everyone's voice, as we should in a democracy, we should make information regarding what you are voting on accessible to all by explaining the bills in accessible language. Once again, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment asks you to vote "no" on SB 812 in order to protect Missourians' right to understand what they are voting on, thereby protecting the democratic nature of voting. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Mariel Lutz Legislative Intern Missouri Coalition for the Environment mlutz@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600



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Not every Missourian is comfortable filling out an electronic form. The current voter registration system is not broken, so please don't alter it. Five days is plenty quick turnaround for turning in the forms; no need to make it three...other than to inconvenience the registrars and consequently discourage their participation for the ultimate purpose of suppressing the vote. The SOS should continue to maintain a system for accepting voter registration applications electronically. Provisions relating to the use of mail-in ballots and absentee voting are necessary to maintain for voters who contract COVID-19 or who are at risk of contracting or transmitting COVID-19 or another contagious pathogen. Courts must retain the authority to rewrite or edit summary statements and ballot language.



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| WITNESS NAME: CHRIS ROEPE | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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