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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF MISSOURI

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STATE AUDITORS OFFICE

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Scott Fitzpatrick
State Auditor
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Petition approval request from Damien Johnson regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to Article I, Section 23 (2026-026)

Dear Auditor Fitzpatrick:

Enclosed please find an initiative petition sample sheet for a proposal to amend the Missouri Constitution filed by Damien Johnson on February 18, 2025.

We are referring the enclosed petition sample sheet to you for the purposes of preparing a fiscal note and fiscal note summary as required by Section 116.332, RSMo. Section 116.175.2, RSMo requires the state auditor to forward the fiscal note and fiscal note summary to the attorney general within twenty days of receipt of the petition sample sheet.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Hoskins".

Denny Hoskins

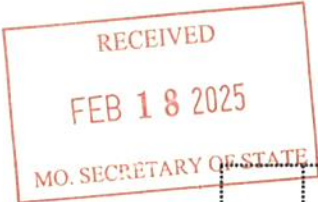
cc: Hon. Andrew Bailey
Sheri Hoffman
Claudia Sands

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not a registered voter.

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State for the state of Missouri:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and County (or city of St. Louis), respectfully order that the following amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval or rejection, at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026 and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and County (or city of St. Louis), my registered voting address and the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.



CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MISSOURI, County Of
I,, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)

Name (signature)	Date	REGISTER VOTING ADDRESS (Street) (City, town or Village)	ZIPE CODE	CONGR. DIST	NAMEN (print or type)
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signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, registered voting address and city, town or village correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter of the state of Missouri and County.
FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY.
I am at least 18 years of age. I do do not (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition. If paid, list the payer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day ofA.D.....

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(Printed Name of Affiant)
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Address of Affiant

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Signature of Notary
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Address of Notary .

Notary Public (Seal)
My commission expires.....

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be Amended:

This measure amends Article I Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution by deleting all matters in the enclosed brackets and adding all the underline matters as required pursuant to section 116.050 RSMO.

I Section 23. That the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such arms, in defense of his home, person, family and property, or when lawfully summoned in aid of the civil power, shall not be questioned. The rights guaranteed by this section shall be unalienable. Any restriction on these rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their infringement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the general assembly from enacting general laws which limit the rights of convicted violent felons or those adjudicated by a court to be a danger to self or others as result of a mental disorder or mental infirmity. Minors under 18 of age are prohibited from possessing a firearm without consent of a parent or legal guardian.