

SENATE BILL NO. 490

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHROER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal sections 116.030, 116.040, 116.050, 116.080, 116.090, 116.110, 116.130, 116.153, 116.190, 116.200, 116.332, and 116.334, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twelve new sections relating to procedures for ballot measures submitted to the people, with penalty provisions and an effective date for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 116.030, 116.040, 116.050, 116.080, 116.090, 116.110, 116.130, 116.153, 116.190, 116.200, 116.332, and 116.334, RSMo, are repealed and twelve new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 116.030, 116.040, 116.045, 116.050, 116.080, 116.090, 116.110, 116.130, 116.190, 116.200, 116.332, and 116.334, to read as follows:

116.030. The following shall be substantially the form of each page of referendum petitions on any law passed by the general assembly of the state of Missouri:

County _____

Page No. _____

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section [560.021] **558.002**, 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 referendum 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.

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

To the Honorable _____, 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 Senate (or House) Bill No. _____ entitled (title of law), passed by the _____ general assembly of the state of Missouri, at the _____ regular (or special) session of the _____ general assembly, shall be referred to the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval or rejection, at the general election to be held on the _____ day of _____, _____, unless the general assembly shall designate another date, 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.

(Official Ballot title) _____

CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

State Of Missouri,
County Of _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)

NAME	DATE REGISTERED	ZIP CONGR.	NAME
	SIGNED VOTING ADDRESS	CODE DIST.	
(Signature)	(Street)		(Printed or
	(City,		
	Town or		Typed)
	Village)		

(Here follow numbered lines for signers)

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

51 voting address and city, town or village correctly, and
52 that each signer is a registered voter of the state of
53 Missouri and _____ County.

54 FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF
55 PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT
56 AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF,
57 OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY.

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59 I **have met the qualifications of section 116.080** and am at
60 least 18 years of age. I do _____ do not _____ (check
61 one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition. If
62 paid, list the payer _____

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Signature of Affiant

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(Person obtaining signatures)

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(Printed Name of Affiant)

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Address of Affiant

70 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of
71 _____, A.D. _____

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Signature of Notary

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Address of Notary

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Notary Public (Seal)

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My commission expires _____

77 If this form is followed substantially and the requirements
78 of [section] **sections 116.045**, 116.050, and [section]
79 116.080 are met, it shall be sufficient, disregarding
80 clerical and merely technical errors.

116.040. The following shall be substantially the form
 2 of each page of each petition for any law or amendment to
 3 the Constitution of the state of Missouri proposed by the
 4 initiative:

5 County _____

6 Page No. _____

7 It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding
 8 the provisions of section [560.021] 558.002, RSMo, to
 9 the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed
 10 one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten
 11 thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any
 12 initiative petition with any name other than his or her
 13 own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than
 14 once for the same measure for the same election, or to
 15 sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not
 16 a registered voter.

17 INITIATIVE PETITION

18 To the Honorable _____, Secretary of State for the
 19 state of Missouri:

20 We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of
 21 Missouri and _____ County (or City of St. Louis),
 22 respectfully order that the following proposed law (or
 23 amendment to the constitution) shall be submitted to
 24 the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval
 25 or rejection, at the general election to be held on the
 26 _____ day of _____, _____, and each for himself or
 27 herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I
 28 am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and
 29 _____ County (or City of St. Louis); my registered
 30 voting address and the name of the city, town or
 31 village in which I live are correctly written after my
 name.

32 (Official Ballot title) _____

33 CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

34 State Of Missouri,

35 County Of _____

36 I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print or type
37 names of signers)

38	NAME	DATE	REGISTERED	ZIP	CONGR.	NAME
39		SIGNED	VOTING ADDRESS	CODE	DIST.	
40	(Signatur		(Street) (City,			(Printed
41	e)					or
42			Town or			Typed)
			Village)			

43 (Here follow numbered lines for signers)

44 signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of
45 them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I
46 believe that each has stated his or her name,
47 registered voting address and city, town or village
48 correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter
49 of the state of Missouri and _____ County.

50 FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF
51 PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND
52 CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND
53 GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING
54 FORGERY.

55 I **have met the qualifications of section 116.080** and am
56 at least 18 years of age. I do _____ do not _____
57 (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this
58 petition. If paid, list the payer _____

59 _____
60 Signature of Affiant
61 (Person obtaining signatures)

62 _____
63 (Printed Name of Affiant)

64 _____
65 Address of Affiant

66 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of
67 _____, A.D. _____

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69 Signature of Notary
70 Address of Notary
71 Notary Public (Seal)
72 My commission expires _____

73 If this form is followed substantially and the requirements
74 of [section] sections 116.045, 116.050, and [section]
75 116.080 are met, it shall be sufficient, disregarding
76 clerical and merely technical errors.

**116.045. Initiative and referendum petition signature
2 pages shall be printed on a form as prescribed by the
3 secretary of state, which shall include all of the
4 information and statements set forth in section 116.030 or
5 116.040, as applicable, and comply with section 116.050.
6 The form shall be made available in electronic format for
7 printing and circulating petitions.**

116.050. 1. Initiative and referendum petitions filed
2 under the provisions of this chapter shall consist of pages
3 of a uniform size. Each page, excluding the text of the
4 measure, shall be no larger than eight and one-half by
5 fourteen inches. **The text of the proposed measure shall be
6 in a font that is not smaller than twelve point, Times New
7 Roman, and have a top, bottom, left, and right margin of not
8 less than one inch. Page numbers may appear in the bottom
9 margin.** Each page of an initiative petition shall be
10 attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of the
11 proposed measure. Each page of a referendum petition shall
12 be attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of
13 the measure on which the referendum is sought.

14 2. The full and correct text of all initiative and
15 referendum petition measures shall:

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

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

21 (3) Otherwise conform to the provisions of [Article
22 III, Section 28 and] Article III, [Section] **Sections 28, 49,**
23 **50, 51, and 52(a)** of the **Missouri** Constitution and those of
24 this chapter.

25 **3. The full and correct text of all initiative**
26 **petition measures shall not purport to:**

27 (1) **Declare any federal statute, regulation, executive**
28 **order, or court decision to be void or in violation of the**
29 **United States Constitution;**

30 (2) **Amend any federal law or the United States**
31 **Constitution; or**

32 (3) **Accomplish an act that the United States**
33 **Constitution requires to be accomplished by the general**
34 **assembly.**

116.080. 1. Each petition circulator shall be [at
2 least] **a citizen of the United States**, eighteen years of age
3 **or older, a resident of this state or physically present in**
4 **this state for at least thirty consecutive days prior to the**
5 **collection of signatures**, and registered with the secretary
6 of state. **No petition circulator shall be paid anything of**
7 **value that is based upon the number of signatures**
8 **collected.** Signatures collected by any circulator who has
9 not registered with the secretary of state pursuant to this
10 chapter on or before 5:00 p.m. on the final day for filing
11 petitions with the secretary of state shall not be counted.
12 A petition circulator shall be deemed registered at the time
13 such circulator delivers a signed circulator's affidavit

14 pursuant to section 116.030, with respect to a referendum
15 petition, or section 116.040, with respect to an initiative
16 petition, to the office of the secretary of state. No
17 person shall qualify as a petition circulator who has been
18 convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty to an offense
19 involving forgery under the laws of this state or an offense
20 under the laws of any other jurisdiction if that offense
21 would be considered forgery under the laws of this state.

22 2. Each petition circulator shall subscribe and swear
23 to the proper affidavit on each petition page such
24 circulator submits before a notary public commissioned in
25 Missouri. When notarizing a circulator's signature, a
26 notary public shall sign his or her official signature and
27 affix his or her official seal to the affidavit only if the
28 circulator personally appears before the notary and
29 subscribes and swears to the affidavit in his or her
30 presence.

31 3. Any circulator who falsely swears to a circulator's
32 affidavit knowing it to be false is guilty of a class A
33 misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of
34 section [560.021] **558.002** to the contrary, for a term of
35 imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a
36 fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both.

116.090. 1. Any person who commits any of the
2 following actions is guilty of the crime of petition
3 signature fraud:

4 (1) Signs any name other than his or her own to any
5 petition, or who knowingly signs his or her name more than
6 once for the same measure for the same election, or who
7 knows he or she is not at the time of signing or circulating
8 the same a Missouri registered voter and a resident of this
9 state; or

10 (2) Intentionally submits petition signature sheets
11 with the knowledge that the person whose name appears on the
12 signature sheet did not actually sign the petition; or

13 (3) Causes a voter to sign a petition other than the
14 one the voter intended to sign; or

15 (4) Forges or falsifies signatures; or

16 (5) Knowingly accepts or offers money or anything of
17 value to another person in exchange for a signature on a
18 petition.

19 2. Any person who knowingly causes a petition
20 circulator's signatures to be submitted for counting, and
21 who either knows that such circulator has violated
22 subsection 1 of this section or, after receiving notice of
23 facts indicating that such person may have violated
24 subsection 1 of this section, causes the signatures to be
25 submitted with reckless indifference as to whether such
26 circulator has complied with subsection 1 of this section,
27 shall also be deemed to have committed the crime of petition
28 signature fraud.

29 3. A person who violates subsection 1 or 2 of this
30 section, shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a
31 class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the
32 provisions of section [560.021] **558.002** to the contrary, by
33 a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county
34 jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both.

35 4. Any person employed by or serving as an election
36 authority, that has reasonable cause to suspect a person has
37 committed petition signature fraud, shall immediately report
38 or cause a report to be made to the appropriate prosecuting
39 authorities. Failure to so report or cause a report to be
40 made shall be a class A misdemeanor.

116.110. Any voter who has signed an initiative or
2 referendum petition may withdraw his or her signature from
3 that petition by submitting to the secretary of state,
4 before the petition is filed with the secretary of state, a
5 sworn statement requesting that his or her signature be
6 withdrawn and affirming the name of the petition signed, the
7 name the voter used when signing the petition, the address
8 of the voter and the county of residence. It is a class A
9 misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of
10 section [560.021] **558.002** to the contrary, for a term of
11 imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a
12 fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, to
13 knowingly file a false withdrawal statement with the
14 secretary of state.

116.130. 1. The secretary of state may send copies of
2 petition pages to election authorities to verify that the
3 persons whose names are listed as signers to the petition
4 are registered voters. Such verification may either be of
5 each signature or by random sampling as provided in section
6 116.120, as the secretary shall direct. If copies of the
7 petition pages are sent to an election authority for
8 verification, such copies shall be sent pursuant to the
9 following schedule:

10 (1) Copies of all pages from not less than one
11 petition shall be received in the office of the election
12 authority not later than two weeks after the petition is
13 filed in the office of secretary of state;

14 (2) Copies of all pages of a total of three petitions
15 shall be received in the office of the election authority
16 not later than three weeks after the petition is filed in
17 the office of the secretary of state;

18 (3) If more than three petitions are filed, all copies
19 of petition pages, including those petitions selected for
20 verification by random sample pursuant to section 116.120,
21 shall be received in the office of the election authority
22 not later than the fourth week after the petition is filed
23 in the office of the secretary of state.

24 Each election authority shall check the signatures against
25 voter registration records in the election authority's
26 jurisdiction, but the election authority shall count as
27 valid only the signatures of persons registered as voters in
28 the county named in the circulator's affidavit. Signatures
29 shall not be counted as valid if they have been struck
30 through or crossed out. **Signatures shall be recorded in**
31 **dark ink.**

32 2. If the election authority is requested to verify
33 the petition by random sampling, such verification shall be
34 completed and certified not later than thirty days from the
35 date that the election authority receives the petition from
36 the secretary of state. If the election authority is to
37 verify each signature, such verification [must] **shall** be
38 completed, certified and delivered to the secretary of state
39 by 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in July prior to the
40 election, or in the event of complete verification of
41 signatures after a failed random sample, full verification
42 shall be completed, certified and delivered to the secretary
43 of state by 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in July or by
44 5:00 p.m. on the Friday of the fifth week after receipt of
45 the signatures by the local election authority, whichever is
46 later.

47 3. If the election authority or the secretary of state
48 determines that the congressional district number written

49 after the signature of any voter is not the congressional
50 district of which the voter is a resident, the election
51 authority or the secretary of state shall correct the
52 congressional district number on the petition page. Failure
53 of a voter to give the voter's correct congressional
54 district number shall not by itself be grounds for not
55 counting the voter's signature.

56 4. The election authority shall return the copies of
57 the petition pages to the secretary of state with
58 annotations regarding any invalid or questionable signatures
59 which the election authority has been asked to check by the
60 secretary of state. The election authority shall verify the
61 number of pages received for that county, and also certify
62 the total number of valid signatures of voters from each
63 congressional district which the election authority has been
64 asked to check by the secretary of state.

65 5. The secretary of state is authorized to adopt rules
66 to ensure uniform, complete, and accurate checking of
67 petition signatures either by actual count or random
68 sampling. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant
69 to this section shall become effective unless it has been
70 promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536.

71 6. After a period of three years from the time of
72 submission of the petitions to the secretary of state, the
73 secretary of state, if the secretary determines that
74 retention of such petitions is no longer necessary, may
75 destroy such petitions.

116.190. 1. Any **[citizen]** **Missouri registered voter**
2 who wishes to challenge the official ballot title or the
3 fiscal note prepared for a proposed constitutional amendment
4 submitted by the general assembly, by initiative petition,
5 or by constitutional convention, or for a statutory

6 initiative or referendum measure, may bring an action in the
7 circuit court of Cole County. The action must be brought
8 within ten days after the official ballot title is certified
9 by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions
10 of this chapter.

11 2. The secretary of state shall be named as a party
12 defendant in any action challenging the official ballot
13 title prepared by the secretary of state. When the action
14 challenges the fiscal note or the fiscal note summary
15 prepared by the auditor, the state auditor shall also be
16 named as a party defendant. The president pro tem of the
17 senate, the speaker of the house and the sponsor of the
18 measure and the secretary of state shall be the named party
19 defendants in any action challenging the official summary
20 statement, fiscal note or fiscal note summary prepared
21 pursuant to section 116.155.

22 3. The petition shall state the reason or reasons why
23 the summary statement portion of the official ballot title
24 is insufficient or unfair and shall request a different
25 summary statement portion of the official ballot title.
26 Alternatively, the petition shall state the reasons why the
27 fiscal note or the fiscal note summary portion of the
28 official ballot title is insufficient or unfair and shall
29 request a different fiscal note or fiscal note summary
30 portion of the official ballot title.

31 4. The action shall be placed at the top of the civil
32 docket. Insofar as the action challenges the summary
33 statement portion of the official ballot title, the court
34 shall consider the petition, hear arguments, and in its
35 decision certify the summary statement portion of the
36 official ballot title to the secretary of state. Insofar as
37 the action challenges the fiscal note or the fiscal note

38 summary portion of the official ballot title, the court
39 shall consider the petition, hear arguments, and in its
40 decision, either certify the fiscal note or the fiscal note
41 summary portion of the official ballot title to the
42 secretary of state or remand the fiscal note or the fiscal
43 note summary to the auditor for preparation of a new fiscal
44 note or fiscal note summary pursuant to the procedures set
45 forth in section 116.175. Any party [to the suit] may
46 appeal [to the supreme court] within ten days after [a
47 circuit court decision] **the entry of judgment by the circuit**
48 **court.** In making the legal notice to election authorities
49 under section 116.240, and for the purposes of section
50 116.180, the secretary of state shall certify the language
51 which the court certifies to him.

52 5. Any action brought under this section that is not
53 fully and finally adjudicated within one hundred eighty days
54 of filing, and more than fifty-six days prior to **the**
55 election in which the measure is to appear, including all
56 appeals, shall be extinguished, unless a court, **before the**
57 **expiration of the foregoing periods,** extends such period
58 upon [a] **an express** finding of good cause for such extension
59 **but no extension shall cause the final adjudication to occur**
60 **less than fifty-six days before the date of the election.**

61 Such good cause shall consist only of court-related
62 scheduling issues and shall not include requests for
63 continuance by the parties. **No court, including any**
64 **appellate court, shall have the authority to issue any form**
65 **of relief after the expiration of the foregoing periods.**

116.200. 1. After the secretary of state certifies a
2 petition as sufficient or insufficient, any [citizen]
3 **Missouri registered voter** may apply to the circuit court of
4 Cole County to compel [him] **the secretary of state** to

5 reverse his **or her** decision. The action must be brought
6 within ten days after the certification is made. All such
7 suits shall be advanced on the court docket and heard and
8 decided by the court as quickly as possible.

9 2. If the court decides the petition is sufficient,
10 the secretary of state shall certify it as sufficient and
11 attach a copy of the judgment. If the court decides the
12 petition is insufficient, the court shall enjoin the
13 secretary of state from certifying the measure and all other
14 officers from printing the measure on the ballot.

15 3. **Any party may appeal** within ten days after [a
16 decision is rendered, any party may appeal it to the supreme
17 court] **the entry of the judgment by the circuit court.**

116.332. 1. Before a constitutional amendment
2 petition, a statutory initiative petition, or a referendum
3 petition may be circulated for signatures, a sample sheet
4 [must] **shall** be submitted to the secretary of state in the
5 form in which it will be circulated. **Sample sheets may be**
6 **submitted to the secretary of state any time after a general**
7 **election until six months prior to the next general**
8 **election.** When a person submits a sample sheet of a
9 petition he or she shall designate to the secretary of state
10 the name and address of the person to whom any notices shall
11 be sent pursuant to sections 116.140 and 116.180 and, if a
12 committee or person, except the individual submitting the
13 sample sheet, is funding any portion of the drafting or
14 submitting of the sample sheet, the person submitting the
15 sample sheet shall submit a copy of the filed statement of
16 committee organization required under subsection 5 of
17 section 130.021 showing the date the statement was filed.
18 The secretary of state shall refer a copy of the petition
19 sheet to the attorney general for [his] approval and to the

20 state auditor for purposes of preparing a fiscal note and
21 fiscal note summary. The secretary of state and attorney
22 general **[must]** shall each review the petition for
23 **[sufficiency as to form]** **compliance with section 116.050 and**
24 **Article III, Sections 28, 49, 50, 51, and 52(a) of the**
25 **Missouri Constitution** and approve or reject the form of the
26 petition, stating the reasons for rejection, if any.

27 2. Within two business days of receipt of any such
28 sample sheet, the office of the secretary of state shall
29 conspicuously post on its website the text of the proposed
30 measure, a disclaimer stating that such text may not
31 constitute the full and correct text as required under
32 section 116.050, and the name of the person or organization
33 submitting the sample sheet. The secretary of state's
34 failure to comply with such posting shall be considered a
35 violation of chapter 610 and subject to the penalties
36 provided under subsection 3 of section 610.027. The posting
37 shall be removed within three days of either the withdrawal
38 of the petition under section 116.115 or the rejection for
39 any reason of the petition.

40 3. Upon receipt of a petition from the office of the
41 secretary of state, the attorney general shall examine the
42 petition **[as to form]** **and determine whether it complies with**
43 **section 116.050 and Article III, Sections 28, 49, 50, 51,**
44 **and 52(a) of the Missouri Constitution.** If the petition is
45 rejected **[as to form]**, the attorney general shall forward
46 his or her comments to the secretary of state within ten
47 days after receipt of the petition by the attorney general.
48 If the petition is approved **[as to form]**, the attorney
49 general shall forward his or her approval **[as to form]** to
50 the secretary of state within ten days after receipt of the
51 petition by the attorney general.

52 4. The secretary of state shall review the comments
53 and statements of the attorney general [as to form] and make
54 a final decision as to the approval or rejection [of the
55 form] of the petition. The secretary of state shall send
56 written notice to the person who submitted the petition
57 sheet of the approval within fifteen days after submission
58 of the petition sheet. The secretary of state shall send
59 written notice if the petition has been rejected, together
60 with reasons for rejection, within fifteen days after
61 submission of the petition sheet.

 116.334. 1. If the petition [form] is approved
2 **pursuant to section 116.332**, the secretary of state shall
3 make a copy of the sample petition available on the
4 secretary of state's website. For a period of fifteen days
5 after the petition is approved [as to form] **pursuant to**
6 **section 116.332**, the secretary of state shall accept public
7 comments regarding the proposed measure and provide copies
8 of such comments upon request. Within twenty-three days of
9 receipt of such approval, the secretary of state shall
10 prepare and transmit to the attorney general a summary
11 statement of the measure which shall be a concise statement
12 not exceeding one hundred words. This statement shall [be
13 in the form of a question using] **use** language neither
14 intentionally argumentative nor likely to create prejudice
15 either for or against the proposed measure. The attorney
16 general shall within ten days approve the legal content and
17 form of the proposed statement.

18 2. Signatures obtained prior to the date the official
19 ballot title is certified by the secretary of state shall
20 not be counted. **If a court orders a change that**
21 **substantially alters the content of the official ballot**
22 **title under subsection 4 of section 116.190, the court shall**

23 expressly find in its order, judgment, or mandate that a
24 substantial alteration has occurred. All signatures
25 gathered before such change occurred shall be invalidated,
26 regardless of whether those signatures were gathered on
27 petition pages that displayed what was previously the
28 official ballot title as certified by the secretary of state.

29 3. Signatures for statutory initiative petitions shall
30 be filed not later than six months prior to the general
31 election during which the petition's ballot measure is
32 submitted for a vote, and shall also be collected not
33 earlier than the day after the day upon which the previous
34 general election was held.

2 [116.153. Within thirty days of issuing
3 certification that the petition contains a
4 sufficient number of valid signatures pursuant
5 to section 116.150, the joint committee on
6 legislative research shall hold a public hearing
7 in Jefferson City to take public comments
8 concerning the proposed measure. Such hearing
9 shall be a public meeting under chapter 610.
10 Within five business days after the end of the
11 public hearing, the joint committee on
12 legislative research shall provide a summary of
13 the hearing to the secretary of state or his or
14 her designee and the secretary of state shall
15 post a copy of the summary on the website of the
office of the secretary of state.]

Section B. The enactment of section 116.045 and the
2 repeal and reenactment of sections 116.030, 116.040,
3 116.050, 116.080, and 116.130 shall become effective on
4 November 6, 2024.

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