

Protect Majority Rule & “One Person, One Vote” Vote NO on Attacks to MO’s Citizen Initiative Petition Process

[SJR 74](#) - Sen. Coleman, R-22 (Arnold)

[HJR 86](#) - Rep. Black, R-129 (Marshfield)

The citizen initiative petition process is a powerful tool for Missourians to come together and put issues directly on the ballot when legislators refuse to act. Some politicians are trying to rig the rules and steal this power from the people. These measures are a direct attack on majority rule and the bedrock principle of “one person, one vote”

- Since 1907, Missourians have made our voices heard through the citizen initiative petition process. The ballot initiative process is the only recourse voters have when politicians fail to address the issues that matter to them.
- Missourians from across the political spectrum have come together to vote directly on issues when lawmakers refuse to act. Recent initiative petition campaigns have given Missouri voters a direct say on:
 - Raising the minimum wage,
 - Expanding Medicaid and extend affordable health care coverage to more than 275,000 Missourians,
 - Legalizing medical and adult-use marijuana, and
 - Adopting ethics reform, including campaign contribution limits, for legislators.
- A majority is 50% plus one — full stop. Measures passed by a majority — as is currently the case — reflect the will of the people. **Adding an “additional majority” ends majority rule and is a direct attack on the bedrock principle of “one person, one vote.”**
- Missouri’s existing process is rigorous — you have to get hundreds of thousands of voters to sign on before a measure even gets considered for the ballot. **Adding additional barriers ends majority rule and undermines the will of the people.**
- This power belongs to the people — **and politicians are trying to rig the rules and steal power from the people.**