



PUTTING MISSOURIANS BEFORE BIG DONORS, LOBBYISTS & PARTISAN POLITICS

2018 Ballot Measure Policy Overview

Lobbyists, big donors, and small groups of political insiders have too much control and influence over Missouri state government. **But it doesn't have to be this way.** We're taking a desperately needed legislative reform measure directly to voters to make our state government more transparent, limit the power of big money in our legislature, and ensure we're able to hold legislators accountable when they fail to act in the public interest. Together, we will:

- **Eliminate almost all lobbyist gifts in the General Assembly**, by banning any gift worth more than \$5.
- **Require politicians to wait two years before becoming lobbyists**, after the conclusion of their final legislative session.
- **Lower campaign contribution limits for state legislative candidates** to limit the influence of big money and lobbyists in state government.
 - Establish new campaign contribution limits for General Assembly candidates—\$2,500 for state senate, and \$2,000 for state house.
 - Limit the ability of individuals and organizations to circumvent caps by counting money from single-source committees towards totals for original, actual donors.
 - Stop legislative fundraising on state property.
- **Require that legislative records be open to the public** by ensuring that the legislature operate under the same open records law as other public entities in Missouri.
- **Ensure neither political party is given an unfair advantage when new maps are drawn after the next census**, by requiring a nonpartisan expert to draw fair legislative district maps, which would then be reviewed by a citizen commission.
 - Add fairness and competitiveness as required criteria for new district maps.
 - Protect the political power of minority communities against vote dilution.
 - Ask an independent state demographer to lead on technical work in creating district maps, instead of entrusting political appointees to do all of that work.



Ballot Summary Language for Certified Petition

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- *change process and criteria for redrawing state legislative districts during reapportionment;*
- *change limits on campaign contributions that candidates for state legislature can accept from individuals or entities;*
- *establish a limit on gifts that state legislators, and their employees, can accept from paid lobbyists;*
- *prohibit state legislators, and their employees, from serving as paid lobbyists for a period of time;*
- *prohibit political fundraising by candidates for or members of the state legislature on State property; and*
- *require legislative records and proceedings to be open to the public?*

State governmental entities estimate annual operating costs may increase by \$189,000. Local governmental entities report no fiscal impact.

Questions?

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