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The Honorable Nicole Galloway  
State Auditor  
State Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

JUL 25 2019

STATE AUDITORS OFFICE

RE: Petition approval request from Winston Apple regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to Article VIII (2020-101)

Dear Auditor Galloway:

Enclosed please find an initiative petition sample sheet for a proposal to amend the Missouri Constitution filed by Winston Apple on July 25, 2019.

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,

John R. Ashcroft

cc: Hon. Eric S. Schmitt  
Sheri Hoffman  
Trish Vincent

County \_\_\_\_\_

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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 John R. Ashcroft, 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 proposed 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, 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 name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

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CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT, STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)  
 (Petition Circulator's Printed Name)

NAME (Signature)	DATE SIGNED	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Street)	(City, Town or Village)	Zip Code	Congr. Dist.	NAME (Printed or Typed)
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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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address of Affiant\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Affiant\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public (Seal)\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary\_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Notary

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

*Article VIII, Section 24 of the Constitution is enacted to read as follows:*

Article VIII, Section 24. In general elections for the offices of United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Auditor, voters will be given the opportunity to rank candidates in order of preference.

For offices elected by this method of ranked-choice voting, the ballot must be simple and easy to understand and allow a voter to rank up to five candidates for an office in order of preference. A voter may include no more than one write-in candidate among that voter's ranked choices for each office.

For all offices elected by ranked-choice voting, the Secretary of State shall tabulate the votes according to the following method: Tabulation proceeds in sequential rounds. In the first round, only first choice votes are tabulated. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes (fifty percent of the total votes cast, plus one vote) that candidate is elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes cast, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated and the candidates listed as the second choice on ballots cast for the candidate being eliminated are distributed among the remaining candidates. In subsequent rounds, a voter's third, fourth, or fifth choice may be utilized, in order, as needed. Ballots that do not rank any continuing candidate, that contain votes for more than one candidate at the same ranking, or in which a voter has left a ranking blank once that ranking would have been utilized, will be considered to be "exhausted ballots" and will not be counted in that round, or subsequent rounds. This process is repeated in as many rounds as needed until one candidate wins election by receiving at least fifty percent plus one of the total valid votes tabulated in that round.

Election officials shall determine a random selection algorithm, prior to tabulation, to resolve ties between candidates. If a tie occurs at any point in the tabulation procedure and tabulation cannot proceed until the tie is resolved, then the random selection algorithm shall resolve the tie.