

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Missouri Constitution is the fundamental law of the land and the document by which Missourians collectively assert their rights, acknowledge their duties, and proclaim the principles upon which their government is founded;

WHEREAS, the People declare in Article I Section 1 of the Missouri Constitution, "That all political power is vested in and derived from the people; that all government of right originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole."

WHEREAS, the government exists at the consent of the People of Missouri, who, through their Constitution define the role of government, set out the People's expectations of their government, and place limits on the power of their government;

WHEREAS, in Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution, the People declare, "That the people of this state have the inherent, sole and exclusive right to regulate the internal government and police thereof, and to alter and abolish their constitution and form of government whenever they may deem it necessary to their safety and happiness..."

WHEREAS, there should remain a process by which the People can amend the Constitution, independent of the government, when that government becomes oppressive or unresponsive to the will of the People, and indeed the People have reserved such power unto themselves in Article III, Section 49 of their Constitution, nonetheless, there should also be guards against abuse of that process to the detriment of the minority;

WHEREAS, if it is too difficult for the People to amend the Constitution, power will shift to the courts which have a habit of, in effect, re-writing the Constitution by judicial fiat;

WHEREAS, amendments to the Constitution should result from the broad consensus of citizens from across the state, that is, when there is a Concurrent Majority in favor of an amendment;

WHEREAS, one of the most fundamental principles of the American concept of a Constitutional Republic is the requirement of a Concurrent Majority to make policy that affects everyone, concurrent majority requirements are the norm but, on the other hand, rule by simple majority is the exception.

WHEREAS, the Concurrent Majority principle is applied in the selection of the President through the Electoral College not by a national popular vote, the ratification of amendments to the U.S. Constitution by states not by a national popular vote, and the making of federal and state laws by representatives and senators who represent citizens from a broad geographic area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the members of the (Insert Name of Central Committee):

1. Want to prevent "tyranny of the majority," and the amending of the Constitution for light and transient reasons.
2. Desire a change away from the simple majority method of ratifying amendments to the Missouri Constitution.
3. Support an amendment to the Missouri Constitution that requires a Concurrent Majority to ratify any amendment to the Missouri Constitution, whether such amendment be proposed by initiative petition, legislative resolution, or constitutional convention.
4. Specifically support an amendment that requires BOTH a majority popular vote AND a majority vote of the people in more than half of the 163 state house districts.

ADOPTED by the (Insert Central Committee Name) this ____ day of (Month), (Year)

Chair