

AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 MISSOURI REPUBLICAN PARTY DRAFT PLATFORM

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Missouri does not have Constitutionally protected sheriffs. With a stroke of a pen, our most vital defense against federal overreach could be eliminated. Constitutional Sheriffs are critical for the following reasons:

- Preservation of Constitutional Rights by having sheriffs, as elected officials, who are accountable to the people they serve. By having constitutional protection, sheriffs can operate independently from political pressure and special interests, ensuring they prioritize upholding constitutional rights, including due process, equal protection, and freedom from unlawful searches and seizures
- Checks and Balances: Constitutionally protected sheriffs act as a vital check on potential abuses of power by other branches of government, including federal agencies or state authorities. They serve as a last line of defense against overreach, protecting citizens from potential violations of their rights by other government entities
- Local Autonomy and Accountability: Sheriffs are typically elected at the county level, which allows for direct accountability to the local community. Constitutionally protected sheriffs have the authority to enforce laws within their jurisdictions and are accountable to the citizens who elected them, promoting transparency and responsiveness to community needs and concerns
- Defending Against Federal Overreach: In instances where federal laws or policies may conflict with state or local interests or constitutional rights, constitutionally protected sheriffs can refuse to enforce or cooperate with mandates they deem unconstitutional or against the interests of their constituents. This serves as a crucial mechanism to protect states' rights and individual liberties.
- Preservation of Law and Order: Sheriffs are responsible for maintaining law and order within their jurisdiction. Constitutionally protected sheriffs can uphold the rule of law while also respecting individual rights and liberties, striking a balance that fosters trust and cooperation between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Therefore, Missouri Republican Party Supports:

- Protecting Missouri citizens' rights and freedom as affirmed by the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution by amending the Missouri Constitution to require all Missouri counties to establish a Constitutional Sheriff

Caucus Vote on Amendment		
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Adopted		Rejected
Ayes: _____		Nays: _____