



## Freedom Principle MO Supports Senator Carter's Call for Special Session to Project Missouri's Constitution

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The Freedom Principle MO supports Senator Carter's letter, dated August 17, 2023, requesting Governor Parson call an extraordinary session to address initiative petition reform and protect Missouri's constitution from being easily changed by out-of-state dark money groups. "The Freedom Principle MO, along with other conservative grassroots organizations support Senator Carter's effort and we hope Governor Parson will do the right thing and stand with Senator Carter and the other senators who signed the letter," said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO.

The letter to the Governor was also signed by Senator Bill Eigel (Dist. 23), Senator Denny Hoskins (Dist. 21), Senator Andrew Koenig (Dist. 15), Senator Rick Brattin (Dist. 31), Senator Mike Moon (Dist. 29), Senator Nick Schroer (Dist. 2) and Senator Ben Brown (Dist. 26. The letter) requests the governor to call an "Extraordinary legislative session for the express purpose of changing the standards by which Missourians either ratify amendments to our Constitution or ratify a totally new constitution proposed by some future constitutional convention."

Last session, Senator Carter proposed SJR 28 which would have modified the process for approving constitutional amendments. SJR 28 would have established Concurrent Majority Ratification. Senator Carter stated in her press release, "Given voters' recent rejection of efforts to increase the approval threshold from 50% to 60% in Ohio, Arkansas, and South Dakota, Sen. Carter is hopeful lawmakers will rally around reform using Concurrent Majority Ratification (CMR), instead of increasing the percentage. CMR would add a requirement that amendments also be approved by a majority of voters in at least half of the House Legislative Districts, necessitating broad support across all areas of Missouri."

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“Our constitution is under threat by out-of-state dark money groups. These groups are trying to push harmful policies like Rank-Choice and Approval Voting, abortion on demand, government healthcare, and other job-killing regulations,” said Keelin. “In 2022, a Virginia-based group called Article IV spent \$12 million to try and get rank-choice voting on our ballot. Luckily, they failed but they are back again trying to get it on the November 2024 ballot.”

In the 2023 legislative session, the House passed HJR 43, which would have raised the threshold to amend to the Constitution to 57%, but the bill died in the Senate. “HJR 43 was pushed by Speaker Plocher and Senate President Rowden,” said Keelin. “HJR 43 was flawed on many levels. It would have never been approved by voters and it would have opened the door to all types of out-of-state dark money groups to push their left-wing agenda on Missourians.”

“Concurrent Majority Ratification is the only way to give every Missourian a say in how our constitution should be changed,” said Keelin. “We hope Governor Parson will have the courage to call the special session. We are encouraging everyone to email Governor Parson’s office at <https://governor.mo.gov/contact-us/mo-governor> or call his office at 573-751-3322.

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