

Attachment: Ballot Measures Supported or Opposed:

Statutory Amendment to Chapters 130 & 143 Relating to Public Financing for Political Candidates 2016-061

Constitutional Amendment to Article III, Relating to Reducing the Number of Members of the Missouri House of Representatives 2016-065

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OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE AS CERTIFIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE

Shall Missouri law be amended to create a voluntary, taxpayer-funded program that provides public financing to political candidates, in the form of matching funds, if the candidate agrees to limit campaign contributions they accept from individuals and entities?

State government entities expect one-time costs of about \$159,000 and annual costs exceeding \$100,000. Also, an unknown amount of revenue will not be available for state General Revenue Fund spending. Local governmental entities expect no costs or savings from this proposal.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE AS CERTIFIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to change the process for electing members of the Missouri House of Representatives by:

- reducing the number to 50 members and electing each member statewide rather than by legislative district;
- allowing political parties to select their nominees by a statewide primary election, caucuses, party nominating convention, or a combination of caucuses and a convention;
- permitting independent candidates to qualify for the general election by submitting a certain number of signatures; and
- awarding House seats based on the total statewide percentage received in the general election by each political party and independent candidates?

Reduced legislative operating costs would result in annual estimated savings to state government of at least \$9.3 million. An unknown change in election related costs is expected for state and local governments.