


Pro-Abortion Initiative Petitions in Missouri in 2024


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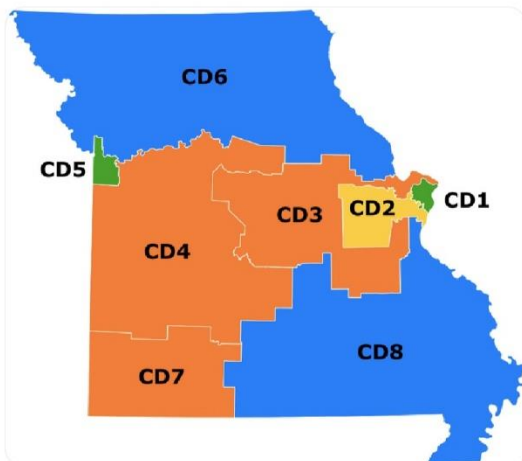
- **Pro-Abortion Groups Are Working Hard During These Final Two Weeks of Signature Gathering to Get Sufficient Signatures to Put an Extreme Pro-Abortion Amendment on the Ballot.**
 - [Missourians for Constitutional Freedom](#) has until Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM to get enough signatures of registered voters to the Missouri Secretary of State, in order for their pro-abortion constitutional amendment to qualify to be get on the ballot.
 - The number of valid signatures needed by congressional district 
 - It appears that they are not collecting signatures (to any appreciable degree) in the 6th and 8th Congressional Districts. If that information is correct, the total number of valid signatures of registered voters needed is 182,950. As a practical matter, they need more than that – over 300,000.
 - When recreational marijuana was on the ballot in November 2022, supporters collected a total of 396,778 signatures, and had a sufficient number in six of Missouri’s eight congressional districts, but not by much – only 806 extra valid signatures – in the 6th Congressional district
 - See this tweet and map from well-known Democratic operative and abortion supporter Gavin Bena from Thursday, April 11. He mentions Tori Schafer, who is with the ACLU of Missouri and is heavily involved in the initiative petition campaign:

Congressional District	Signatures Needed
1st	25,632
2nd	36,099
3rd	33,299
4th	29,449
5th	28,458
6th	31,219
7th	30,013
8th	26,821

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Gavin Bena  @gavinbena · 1d
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(Green colored congressional districts are where Missourians for Constitutional Freedom claim they've collected enough signatures, blue is where they are not collecting signatures, yellow is where they are close to getting what they need, and orange is where they are behind.)

- Gavin Bena was concerned as of Sunday, April 14 that not enough signatures had been collected:



I'll be entirely transparent:

I'm very worried Missouri's reproductive rights petition won't make it on the ballot.

We have only 3 more weeks to qualify. It'll be close-and if any districts are narrow enough, Ashcroft can probably throw enough signatures out to block it.

<https://twitter.com/gavinbena/status/1779599404141273149>

- **It Is Imperative That Churches and Pro-Lifers Continue to Encourage Voters to Decline to Sign!**

- Please share Decline to Sign videos from various elected officials from Missouri Stands with Women YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@MOStandswithWomen>. Videos include Gov. Mike Parson, Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, Attorney General Andrew Bailey, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Sen. Bill Eigel, etc.
- Do not fall for this trap: “You can sign it, and then vote against it later.” [Catechism Catholic Church 1868](#):
 “Sin is a personal act. Moreover, we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when *we cooperate in them*:
 - by participating directly and voluntarily in them;
 - by ordering, advising, praising, or approving them;
 - by not disclosing or not hindering them when we have an obligation to do so;
 - by protecting evil-doers.”
- It is wrong to, in effect, put someone else into the near occasion of sin so that they can vote for it.

- **Recent Polling.**

- **[SLU/YouGov Poll](#)**: Survey conducted Feb. 14-26, 2024. 900 Missouri voters participated. **Proposed ballot initiative to legalize abortion: 44% support, 37% oppose, and 19% are not sure:**
- Missouri voters supported the constitutional amendment by a margin of seven percentage points (44% vs. 37%), Democrats voiced overwhelming support for such a ballot measure (71% vs. 11%), while Republican respondents indicated that they would not support it, though by a slimmer margin (24% vs. 56%). Independents also supported the ballot measure (44% vs. 38%).
- In the August 2022 SLU/YouGov Poll, only 13% of respondents said they were not sure if they would vote to overturn the abortion ban. When presented the proposed ballot language in February 2024, the percentage of not sure respondents rose to 19%.
- “The proposed ballot language was contested in the courts and is not perfectly clear,” said Steven Rogers, Ph.D., SLU/YouGov Poll Director and associate professor of Political Science at Saint Louis University. “Some respondents may have been confused by the ballot language. Abortion advocates will likely need to educate voters about what the ballot language means.”

- **Missouri Stands with Women Still Needs Funding for Decline to Sign efforts.**

- Donations can be made online. Contact information:

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