

PETITION TO PLACE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. CI-124 ON THE ELECTION BALLOT

Subject to applicable laws and deadlines, if 10% of the voters in each of 40 legislative representative districts sign this petition and the total number of voters signing the petition is 60,359, this constitutional amendment will appear on the next general election ballot. If a majority of voters vote for this amendment at that election, it will become part of the constitution.

We, the undersigned Montana voters, propose that the Secretary of State place the following constitutional amendment on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot:

Statement of Purpose and Implication:

Under the 1972 Constitution, the requirements for a person seeking admission to the practice of law in Montana are determined by the Montana Supreme Court under Article VII, section 2, of the Montana Constitution. CI-124 amends the Montana Constitution to remove jurisdiction from the Supreme Court to govern admission to the Bar and the conduct of its members.

YES on Constitutional Initiative CI-124

NO on Constitutional Initiative CI-124

Voters are urged to read the complete text of the constitutional amendment, which appears with this sheet. A signature on this petition is only to put the constitutional amendment on the ballot and does not necessarily mean the signer agrees with the amendment.

WARNING

A person who purposefully signs a name other than the person's own to this petition, who signs more than once for the same issue at one election, or who signs when not a legally registered Montana voter is subject to a \$500 fine, 6 months in jail, or both.

Each person is required to sign the person's name and list the person's address or telephone number in substantially the same manner as on the person's voter registration form or the signature will not be counted.

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Initials of Petitioner for Signatures on This Page: _____

THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 124 (CI-124)

Section 1. Article VII, section 2, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 2. Supreme court jurisdiction. (1) The supreme court has appellate jurisdiction and may issue, hear, and determine writs appropriate thereto. It has original jurisdiction to issue, hear, and determine writs of habeas corpus and such other writs as may be provided by law.

(2) It has general supervisory control over all other courts.

(3) It may make rules governing appellate procedure, and practice and procedure for all other courts, ~~admission to the bar and the conduct of its members~~. Rules of procedure shall be subject to disapproval by the legislature in either of the two sessions following promulgation.

(4) Supreme court process shall extend to all parts of the state."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective Date.** [This act] is effective on approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to court proceedings, bar admissions, and bar member conduct after October 1, 2025.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2024 by printing on the ballot the full title of [this act] and the following: