

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of maintaining a fair and equitable citizen initiative petition process.

RESOLUTION NO. 21633, May 20, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an eleven-month contract with two twelve-month options to extend Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City (Jackson County) MO, to serve as the Legislature's Chief Lobbyist; and,

WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Chief Lobbyist's responsibilities include assessing the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommending appropriate strategies that would benefit the County, informing the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and providing lobbying service as requested; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature would like to encourage a fair and equitable citizen initiative petition process that does not increase signature thresholds and that would prevent obstruction in ballot language, signature approval, or legal challenges from statewide elected officials; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature expresses the intent to develop a plan regarding lobbyist priorities to include advocating to the Missouri General Assembly to maintain a fair and equitable citizen initiative petition process; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of greater equality regarding the citizen initiative petition process.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (May 16, 2024 10:16 CDT)
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21633 of May 20, 2024, was duly passed on _____, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Abstaining _____

Absent _____

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature