



Jackson County, Missouri

Request for Legislative Action

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: 05/13/2024 **SPONSOR:** Manuel Abarca IV

To be completed by the County Counselor's Office:

NUMBER: 21633 **ASSIGNED MEETING DATE:** 05/20/2024

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DEPARTMENT: County Legislature

TITLE: 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 FY 2025.

SUMMARY:

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an elevenmonth 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.

Previous resolution 21546.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NO

YES

Amount

Fund

Department

Line-Item Detail

ACTION NEEDED: COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)

ATTACHMENT(S):