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Jim Hart named publisher of The Kirkville Daily Express

Staff Reports

Jim Hart has been named publisher of The Kirkville Daily Express

A Hannibal resident, Hart replaces Ron Wallace who left The Daily Express in August. As regional publisher for Phillips Media Group, the parent company of The Daily Express, Hart also will oversee The Herald-Whig in Quincy, Ill., and the Hannibal Courier-Post.

His first day was Wednesday, Oct. 12.

"I'm excited to join Phillips Media and work with the dedicated staff in each community," Hart said. "They continue serving a vital role in serving their communities each day."

Prior to joining Phillips Media, Hart served as vice president and regional publisher of Lakeway Publish-



Jim Hart

ers, Inc., overseeing day-to-day operations of weekly publications in Bowling Green, Louisiana, Vandalia and Monroe City, Mo.

He also previously served as publisher and director of advertising at The Minot Daily News in Minot, N.D., and other management roles for The Riverton Ranger in Riverton, Wyo.,

The Daily Union in Junction City, Kan., and The Alton Telegraph in Alton, Ill.

"Jim was ready to take the reins on day one," said Jim Holland, president of Phillips Media. "I know that he will work hard with all departments to make sure they put out the best product for our communities."

Hart and his wife, Jenni, have one son, Preston, who is a freshman at Hannibal High School.

Outside of work, Hart is an avid sports fan, especially the Chicago Blackhawks, and enjoys playing Texas Hold 'em.

He previously was a member of the Professional Bowler Association, Rotary International and Kiwanis International.

"I look forward to introducing myself in the community in the coming weeks," Hart said.



North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission General Manager Brad Scott presents Senator Roy Blunt with a framed copy of the Resolution naming the East Locust Creek Reservoir the Roy Blunt Reservoir.

Roy Blunt Reservoir dedication ceremony

By North Central Missouri
Regional Water Commission

North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission hosted the dedication of the Roy Blunt Reservoir on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the site of the fu-

ture dam and lake marina approximately five miles north of Milan. Numerous dignitaries and officials spoke of their appreciation for Senator Blunt's "extraordinary leadership" in securing almost \$80 million in federal funds for the reservoir.

United Way of Northeast Missouri at 48 percent of 2023 goal

By United Way of
Northeast Missouri

United Way 2023 Campaign Chairman Ramey Weichelt announced last Thursday that the organization has raised 48 percent of its goal of raising \$170,000 during its 2023 Campaign.

"All of us associated with the 2023 Drive are very pleased with the public's response to our campaign which we kicked off Sept. 22 at White Oaks Wedding

Barn and Event Center," she said. "ATSU, which just finished their internal campaign, raised a record \$23,100 which was 105 percent more than last year."

Anyone who wishes to contribute to this year's campaign can make a donation by sending it to the United Way of Northeast Missouri, P.O. Box 112, Kirksville, MO 63501 or visiting our website at Liveunitednemo.org.



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Ramey Weichelt

Boy Scout Isaiah Meinen is an Eagle Scout

By Boy Scout Troop 404

Boy Scout Troop member Isaiah Meinen completed his Eagle Scout on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Meinen went to the Black Diamond District and passed his Board of Review. He will be serving as Troop 404's Junior Assistant Scoutmaster until he turns 18.



Livestock Symposium keynote to speak on the intersection of beef production and human nutrition

By Missouri
Livestock Symposium

Diana Rodgers, RD, nutritionist, and sustainability advocate, will be the keynote speaker, Friday evening, Dec. 2 at the 23rd Annual Missouri Livestock Symposium in Kirksville.

Diana Rodgers is a "real food" nutritionist and sustainability advocate near Boston, Mass. She speaks internation-

ally about the intersection of optimal human nutrition, regenerative agriculture, and food justice. More recently, her work has focused on shifting the anti-meat narrative. Rodgers is co-author of Sacred Cow: The Case for (Better) Meat and the director/producer of the companion film, Sacred Cow.

Zac Erwin, University of Missouri Extension Field Specialist in Live-

stock and Symposium vice-chair says, "Diana has vast experience from her years of running a clinical nutrition practice about the importance of including animal-sourced foods in the diet." Erwin adds, "Anyone involved in animal protein production will want to hear Diana's message about how the political challenges, historical research, and consumer acceptance all intertwine to affect pro-

duction at the farm level."

Erwin includes that the Missouri Livestock Symposium focuses on finding leading experts in their respective fields to help educate farmers, ranchers and the general public on issues affecting all livestock production, "and we are excited to bring Diana Rodgers to Kirksville in December," he said.

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Virginia Rae (Keethler) McNabb





Education event seeks to Inspire future teachers

By Truman State University

The Truman Education Department is hosting a conference for students in grades 7-12 interested in becoming a teacher. The “Teachers Matter: Become One” education conference will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 21 on the Truman campus. University President Sue Thomas will be on hand to welcome the visiting students. There will also be presentations by educators from area schools promoting what they do and why they enjoy their chosen career path.

James Young, the 2022 Missouri Teacher

of the Year, will give the keynote address. He taught musical theatre, vocal music and guitar at the Johnson-Wabash 6th Grade Center in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Young spent most of his 14-year career in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. He also taught middle school band, music appreciation and general music. Before starting as a teacher in his hometown, Young served in the United States Army where he joined the U.S. Army Chorus during his tour in South Korea.

Truman offers 15 areas of programs where future educators can

earn their initial certification before graduating with a Master of Arts in Education degree. The University also offers add-on certification in three other areas, including the recently introduced gifted education program, which can be completed entirely online. Details about the Education Department can be found at truman.edu/majors-programs/academic-departments/about-the-education-department. For more information about the “Teachers Matter: Become One” education conference, contact the Education Department at 660-785-4386.

KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKERS TALK ABOUT ‘THE AORTA’ ARTS SPACE ON S. FRANKLIN STREET



The Kirkville Kiwanis Club welcomed Nick Toti and Nicholas Naioti to speak at their Oct. 13 meeting. Toti is a filmmaker, and Naioti is a multimedia artist. Toti and Naioti discussed “The Aorta”, an arts space located at 107 S. Franklin Street in Kirkville. Pictured, from left, are Toti, Kirkville Kiwanis Club Vice President Ted Frushour, and Naioti. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR

Sigma Alpha Haunted Corn Maze

The Sigma Alpha Haunted Corn Maze will be held on Oct. 20 from 6-10 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 7-11:30 p.m. at the Truman University Farm on West LaHarpe Street. Ticket are \$7 or \$5 with a student ID.

Kirkville Walk to End Alzheimer’s this Saturday

Registration is still open for this Saturday’s Kirkville Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The walk begins with opening ceremonies at Stokes Stadium in Kirkville at 10 a.m. More than 60 Walkers — decked out in purple and personalized t-shirts and over a dozen teams honoring a loved one either living with or who has died from Alzheimer’s will be present. Promise Garden flowers will be given to walkers with each color corresponding to their connection to the disease.

- Blue represents someone living with Alzheimer’s or another dementia
- Purple is for those who have lost someone to the disease.
- Yellow represents someone who is currently supporting or caring for a person living with Alzheimer’s.
- Orange is for those who support the cause and the Association’s vision of a world without Alzheimer’s and all other dementia.

For more information and to register, visit www.alz.org/kirkville

Afterlife Paranormal’s Kirkville Haunted Hotels Party & Costume Contest

The Afterlife Paranormal’s Kirkville Haunted Hotels Party & Costume Contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, 7-11 p.m. at the Days Inn in Kirkville. Spend the night at the Baymont or the Days Inn and receive 22 percent off. Dancing with DJ Dre and \$200 costume contest. Local ghost hunters and Kirkville Ghost Busters. SpiritualThings is offering spirit-guided tarot and oracle readings.

Kirkville Kiwanis Farmers’ Market

The Kirkville Kiwanis Farmers’ Market will run Saturday, Oct. 22 from 7 a.m. to noon on the square in downtown Kirkville. Come support your local farmers, growers, bakers, and craftspeople at the longest continual community service project in the city of Kirkville. For more information, please contact the Kirkville Kiwanis Club at



(660) 988-0419 or via email at kirkvillemarket@gmail.com.

United Way Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament

On Oct. 19, the United Way of Northeast Missouri will hold a Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament starting at 6 p.m. at the Dukum Inn on the second floor. Join them for a night of fun and competition.

Adair County Public Library ribbon cutting ceremony

The Adair County Public Library ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by the Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 4 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the library, 1 Library Lane, Kirkville.

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series - St. Louis Ballet

The St. Louis Ballet will perform, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Baldwin Auditorium, 100 E. Normal Avenue in Kirkville. Consisting of 24 internationally acclaimed dancers, they are recognized as the only professional resident ballet company in the St. Louis region. Admission is free but tickets are required and can be reserved at the Sue Ross Arts Center in downtown Kirkville, the Advancement Office in McClain Hall 205 and the SAB window in the Student Union Building. For additional information, visit lyceum.truman.edu, call 660.785.4133 or email lyceumseries@truman.edu.

Friends of the Adair County Public Library annual meeting

The Friends of the ACPL annual meeting and Author Event featuring local writer Dr. John Smelcer, will be held on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 300 E. Washington, Kirkville. Pie and coffee will be served before the presentation. Tickets are \$5 and available at the library or at the door.

Free Halloween Flashlight EGGstravaganza returns on Oct. 22

Join the Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, Oct. 22, for the 6th annual Free Halloween Flashlight EGGstravaganza.

There will be 10,000 Halloween eggs stuffed with candy and toys scattered across the ballfields at the North Park Complex. The egg hunt starts promptly at 7 p.m. All you need is a flashlight and a bag. To allow for a more enjoyable event, children ages 5 and under will hunt eggs on the Yellow Field, ages 6 through 8 on the Orange Field, and children ages 9 to 12 on the Green Field. This fun event is free. For more information, please contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Shopping Expo

A Shopping Expo will be held Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the El Kadir Shrine Club at 2401 S. Baltimore Street in Kirkville. The event will feature local vendors, crafters, homemade items and much more.

2022 NEMO Job Fair

Dress to impress and attend the 2022 NEMO Job Fair at Moberly Area Community College (2105 East Normal Street, Kirkville) between 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 28. Area employers will be on-site ready to meet with you. Some employers will even conduct interviews, so be sure to update your resume and bring it along. Businesses that would like to join before the deadline may register by filling out the PDF fillable registration and emailing it back to Kelly.Jones@Kirkvillechamber.com

Fall Arts & Crafts Show

Kirkville Women of Today’s 34th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 29. The event is being held at the William Matthew Middle School located at 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirkville. Lunch is available. For more information, call 660-341-3232 or 660-216-0056.

Kirkville’s Hometown Holiday

Kirkville’s Hometown Holiday will be held on Nov. 26. There will be a “Shop Small” event from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., The Christmas Parade at 5:30 p.m., the Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. and Living Windows and Santa from 6:15 to 8 p.m.

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Dear Reader:

Important Information Concerning Parade Magazine, Relish, and Spry Living

Our printing partner has made the difficult decision to wind down the print distribution of Parade, Relish, and Spry Living. The last print issue of Parade will be inserted in the **Kirkville Daily Express** on **November 12th** and they will no longer publish Relish and Spry Living after their October issues.

Even though Parade Magazine will no longer be included in the print edition of the **Kirkville Daily Express**, you can continue to enjoy the same premium content experience of Parade in an e-Edition format that will be included with the **Kirkville Daily Express** e-Edition each week at no additional cost.

As a valued reader, we want to ensure that you can continue to enjoy this content along with the convenience of accessing our other digital offerings. Need help setting up a digital account? Please give our customer service team a call at **417-777-9775** or you can email us at circulation@phillipsmedia.com for login setup and assistance.

Thank you again for your support of local journalism.

Sincerely,
Jason McNeely
Audience Development and Marketing Director
Phillips Media Group

OBITUARIES

Virginia (Keethler) McNabb

Virginia Rae (Keethler) McNabb passed away October 13, 2022, at her home near Queen City, MO. Arrangements are with the Dooley Funeral Home in Queen City, Missouri, for Sunday October 16th. 12-2pm visitation. 2pm service. Arrangements in the care of Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, MO; www.dooleyfh.com.

SB40 OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Adair County SB40 October schedule of activities at the Community Learning Center

Coffee & Cards
– Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., join them for coffee and card or board games. We also have tea and hot chocolate if you would prefer!

Game Time – Come play board games with your friends! We have a cabinet for of games with something for all. If the weather is good, we can also pull out our yard games.

Music Moves – Join Kaelie for their bi-monthly free music therapy group. This a fun activity for people of all ages to explore music and movement while having fun and making connections.

Sewing Group – Want to learn to sew by hand? In this class, you will learn some basic stitching and embroidery skills while making some simple sewing projects. You can also bring your own sewing project to work on.

Exercise Your Mind – Join Truman State University’s Health Exercise Science Department for this fun and engaging class where you will participate in interesting theme-based activities to keep your mind sharp.

Crafts – Each Wednesday you are invited to join us for a fun and simple craft at 10 a.m.

Get Fit – Want to get in shape and be healthy but hate to exercise on your own? We’ve got you covered! Join them on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for some fun and easy exercises. Each week participants will have the opportunity to choose from several different types of exercise including walking, ‘Sweating to the Oldies’, or one of our other workout videos.

Movie Night – Come enjoy a movie and snacks with them at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Feel free to wear a Halloween costume if you would like.

Money Time — Come work on or freshen your money skills with us on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. They will use fun interactive activities to review and learn how to recognize, count and use money.

BINGO – Join them each Friday at 10 a.m. to play BINGO and win BINGO Bucks to spend in their BINGO Store while having fun with your friends.

Healthy Snacks – We all love to snack from time-to-time. Join Angela on at 11:30 a.m. Fridays in October to learn how



to make some quick and healthy snacks!

Other Activities and Information to Know:

• **Parent-to-Parent Group** – This group is for any parent/guardian of a child, birth-through the end of school, with a disability and meets the third Thursday of each month, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the CLC. You do not need to be receiving services through Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board to participate. Childcare will be available during the meeting. Please email (clc@sb40life.org) or call (660-665-9400) the CLC if you will need this service.

• **Resource and Transition Fair** – Adair County SB40’s Transition Coalition is partnering with several community entities to host a Resource and Transition Fair at the Kirksville High School Library on Oct. 26 and 27 from 4-7 p.m. This free event is for Kirksville R-III middle and high school students who are receiving Special Education and Section 504 accommodations, their parents and guardians, and teachers and professionals. There will be resources and information about community resources, secondary education resources and employment resources needed during transition.

• **Music Jams Group Music Therapy for Kids with Special Needs** – Kaelie Gerber, MT-BC, (who teaches the Music Moves class) is offering a class for children, Pre-K through 2nd grade on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 4:15 p.m. This 45 minute group held at the Crossing Church in Kirksville, offers age-appropriate music activities to address social skills while playing instruments, singing, moving, and having fun. For more information, cost, or to sign up, visit https://musicmove-salbia.weebly.com/music-jams.html.

• **NEMO Job Fair** – The NEMO Job Fair will be held Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Moberly Area Community College Campus in Kirksville. This year’s event will offer a new virtual option. For more information contact the Kirksville Job Center (660-785-2400).

North Star Music Festival set for Oct. 21-22

By Truman State University

The Truman State University Music Department and Sigma Alpha Iota will host their annual North Star Music Festival, Oct. 21-22. This year’s festival will feature guest artist Mary Ellen Childs. The opening concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. It will feature music by Childs, Victor Marquez-Barrios, Charles Gran and others. There will also be guest performances by Uncommon Practice, Elaine AuBuchon, Lajai-

bao Ge, Lucy Zeng and members of the Truman Percussion Ensemble.

The TSU All Stars will perform a group improvisation led by Timothy AuBuchon at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 22. A recital of modern music by students will take place at 5:30 p.m. followed by the closing concert for the festival at 7:30 p.m. in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. The concert will feature performances by Cantoria, Voci, Xin Gao, Jesse Krebs, Lok Ng, Jessica Alvarado Brenes, Will Porter, Michael Bump and Rafael E. Vera. Music will

include the premiere of “Rounds” written by Childs for the Truman Graduate Percussion Quartet.

In collaboration with the North Star Music Festival, Childs will have an exhibit, “Drumroll,” available for viewing in the Charlyn Art Gallery. This exhibit features an audio-visual installation which entails projected videos of a percussion performance on the walls and floor to provide viewers with an immersive experience. An opening reception will take place at 6 p.m. Oct. 20 in the University Art Gallery.



Mary Ellen Childs

Gallery hours will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 21 and 12-4:30 p.m. Oct. 22.

The festival and exhibition are free of charge and open to the public.

Family of George B. and Joyce Ann (Pet) Rouse Harmon reunion

By Special to The Express

The family of George B. and Joyce Ann (Pet) Rouse Harmon met Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 for their reunion of over 50 years. The reunions started in 1961 and only missed the years of 2020-2021. A carry-in lunch was held at Brashear Park at the noon hour, with Alfreda James asking the blessing.

Those present were Dennis and Barb Sheehan, Donald Butler, Ruth and Glen Milner from Unionville, Mo.; Debbie and J.C. McAlister from Milan, Mo.; Larry and Jo Ann Choate



of Hastings, Neb., Garry and Betty Choate and Jay of Marshalltown, Iowa. Mark and Kathy McFarland of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Eugene and Sharon Harmon of Dubuque, Iowa, Bernice Baggs, Pam and Robbie Dunkin of Kansas City, Mo.; Dorothy

and Daryl Harmon of Kankakee, Ill., James Madden of Clarence, Mo., Kathy and Terry Combs and Kristi Goodman of Peck, Kan., Rick Jones and Diana, John Jones, Patsy Edgington, Mike Jones, Jeremy Jones, Cheryl Duffy, Sarah Duffy, James Duffy, Garrett McIntyer, Ava McIntyer, Adysinn Duffy, Kailey Jones, Jesus Alvarz, Isah Jones all of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Also, Alan and Hongying James and Jill Hedrick of Columbia, Mo.. Alfreda James and Julie Sneddon of Kirksville, Mo., Dorian Sneddon of Minneapolis, Minn.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Shop Small Season

From Nov. 26 until Dec. 31, when you spend \$10 or more at participating locations, you can fill out a shopped small ticket, drop it in the Spend \$10 Box, and enter to win. Grand Prize is a large gift basket made up of items donated by participating locations. Each item is worth at least \$10 or more in value. Last year’s basket was worth over \$200. Second and third prize winners will also win smaller gift baskets of donated items and gift cards. Last year’s baskets were worth \$150.

As a thank you to participating business, the business name on the winning shopped small tickets will win \$25 in Kirksville Ca\$h. As a thank you to shoppers from participating businesses, specials and deals are being offered during this event, from discounts on items and gift cards to BOGO sales, local businesses are ready to save you money on all of your holiday needs.

In early January, they will collect the boxes containing entries and combine all of the tickets into one big drawing. On Jan. 6, the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will draw three Shop Small tickets and declare the Shopped Small winners. If you are interested in participating, visit www.kirksvillechamber.com/shop-small for more information on participating locations, in-store offers and business registration! Registrations may be returned to kelly.jones@kirksvillechamber.com by Nov. 8.

Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade

The Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade returns as part of Kirksville’s Hometown Holiday celebration in downtown Kirksville. The 11th annual parade will be held Saturday, Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m., starting along Franklin Street and traveling around the Square. The theme for this year’s parade is “Winter Wonderland!”

In lieu of an entry fee, the Kiwanis Club of Kirksville asks parade participants to donate new children’s mittens, gloves, hats, coats, and scarves. This warm clothing will then be donated to children in need in the community. Parade-goers can also bring warm children’s clothing to the parade, which will be collected along the parade route.

If you are part of a local business, organization or group, then enter a float in the parade. For registration information, email kirksvillekiwanis@gmail.com!

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit

The Motion of the Crowd – Gregory Rick and Ryan Fontaine in ConversationThe Motion of the Crowd will combine Gregory Rick’s large-scale paintings with Ryan Fontaine’s kinetic sculptures. Rick’s narrative paintings explore his personal experiences and the contemporary moment in the sprawling context of empire and colonization. The sounds and atmospheric effects of Fontaine’s kinetic sculptures provide multisensory layers to the dynamic scenes.

Rick recently completed his MFA at Stanford University, winning a Dedalus Fellowship and SFMOMA’s SECA Art Award. The exhibition is organized in collaboration with HAIR + NAILS Gallery in Minneapolis, run and curated by Ryan Fontaine and Kristin Van Loon since 2016. The event will run through Dec. 1.

DrumRoll – Mary Ellen Childs – in the Charlyn GalleryDrumRoll is the premiere of a new immersive audio-visual installation by Minneapolis composer and artist Mary Ellen Childs. Projected videos of a percussion performance on the walls and floor of the Charlyn Gallery give the viewer the experience of entering into the performance with a swirl of motion and drumsticks and drumheads coming in and out of view. This interdisciplinary exhibition is happening in collaboration with the North Star Music Festival held at Truman, Oct. 21-22. Please note, the University Art Gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks. Additional information at gallery.arttruman.com

Truman State University stargazing events

Truman State University will help the local community appreciate the wonders of the night sky. Representatives from Truman will host a Halloween Constellation Myths event from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 28 at Thousand Hills State Park. Those in attendance will get to explore the stars while learning about the mythological connections to some constellations. More details will be available soon on observatory.truman.edu. The Adair County Public Library will host an event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Adair County Public Library in Kirksville. In addition to community outreach events, the Truman Observatory, located at the University Farm on Boundary Street, hosts open house events throughout the year. Details can be found online at observatory.truman.edu.

Adopt-A-Child sign up open through Dec. 2

The annual Adopt-A-Child Christmas Program is designed to provide a special Christmas gift for more than 300 children in Adair County, 0 to 16 years of age, who otherwise might not receive a gift. Sign up for Adopt-A-Child runs through Dec. 2. You can do so at the Salvation Army, 1005 W. Gardner Street, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon by calling 660-665-7885, or via Facebook Messenger at facebook.com/TSAkirkville. Only the child’s legal guardian may apply. Please provide proof of address, income, and ID, which are required for eligibility. Adopt-A-Child is sponsored by the city of Kirksville, 93.7 FM KTUF, and the Salvation Army. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 660-665-3734.

Halloween Costume Drive

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club is hosting a Halloween Costume Drive to provide costumes to local children who may otherwise not have costumes. They are accepting new as well as used costumes and props left over from prior years for ages K-8. Costumes can be dropped in drop-off boxes at the Adair County Public Library or YMCA. On Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., costumes will be distributed, first come, first served at the Adair County Public Library. No paperwork or income verification needed. Questions? Contact: kirksvillekiwanis@gmail.com

Halloween Town returns this October

Halloween Town is back! Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department, #For660, and more than 100 community partners for the fourth annual Halloween Town event. Halloween Town is a safe, fun and interactive trick-or-treat experience all in one location. Nearly 150 businesses, organizations and churches have partnered to make this incredible event possible.

Join the parks and recreation on Oct. 31, 5:30-8 p.m., in front of Kirksville High School and William Matthew Middle School. This event is free for everyone.

Have a business and interested in having a booth at this great community event? Sign up here: https://bit.ly/3A5w4Yd or e-mail halloweentown660@gmail.com for more information. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Food drive aims to fill pantry shelves

The need at local food pantries has been outpacing donations. An upcoming food drive aims to help those pantries fill their shelves. The Adair County Meet the Need Food Drive, benefiting The Salvation Army Food Pantry and The Pantry for Adair County (PAC), will run through Oct. 14. Individuals can visit adaircountyfooddrive.org to find donation collection sites and events, as well as information about how they can get involved. Questions regarding the event can be sent to adaircountyfooddrive@gmail.com.

Missouri Livestock Symposium

The Missouri Livestock Symposium, the premier educational event and trade show for livestock producers, will be held on Dec. 2-3 at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S Cottage Grove in Kirksville. The trade show opens on Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. and there will be a free supper at p.m. If you’re serious about livestock production, don’t miss their lineup of nationally-known speakers covering timely topics, and their large agricultural trade show. There’s no cost to attend and no pre-registration required. Just show up and enjoy their educational programs, trade show and free meals. If you’re interested in becoming a sponsor of this event or would like to have a trade show booth, call the Adair County MU Extension Center at 660-665-9866.

Former Adair County Circuit Clerk,
Evelyn Bragg, turns 100
Please help us celebrate!
Greet Evelyn at 1st Christian Church
Education Building. Saturday, October 22
from 2:00 till 4:00 pm.



Buchheit Family of Companies purchases local Orscheln Farm & Home Company

By Press Release

Buchheit Family of Companies announced their acquisition of 12 retail locations, including the Kirksville location, formerly owned by Orscheln Farm & Home Company. Buchheit obtained these stores related to the acquisition of Orscheln by Tractor Supply Company. The 12 locations are part of a set of stores that must be divested by Tractor Supply Company in adherence to the Federal Trade Commission order related to the

purchase that began in February 2021. Buchheit retail stores feature merchandise for the home, garden and farm that is geared toward exploring the possibilities of a simpler life. “Buchheit is ready to introduce our WOW customer service to these rural communities,” said Buchheit CFO Eric Hasty. “We’re excited to grow our footprint in the Midwest to serve customers who enjoy the simpler life we love.” Buchheit currently operates retail locations in Missouri and

Illinois. This expansion takes the company into Kentucky, Arkansas and Nebraska. Buchheit intends to retain all of the Orscheln employees in these acquired locations. “We’re honored to have this opportunity to expand our family and our culture to encompass other rural communities just like the community my grandfather started in 88 years ago,” said CEO Tim Buchheit. “We look forward to the continued success with our new families and new communities.”

Social Security announces 8.7 percent benefit increase for 2023

By Social Security

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 8.7 percent in 2023, the Social Security Administration announced. On average, Social Security benefits will increase by more than \$140 per month starting in January. The 8.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more

than 65 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2023. Increased payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 30, 2022. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. “Medicare premiums are going down and So-

cial Security benefits are going up in 2023, which will give seniors more peace of mind and breathing room. This year’s substantial Social Security cost-of-living adjustment is the first time in over a decade that Medicare premiums are not rising and shows that we can provide more support to older Americans who count on the benefits they have earned,” Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi said. To view a COLA mes-

sage from Acting Commissioner Kijakazi, please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vg-m5q4YT1AM. Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$160,200 from \$147,000. See **INCREASE**, Page A9

Resurfacing project to begin in Linn, Putnam and Sullivan counties

By MoDOT

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. – A resurfacing project on several routes in Linn, Putnam and Sullivan counties is scheduled to begin soon. The Missouri Department of Transportation has contracted with Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. to complete the project. The contractor plans to have two crews working at the same time for the remainder of the 2022 construction season. Crews will work until temperatures drop too low for the resurfacing material. Resurfacing on Putnam County Routes FF and N is scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 24. The roadways will narrow to one lane daily, during daylight hours, with flaggers and a pilot car to direct motorists through the work zones. A 10-foot width restriction will be in place while the work zones are active. A tentative schedule of their progression of work is below. All schedules are weather-dependent and subject to change: Putnam County Route N from the Iowa state line to U.S. Route 136 in Livonia, Oct. 24 – Nov. 7 Putnam County Route FF from U.S. Route 136 to Route W, Oct. 24 – Nov. 3 Putnam County Route F from Route 5 to Route 129, Nov. 8 – 18 Sullivan County Route M from Route 5 to Route 129, Nov. 4 – 18 Putnam/Sullivan County Route KK from Route K in Putnam County to Route EE in Sullivan County, Nov. 19 – Dec. 6

Putnam County Route EE from U.S. Route 136 to Route K, Nov. 19 – 30 The schedule for the following routes has not yet been determined. All routes are scheduled to be complete by the end of June 2023. Linn County Route CC from Route O/V at the Sullivan County line to Route C Linn County Route O from Route 5 in Browning to Route CC/V at the Sullivan County line Linn County Route V from Route M to the end of state maintenance, except where Route V coincides with Route C Putnam/Sullivan County Route BB from Route EE in Putnam County to Route K in Sullivan County Sullivan County Route U from Route C to Route O at the Linn County line Sullivan County Route V from Route C to Route O/CC at the Linn County line This project is part of Gov. Parson’s Rural Roads program. The state’s approved Fiscal Year 2023 budget provided an additional \$100 million in General Revenue for work on Missouri’s low volume rural roads. Using asset management data, MoDOT has identified approximately 1700 lane miles of low volume roads ranked in Poor Condition. By next summer, these 113 locations will receive resurfacing treatments of hot mix asphalt to improve the road conditions. To view all routes included in this bundle, please visit: www.modot.org/low-volume-route-resurfacing-linn-putnam-and-sullivan-counties

Missouri celebrates two-year anniversary of medical marijuana sales

By MoCannTrade

St. Louis, Mo. — Two years ago on Oct. 17, a Missouri cancer survivor named Larry and his wife, a registered nurse, made Missouri’s first medical marijuana purchase at an N’Bliss Cannabis Dispensary in St. Louis. Additional sales quickly followed at Fresh Green dispensary in Lee’s Summit and Old Route 66 in Springfield. Today more than 200,000 Missourians have an active medical marijuana patient card and have pur-

chased more than \$494 million worth of medicine in the past two years. With record sales of more than \$35 million in September, Missouri medical marijuana patients have now purchased \$494,139,809 worth of medical marijuana since the first dispensary opened October 17, 2020 — with more than \$358 million of those sales happening in the last 12 months. As of the end of September, 205,883 medical marijuana patients and caregivers had Missou-

ri medical marijuana cards. For a breakdown of Missouri medical marijuana patients by county, visit www.health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/stats.php “From day one, Missouri’s medical marijuana program has been providing relief to Missourians in every corner of this state, while helping local economies with thousands of new jobs and hundreds of millions in new economic investment” said MoCannTrade Executive Director Andrew Mullins. “The fact

that more than 200,000 Missourians now have an active medical marijuana card speaks to how popular the program has become and how responsive the industry has been to the needs of our patients.” The taxes from medical marijuana sales have now generated \$27 million and counting in funding for veterans’ health care in Missouri. The program has generated more than 9,500 direct, new jobs to date and accounted for one out of every 10 new Missouri jobs created in 2021.



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Complete Family Medicine announces acquisition of Crown Family Medicine

By Complete Family Medicine

Complete Family Medicine, a division of Hannibal Regional Healthcare System, announced their acquisition of Crown Family Medicine, located at 1 Crown Drive, Suite 200 and 205, in the Crown Professional Building. Dr. G. Michael Early and his staff from Crown Family will continue to serve the community where they have been providing care for over 25 years. The name of the clinic will be the

Complete Family Medicine Crown Clinic.

“Our team is very excited to be joining Complete Family Medicine, a service of Hannibal Regional,” Early said. “I will continue to provide care for patients at the Crown Drive Professional Building. Joining CFM is going to allow us to bring even more providers and services to this community while continuing to take care of the patients that we have served for many years at Crown Family

Medicine.”

“We are excited and proud to have Dr. G. Mike Early and his team join the Complete Family Medicine/Hannibal Regional team,” said “Justin Puckett, DO, FAAFP, FACOFP, FOMA, CPE, Chief Medical Officer of Complete Family Medicine. “It is an honor to have the opportunity to partner with one of my mentors, as we strive to continue to grow our ability to take care of our communities — something that Dr. Early has



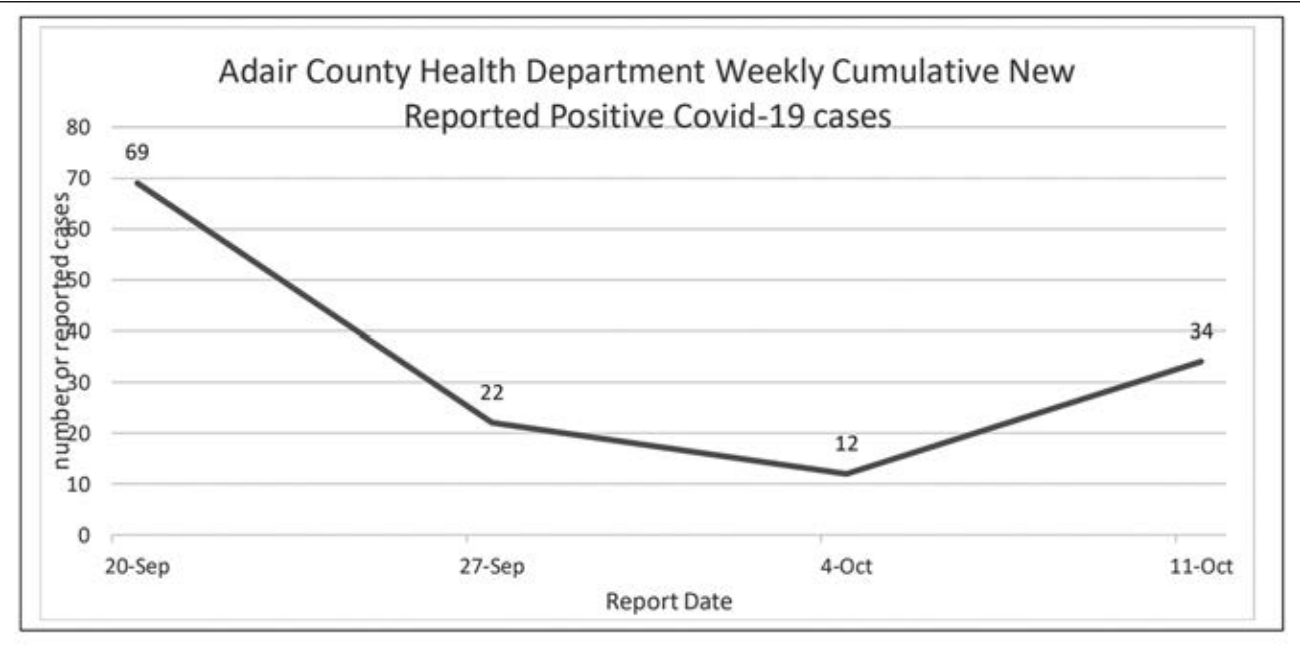
done for more than 40 years.”

Complete Family Medicine, based out of Kirksville with clinics in Brookfield, Macon, Moberly, La Plata and Lancaster, is part of a not-for-profit healthcare system – Hannibal Regional — out of Hannibal, Mo. In Kirks-

ville, Complete Family Medicine currently offers primary care and urgent care services at 1611 S Baltimore Street, as well as at the CFM Specialty Group (1605 S Baltimore Street), CFM Occupational Medicine Clinic (1108 Patterson Street, Suite 3), the CFM CARES Center (1103 S

Cottage Grove), and at the Truman State University Student Health Center and University Counseling Services (located on the University’s campus).

Patients can continue to schedule appointments with Dr. Early at the current office number of (660) 665-2844.



Reported county Covid cases rise then fall as temperatures drop

By Adair County Health Department

The number of cases of Covid-19 reported to the Adair County Health Department during the previous two seven-day periods

fell, then rose as temperatures outside started falling. For the period from Sept. 27 through Oct. 3, cases fell from 22 to 12, followed by a rise to 34 during the period Oct. 4 through 10. The Adair Coun-

ty Health Department continues to administer Covid-19 vaccines and/or boosters for children as young as six months old. To schedule a Covid-19 vaccine, call the Health Department at 660-665-8491.

USDA Rural Development announces \$1.2 million to improve health care for rural Missouri

Funding will help residents in underserved communities in rural Missouri

By USDA

COLUMBIA — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Missouri State Director Kyle Wilkens announced that the department is awarding over \$1.2 million in Emergency Rural Health Care Grants to assist residents in underserved communities in rural Missouri. “Access to healthy food and health care are critical to the health and well-being of our citizens” Wilkens said. “USDA Rural Development is here to build up rural communities.”

As part of the announcement:

Bootheel Cultural & Performing Arts Center is receiving a \$54,600 grant under the nutrition assistance portion of ER-HCG to purchase a walk-in-cooler, forklift, enclosed trailer, and a battery powered pallet lift for the Bootheel Cultural and Performing Arts Center. These items will assist the entity with the increased need for their food bank operations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The walk-in-cooler will help them store large quantities of perishable food items for distribution to their communities. Additionally, the forklift, battery powered pallet

lift, and enclosed trailer will be extremely beneficial in loading, unloading, and transporting pallets of food items out into their local service area. This region of the state battles high unemployment rates is considered a food desert and is in a Persistent Poverty County. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated an already critical situation. Being able to expand their ability to store large quantities of both dry goods and cold food items is truly a matter of food on the table for many families in this area of southeast Missouri.

Carter County Health Center is receiving a \$231,477 grant to assist Carter County Health Center with funds to hire a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) dedicated to testing and vaccination, which will double the health centers vaccination capacity. The nurse will also travel throughout the county providing testing and vaccinations at community centers, schools, senior centers, and churches ensuring the opportunity is available to every citizen in as many rural locations as possible. This investment will also be used to purchase additional medical supplies, vaccines, and tests to ensure they have sufficient resources now

and in the future. The center will also be purchasing an ultra-cold storage unit for special vaccines that must be stored at very low temperatures. Additional measures to ensure all citizens of Carter County can receive these vital services, the health center will be updating the internet services and website, allowing them to increase outreach, support upgrades to the county’s underlying health care information system, enabling county-wide communications going forward.

Ozarks Medical Center is receiving a \$1,000,000 grant to assist in constructing a 10,000 square foot clinic in Mountain View, Missouri. Currently, they provide Covid-19 testing and vaccinations at its primary location in West Plains, Missouri. This is at least a 30-minute drive for the rural community. With limited to no public transportation, the rural community throughout the service area is unable to receive both testing and vaccinations. This proposed project is critical in assuring the rural community has access to this much needed service.

Background: Emergency Rural Health Care Grants

Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 to deliver immediate economic relief to people impacted by the pandemic.

Within months after the Act’s passage, USDA responded quickly by making this funding available to ensure the long-term availability of rural health care services. In August 2021, USDA made the Emergency Rural Health Care Grants available through the American Rescue Plan Act to help rural health care facilities, tribes and communities expand access to health care services and nutrition assistance.

See **USDA**, Page A9

Oct. 21 is Buckle Up Phone Down Day in Missouri

By MoDOT

JEFFERSON CITY — For the sixth year, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, along with various safety partners, schools and businesses throughout the state, are encouraging better driving behaviors as part of Buckle Up Phone Down Day; and this year, aiming for the goal of zero traffic fatalities throughout the day.

Missouri’s 2022 Seat Belt Usage Survey showed 89 percent of vehicle occupants use a seat belt, matching the highest rate the state has ever recorded. But the unbuckled 11 percent make up a majority of the state’s roadway fatalities, which reached a 15-year high in 2021. Cell-phone use continues to be one of the most concerning behaviors for all roadway users. In 2021, over half of the distracted driving fatalities in Missouri claimed the life of someone besides the distracted driver.

“Last year was one of our worst years for roadway fatalities. It’s never been more important to look at ourselves as drivers and do our part to make our roadways safer,” said MoDOT State Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer Nicole Hood. “We

want the words ‘Buckle Up Phone Down’ echoing in the minds of each driver, encouraging them to take an active role in making our roads safe — ultimately resulting in thousands of lives saved.”

Since the program began in 2017, the BUPD movement has spread steadily across Missouri. More than 20,000 Missouri individuals and businesses have accepted the BUPD challenge, and more than a dozen other states are actively sharing the messages along their highways.

“The BUPD movement helps us reinforce the two simplest and most effective ways to save lives on our roadways — wearing your seatbelt and putting your phone down while driving,” said Robert Brinkmann, chairman of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety’s executive committee and the chairman of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. “I encourage everyone to take BUPD Day as an opportunity to change your driving behavior for the better and help us achieve this zero-fatality day—hopefully the first of many to come.”

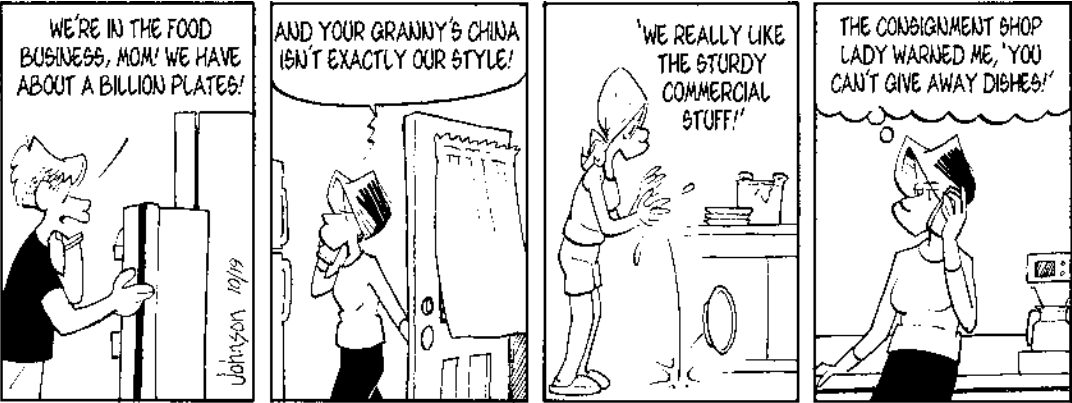
Missourians can accept the challenge to BUPD at modot.org/bupd and spread the word on social media using the hashtags #BUPD and #BUPDDay.

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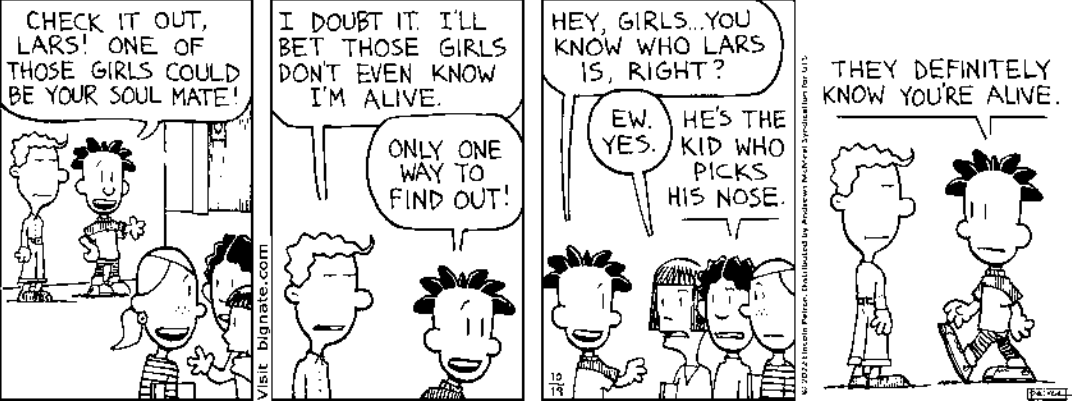
For our Health page, we know there are a lot of medical clinics and affiliated healthcare providers in the local area that have a message that they wish to share with the public. Whether it’s the findings of local research, ways to promote a healthy diet or lifestyle, or the best treatments for common ailments, we’re sure that the local medical community has a lot to share with the people of our community. Same as with our business page, we would also like stories about new training that your staff has received, a new hire with an exclusive area of expertise, a promotion of a staff member or the attendance at an important conference by clinic staff. Whatever is important to you, it’s important to us and we want to provide you the recognition you deserve.

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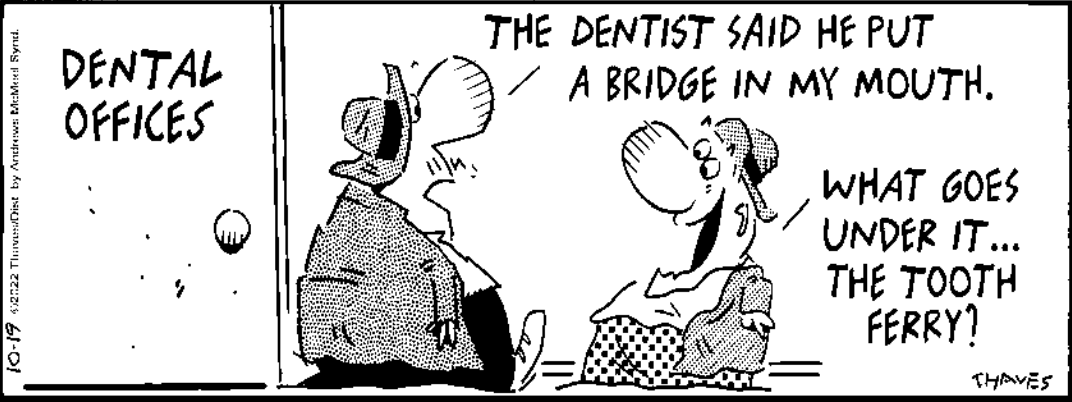
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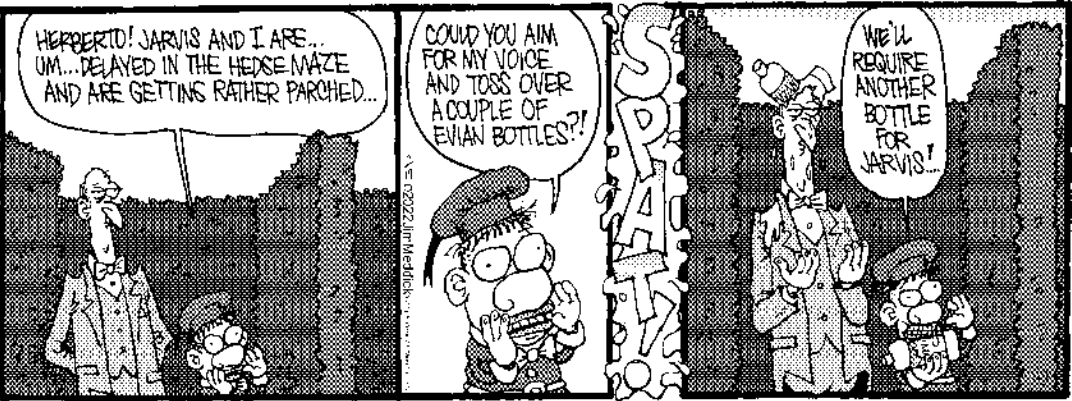
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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

PREVIOUS ANSWER

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ACROSS

1 Position of leadership

5 Repair bill item

10 Conviction

12 Chopin's homeland

13 Mississippi city

14 Half the diameter

15 Grain husk

16 Noisy bird

18 Unser and Gore

19 Severity

21 Hobby knife (hyph.)

25 Sports places

29 Tempted

30 Pushes with the head

32 Bag

33 Forearm bones

34 Drawls

37 Distress signal

38 Robber

40 Modicum

43 Make a choice

44 Billowing garment

48 Westerns brewer

50 Oolong

52 Storage place

53 Gold rush state

54 Lukewarm

55 Tot's perch

DOWN

1 Immediate successor

2 Fitzgerald or Raines

3 Circus animal

4 Tijuana loc.

5 Mauna —

6 Actor Alan —

7 Bucket handle

8 Heavy burden

9 Hwys.

10 Consumer org.

11 South Pacific nation

12 "Stir Crazy" actor

17 Turkish potentate

19 Porcupine, for instance

20 Snub

21 Sweater szs.

22 First cousin's mom

23 Gizzard

24 Prefix for "trillion"

26 — and void

27 Camp or Chlumsky

28 Headliner

31 Compass dir.

35 Scrooge's visitor

36 Drink a little

39 Sundance Kid's wife

40 Fable

41 On the summit

42 Hubby of Lucy

44 "Brian's Song" lead

45 Altar area

46 Jab playfully

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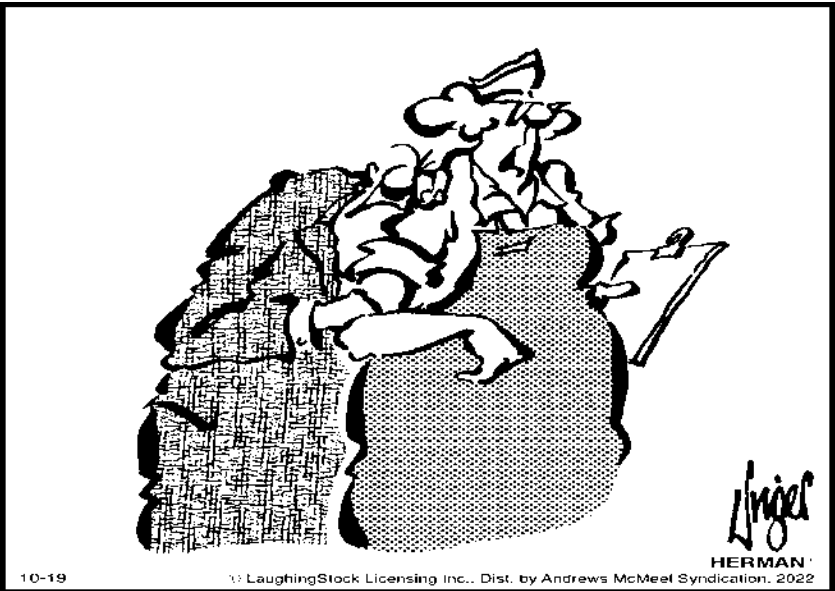
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Take nothing for granted. Hard work, a passionate attitude and a rigorous schedule will keep you healthy, wealthy and wise. Be the first to make a move and take command. Follow your instincts and heart, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results. Make this a year to remember, filled with enthusiasm, love, growth and change. Aim for personal security.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Put your energy where it counts and help a person or cause. An honest assessment of a situation will result in ideas or solutions that are easy to implement and difficult for others to reject.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Expect others to make demands of you. Be prepared to counter any situation you face with a better plan. Staying one step ahead of the crowd will give you the edge to succeed. Be secretive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Taking a short trip or attending a meeting or conference will help you understand where you can make the most significant leap forward. Ask an established friend or relative for input.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Tread carefully. You'll meet with opposition if you are too vocal or aggressive in your search for answers. Do your due diligence and get the facts before you take on a controversial issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Put on your thinking cap and you'll find a way to overcome any obstacle. A moneymaking opportunity will lead to prosperity if you take the initiative and invest in your future.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Pitch in and help, but don't lecture, complain or criticize others. Kind and empathetic behavior will lead to a better outcome and no hard feelings. Home improvement is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Apply energy where it counts, and you'll surpass your expectations. Mix business with pleasure and win favors that help you reach your goal. Lending a helping hand will pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you want to change, get moving. Getting embroiled in emotional mayhem will slow you down and cause you to miss out on something special. Don't make promises you can't keep. Tread carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You'll feel passionate about making a difference. Step into the spotlight and offer suggestions that benefit your community, family or work environment. Make honesty a priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Be part of the solution. Seize the moment and immerse yourself in what's trending, who's doing what and how you can take advantage of the situations unfolding around you. Avoid impulsive spending.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You've got more leverage than you realize. Voice your opinion and act. Committed action will make your opinions difficult for others to deny. Look for an opportunity and you will find a path forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A disciplined attitude will bring the highest return. Refuse to let anyone interfere in your progress. Keep your eye on the ball and push for the changes that will make your life easier.

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The Missouri Department of Conservation will accept bids on a timber sale located in the Sugar Creek Conservation Area, Compartment 3. The sale has an estimated 152,381 board feet of mixed hardwood sawtimber by the Doyle Tree Scale on 204 acres. The forest products are in Township 62 North, Range 10 West, Section(s) 3, 11 in Adair County, Missouri. Prospective bidders may contact Brice Kelso, Forester, for additional details regarding the location and terms of the sale at (660) 785-2420.

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

To all persons interested in the ESTATE OF JOE HENRY SHELTON, DECEASED (ESTATE NO. 21AR-PR00052):

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative of said estate will file Final Settlement and Petition for Distribution on the 31st day of October, 2022, in the Probate Division of the Adair County Circuit Court, Kirksville, Missouri, and that any objections or exceptions to such Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty (20) days from such date.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF MORGAN ABBE RICH ESTATE NO: 22AR-PR000073

NOTICE OF LETTERS GRANTED

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MORGAN ABBE RICH, A DISABLED PERSON.

On the 11th day of October, 2022, Julie Jo Rich was appointed conservator of the estate of Morgan Abbi Rich, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The business address of the conservator is 101 W. Northtown Road, Lot 20, Kirksville, Missouri 63501 and the attorney is Evan Shoemaker, 1103 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.

Date of first publication: October 19, 2022.

Clerk of the Probate Division
Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri

Linda Decker
Adair County
Circuit Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication – October 19, 2022

City of Kirksville
201 S. Franklin St.
Kirksville, MO 63501
660-627-1225

On or after October 27, 2022, the City of Kirksville will submit a request to the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

PROJECT TITLE: 911 Emergency System Stabilization

PURPOSE: Upgrading the city's existing analog emergency 911 call system with a new digital, internet protocol-based Next Generation 911 system which will allow for advanced geo-location and data services. Next Gen 911 will also add text to 911, and pictures and videos to 911 options, which will help break down language barriers for 911 callers trying to communicate with the operators while also potentially aiding hearing- and speech-impaired users. The project will allow for the expansion of the call center from its current two-console system, to three new Next Gen 911 dispatcher modules to better handle increased emergency call volumes while offering expanded training opportunities and the capability for mobile dispatching if the center is displaced by emergency, such as quarantine.

LOCATION: The Kirksville 911 Center is located in the basement level of the Kirksville City Hall at 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville, MO 63501.

ESTIMATED COST: \$627,103 CDBG Funds
\$50,000 In-Kind Contribution
\$677,103 TOTAL

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file with the City Clerk at Kirksville City Hall, 201 S. Franklin, St. Kirksville, MO 63501, and may be examined or copied upon request by appointment only, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to City Administrator Mari Macomber, City of Kirksville, 201 S. Franklin St., Kirksville, MO 63501. All comments received by October 26, 2022 will be considered by the City of Kirksville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Kirksville certifies to the State of Missouri that Zac Burden, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Missouri's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Kirksville to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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HIGH: 48

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WED. NIGHT

Cold with patchy clouds

LOW: 28

POP: 0%

THURSDAY

Partly sunny and milder

68 38

POP: 0%

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny, breezy and warm

77 46

POP: 0%

SATURDAY

Very warm with plenty of sunshine

80 55

POP: 5%

SUNDAY

Partly sunny, winds subsiding and warm

78 55

POP: 25%

MONDAY

Mostly sunny, a thunderstorm; not as warm

68 42

POP: 55%

TUESDAY

Partly sunny with a couple of showers

67 43

POP: 55%

POP: Probability of Precipitation

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National Forecast Wednesday

Actual and normal highs/lows

	T	W	Th	F	S	Su	M
High	74	70	60	67	62	63	
Low	55	41	36	33	29	36	46

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Kirksville through Monday

Temperature

High/low.....46/27

Normal high/low.....64/43

Record high.....87 in 1950

Record low.....25 in 1976

Precipitation

Monday.....0.00"

Past week's total.....0.39"

Month to date.....0.39"

Normal month to date.....1.91"

Year to date.....25.28"

Normal year to date.....36.99"

Winds

Average direction.....NNW

Average speed.....12.5 mph

Highest speed.....18 mph

Monday's Temperatures

Midnight - Midnight

Last Week's Temperatures

Actual and normal highs/lows

The Region

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Branson	56/37/s	74/47/pc
Burlington, IA	48/30/s	64/42/pc
Cape Girardeau	56/27/s	67/42/pc
Carbondale	54/28/s	66/44/pc
Cedar Rapids	48/26/pc	62/37/pc
Champaign	49/27/s	62/36/pc
Chicago	49/33/pc	58/41/pc
Columbia	53/33/s	69/45/pc
Danville	51/29/s	60/37/pc
Davenport	49/27/pc	63/37/pc
Decatur	53/30/s	61/40/pc
Des Moines	49/34/pc	64/44/pc
Evansville	55/30/s	66/45/pc
Galesburg	47/27/pc	62/38/pc
Green Bay	48/32/pc	51/35/pc
Indianapolis	51/29/s	61/38/pc
Iowa City	48/27/pc	62/37/pc
Jefferson City	51/32/s	70/44/pc
Joliet	47/30/pc	58/36/pc
Kansas City	58/38/pc	71/47/pc
Lafayette, IN	49/28/s	59/36/pc
Lincoln	50/29/pc	63/40/pc
Madison	50/31/s	69/43/pc
Milwaukee	47/34/pc	55/38/pc
Omaha	57/37/pc	71/46/pc
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St. Louis	54/35/s	68/49/pc
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Topeka	61/37/pc	74/47/pc
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Weather (W): s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r=rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, i=ice

The Nation

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	53/36/pc	56/36/pc
Albuquerque	69/47/s	72/46/s
Anchorage	48/41/c	47/37/r
Atlanta	60/35/s	63/40/s
Baltimore	56/37/pc	61/38/s
Billings	74/47/s	78/43/s
Birmingham	61/31/s	64/38/s
Boise	76/44/s	76/45/s
Boston	60/42/s	59/43/s
Buffalo	45/38/sh	48/37/sh
Charleston, SC	63/39/s	68/41/s
Charleston, WV	52/31/pc	57/34/pc
Charlotte	60/33/s	63/36/s
Cleveland	44/34/sh	51/36/c
Columbia	63/35/s	66/39/s
Columbus	48/30/pc	54/35/pc
Dallas	69/52/s	82/57/s
Denver	76/41/s	77/46/s
Detroit	48/34/sh	50/35/sh
Fargo	56/35/pc	58/46/pc
Grand Rapids	45/37/c	51/34/pc
Hartford	57/36/s	56/33/s
Honolulu	86/71/pc	84/72/pc
Houston	70/43/s	79/54/s
Jackson, MS	61/32/s	70/45/s
Jacksonville	67/38/s	71/41/s
Las Vegas	88/63/s	88/62/pc
Little Rock	59/36/s	71/47/pc
Los Angeles	92/68/pc	87/63/pc
Louisville	56/32/s	61/43/pc
Memphis	58/36/s	69/50/s
Miami	74/63/t	81/66/t
Minneapolis	49/34/pc	55/41/pc
Nashville	59/32/s	64/40/pc
New Orleans	63/43/s	68/49/s
New York City	56/44/s	58/45/s
Norfolk	60/41/s	64/45/s
Oklahoma City	67/44/s	77/49/pc
Orlando	71/53/pc	77/56/pc
Philadelphia	55/39/pc	59/42/s
Phoenix	89/66/s	90/66/s
Pittsburgh	41/31/sn	52/34/pc
Portland, ME	59/38/s	55/37/s
Portland, OR	77/52/s	69/49/s
Rapid City	71/39/pc	77/45/s
Sacramento	90/54/pc	88/51/s
Salt Lake City	75/49/s	75/49/s
San Diego	89/67/s	79/66/pc
San Francisco	78/56/pc	73/53/pc
Seattle	70/52/s	63/50/pc
Shreveport	65/38/s	79/54/s
Tampa	70/51/s	73/55/s
Tucson	84/59/pc	87/60/s
Tulsa	62/42/s	76/49/s
Washington, DC	55/38/pc	58/44/s

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Boyfriend less than thrilled with woman's spiritual adviser

DEAR ABBY: My long-time girlfriend has male friends who visit her during the day while I am gone for about a week each month. I know them, they are interesting people, and I'm OK with that. She now has a friend who is a faith-based healer -- something she gravitates toward.

He lives three hours away, and when he visits, he stays overnight. I met him recently. He's there now while I am two states away. He does hands-on healing with her and other people she introduces him to. He goes in the water every day of the year, and now my girlfriend does, too, usually very early in the morning. Presumably, they do this together while

JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY

I am away. Maybe he goes in naked; she would consider that natural.

She told me to not worry about the overnights and the hands-on healing because "he is a man of God." I told her it doesn't make any difference. He is divorced and single. Am I being a dope to let this happen without making a strong objection? --

MYSTIFIED IN MAINE

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Be-

cause this woman is your "longtime" girlfriend, you have the right to make your feelings about the arrangement known. If you weren't comfortable with the idea of her entertaining a divorced single man overnight in your absence, you should have said so from the beginning. Whether the two of them are sexually involved is beside the point. If she cares about your feelings, she should respect them. However, if she doesn't, then it may be time for you to find another girlfriend.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

For the Man Who Has Everything

President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus took the opportunity of a meeting at Konstantin Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Oct. 7 to present Russian President Vladimir Putin with a birthday gift, the Associated Press reported. Putin turned 70 years old that day, so naturally, Lukashenko presented him with a gift certificate for a Belarusian tractor. (Tractors are a source of pride in that country's industry.) Lukashenko told reporters that he uses a similar model in his own garden; Putin, however, did not comment on the gift. Instead, he addressed issues such as conflict between ex-Soviet nations, fighting terrorism and illegal drugs.

The Continuing Crisis

Electric cars, trips to space, Twitter -- it's never enough for serial entrepreneur Elon Musk. Now, Reuters reported, the joke's on buyers who snapped up 10,000 bottles of Musk's new perfume, Burnt Hair, in just a few hours -- at \$100 a pop. "With a name like mine, getting into the fragrance business was inevitable -- why did I even fight it for so long?" Musk wondered on Twitter. The perfume is described on The Boring Company's website as "the essence of repugnant desire." "Just like leaning over a candle at the dinner table, but without all the hard work," it boasts. The scent won't start shipping until September 2023, so you can cross it off your Christmas list for this year.

Awesome!

Ray Ruschel may not be the fastest or strongest defensive lineman on the North Dakota State College of Science football team, but he brings his best game and more to the team, the Associated Press reported. Ruschel, 49, works as a night-shift mechanic at a sugar beet factory. He decided to enroll at the college to study business management, and he learned he was eligible to try out for the football team -- reviving his high school career of more than 30 years earlier. Ruschel's coach gives him high marks: "His personality ... he's just a really likable guy with an ambition not to leave any stone unturned," said Eric Issendorf, who's one year younger than Ruschel. With about a dozen plays per game, Ruschel has helped his team secure a 4-1 record for the season, and they're hoping for a national championship.

Least Competent Criminal

In Seminole, Florida, 56-year-old Paul James Sinclair summoned his inner 8-year-old on Oct. 10 as he attempted a bank robbery. Sinclair, according to The Smoking Gun, entered a Chase branch with his hand under his shirt making "the shape of a gun with his finger," arrest records said. He advised teller Desiree Stefanik not to "push any buttons" as he waited for her to hand over the loot. Sinclair got away with only \$120 and was arrested shortly after the incident.

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Kirksville blows out Fulton 42-0 on senior night

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

Friday was senior night for the Kirksville football team, and the Tigers earned a big win for the occasion. After a scoreless first quarter, Kirksville pulled away in the second and piled on more in the second half to pick up a 42-0 win over Fulton.

The Tigers have won four of their last five games and are now 5-3 on the season with one game left to play. It was the first shutout win for the Tigers in almost exactly a year, with the last one being a 20-0 win on Oct. 15, 2021, also against Fulton.

Head coach Kevin Krietemeyer said he was proud of the way the team played Friday, and happy that the seniors were able to get a big win in their final regular season home game.

“That was a good win. Took us a minute to get going again, but we settled in and started playing well in the second quarter,” he said. “I’m proud of our seniors. They’re in year three with me and they keep building, keep learning, keep getting better. I was proud of our kids. They did a great job tonight.”

The Tigers did have a chance to score early on, starting the first position of the game at Fulton’s 35-yard line after a long kickoff return from senior Drew Chrisman. Quarterback Isaac Danielson found Tony Tiberi-Ramos wide open in the endzone on fourth down, but the pass was dropped.

Kirksville would not get on the board until there was 7:26 left in the second quarter when Danielson pitched it to Jackson Farwell on an option and Farwell ran into the endzone from three yards out.

On the ensuing Fulton drive, Kenny Hartman got an interception for the Tigers and ran it back across midfield to the Fulton 42. Several plays later, Tiberi-Ramos made up for the drop by catching a two-yard touchdown pass from Danielson to put the Tigers up 13-0.

Kirksville got another interception with just before halftime when Logan Lehmann grabbed the Fulton pass and ran out of bounds with just four seconds left.

Danielson then hit Tiberi-Ramos in the middle of the field and he ran it down to the one-yard line. A penalty on Fulton gave the Tigers one more play with zeroes on the clock, and after a false start backed them up to the six, Chrisman ran the ball in for his first touchdown of the day. The Tigers then converted on a two-point try to lead 21-0 at the half.

Fulton started the second half with the ball, and then fumbled it with 7:30 left in the quarter and Michael Corbett fell on it for Kirksville.

Several play later, Chrisman broke free for a 48-yard touchdown run. A dropped snap on the extra-point attempt led to a successful two-point conversion for Kirksville as the Tigers went up 29-0, with 22 of those points coming off of turnovers.

After the defense forced a Fulton punt, Chrisman capped off a drive with his third touchdown run of the game, this time from three yards out with 47 seconds left in the third to put the Tigers up 36-0.

Kirksville ran down the clock for most of the fourth quarter and Krietemeyer pulled the starters. With 2:38 left in the game, quarterback Ryder Lyons ran into the endzone from two yards out to bring the score to the final of 42-0.

Fulton came into the game looking to snap a 17-game losing streak that dates back to the 2020 season, but despite their record in the last two years, Krietemeyer said the Hornets are not an easy team to play.

“Hats off to coach (Dana) Chambers,” he said. “The past two years, he’s getting things going and it’s taking a minute to get going. It takes time to build that winning culture, but they give us fits. The past two years they’ve given us fits.”

The Hornets were able to break off a couple of big plays in the game, mostly runs from senior running back Tyreion Logan, but were unable to sustain any drives and the three turnovers proved to be costly.

Looking ahead, Kirksville will be on the road to play Capital City for the regular season finale. The Cavaliers are 6-2 this season and are coming off a 49-6 win over Truman.

“They’re a nice big school, we’ve got to take care of business,” Krietemeyer said. “We’ve got some things drawn up and ready to go for Capital City, and our kids will be ready.”



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Area high school football results for week 8

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The penultimate week of the 2022 regular season is in the books for the area’s high school football teams, and five of the seven teams will be heading into the final week of the season following a win in week eight.

Kirksville picked up a 42-0 home win over Fulton, doing most of their damage in the second and third quarters to earn the senior night victory. The Tigers are now 5-2 on the season and have won four of their last five games. In those four most-recent wins, Kirksville averaged 40 points and allowed just 18.3 points per game, an average that includes 42 points allowed in week seven against Mexico.

Macon entered week eight looking to improve to 8-0, but the hopes of an unbeaten season were dashed with a 32-8 loss against an also undefeated Monroe City team. The eight points was the lowest total for the Tigers since a 30-7 loss on Oct. 9, 2020, which also came against Monroe City. The 30 points allowed was a season high for Macon, marking the third week in a row that the Tigers allowed season high in points.

Milan beat Polo at home by a score of 38-6, making it back-to-back wins for the Wildcats. Macon is now 4-4 on the season. The 38 points scored was the third-highest total of the season while the six points allowed set a new season low for the Milan defense.

Putnam County bounced back from a road loss last week against Gallatin, coming back home to beat Maysville 48-24. The Midgets improved to 6-2 on the season with the win and have outscored their opponents by 24 or more points in three of their last four games with a scoring average of 35.8 points per game in those three games while allowing an average of 18 points.

Perhaps the most monumental win of week eight belonged to Scotland County. The Tigers beat Paris 26-7 to pick up their first win of the season and move to 1-7 on the year. They set a new season high in points, surpassing a 17-point effort last week. The seven points allowed were the fewest on the season by 19 and the fewest allowed by the Tigers since a 54-0 win on Oct. 8 of last year.

The local eight-man teams split their week eight games, with Knox County falling on the road to a strong St. Paul Lutheran team by a score of 56-6. St. Paul Lutheran improved to 7-1 with the win, making them the winningest team faced by Knox County this season. The six points scored by the Eagles were the fewest on the season.

Schuyler County snapped a four-game losing streak with a 58-8 home win over Northland Christian to improve to 3-5 this season. The eight points allowed were the fewest on the season by far. The previous low was the 34 points allowed in the season opener to Knox County. The 58 points scored were the third-most on the year and the most since the Rams scored 70 points in a week-three win over Keytesville.

The schedule for the final week of the regular season is as follows:

- Kirksville at Capital City
- Knox County vs. Bishop LeBlond
- Macon vs. Centralia
- Milan at Maysville
- Putnam County at Polo
- Schuyler County at Northwest
- Scotland County vs. Harrisburg

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Truman running back Shamar Griffith runs into the endzone against Missouri S&T on Oct. 8. FILE PHOTOS

Truman comes back to beat Southwest Baptist for 5th-straight win

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

Playing under the lights at Stokes Stadium on Saturday night, the Truman State football ran its way to a fifth-straight win. The Bulldogs beat GLVC opponent Southwest Baptist 25-20, improving them to 5-1 on the season and 2-0 in conference play.

Southwest Baptist fell to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in the GLVC.

It was Truman's rushing offense that fueled the win, having a breakout day with 279 net yards on the ground. It was the most productive performance of the year for the Bulldogs' running backs, led by Shamar Griffith with 21 carries for 99 yards and freshman Denim Cook with six carries for 94 yards and a touchdown. Griffith also caught a one-yard touchdown pass in the game.

Quarterback Collin Sutton once again took snaps from the wildcat formation, which he also did against Missouri S&T, and ran 57 for yards on eight carries.

While the running game got the ball down the field, quarterback Nolan Hair was able to finish off drives with a pair of touchdown passes, the one to Griffith and another to



Truman running back Denim Cook flexes toward the sideline after a physical catch and run against Missouri S&T on Oct. 8.

Matt Hall, who led the team with six catches for 74 yards. Hair was 13-18 passing for 135 yards and those two scores without throwing an interception.

Vitally, the offensive line was able to keep Hair on his feet, not allowing a sack for the first time this season directly after allowing a season-high five sacks against Missouri S&T.

The Bulldog defense was able to withstand typically productive days from Bearcat quarterback Cooper Callis and running back Abel Carter, who entered the game as the second-leading passer and second-leading rusher in

the GLVC.

Both players performed at about their average so far this season, with Callis completing 23 of 32 passes for 240 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. Carter ran the ball 23 times for 109 but was unable to find the endzone.

Truman was led defensively by defensive back Peyton Carr with 11 total tackles including 2 tackles for loss. He also teamed up with defensive end Garrett Linn for a sack, the only one in the game for either team.

As for the progression of the game, Truman opened the scoring with 5:26 left in the first quarter on a 45-yard field goal from Grant Ross. The Bearcats then grabbed the lead in the final minute of the quarter on a touchdown pass from Callis to Marcus Manuel Jr.

Ross added another three points on a 23-yard field goal for Truman to cut the deficit to 7-6 before Southwest Baptist responded once again, this time with Callis hitting Kylan Herrera

for a touchdown to increase the lead to 14-6.

Truman then completely flipped the game, driving 63 yards in a little over a minute to score a touchdown with just 13 seconds before halftime. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful and Truman trailed 14-12 at the half.

The Bulldogs began the third quarter with the ball, driving 84 yards in just over six minutes before Hair hit Hall for the score. A two-point conversion failed once again, but the Bulldogs managed to turn an eight-point deficit to a four-point lead over a stretch of seven minutes, 39 seconds of game time in which Southwest Baptist's offense was only on the field for 13 seconds.

There would be no more scoring until Cook got an insurance touchdown for the Bulldogs with just over a minute left in the game on a 27-yard touchdown run. This proved to be monumental, as Southwest Baptist returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 42-yard line. Six plays and 47 seconds later, the Bearcats were in the endzone. Their two-point conversion failed, as did their onside kick attempt, sealing the win for Truman.

The Bulldogs remain just on the outside of the top 25 of the AFCA Poll, receiving 11 votes in this week's edition.

Truman will now head on the road for back-to-back games after three-straight home games. First up is a game against William Jewell. The Cardinals are 1-6 on the season and 0-3 in conference play, coming off a 41-14 home loss to Missouri S&T.

Bills rally to beat Chiefs 24-20 in playoff rematch

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Von Miller had just finished talking about the importance of the Buffalo Bills beating the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium when he stopped in the hallway outside the visiting locker room and grabbed Josh Allen in a hug.

The Bills quarterback was masterful again on Sunday.

This time, it was in a winning effort.

Allen threw for 329 yards and three touchdowns, including the go-ahead toss to Dawson Knox with 1:04 left, and the Bills held on for a 24-20 victory to exact a measure of revenge for their epic overtime loss to Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs in last year's playoffs.

"I've come to this stadium a whole bunch of times. Been at this same podium. But I ain't have many smiles," Miller said. "It just feels so good to go out there with my teammates, to work toward something like this and come out on top."

Stefon Diggs had 10 catches for 148 yards and a touchdown, and Gabe Davis also had a TD catch after torching Kansas City for four of them in January, as the Bills (5-1) won in the same place their season had ended the past two seasons.

It was the divisional round in January. It was the AFC championship game the year before that.

"Nothing we did last year translates to what we're doing this year," Allen said with a shrug. "What happened in the past, that's where it is. All we can do is focus on the next one. Today was the next one."

For a moment, it looked as if it could be the next heartbreak.

The Chiefs got the ball back after Knox's touchdown with plenty of time left. But after Mahomes misfired on first down, Buffalo cornerback Taron Johnson jumped his pass to Skyy Moore and picked him off with 51 seconds left.

The Bills ran out the clock from there.

"It was a great battle. You love these games," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "You just don't want to be sitting on this end of it. But you love the competition and the way the guys

get after it."

Mahomes finished with 338 yards passing to go with two touchdowns and two interceptions, including one in the end zone early in the game. JuJu Smith-Schuster had five catches for 113 yards and a touchdown.

The down-to-the-wire nail-biter was a fitting follow-up to their playoff game, when the teams combined to score 25 points in the final two minutes of regulation, and the Chiefs (4-2) won it on the first possession of overtime.

The teams scored on their final six possessions that night, and they picked up Sunday right where they left off — with a small caveat. The Bills and Chiefs both marched the length of the field in the first quarter, chewing up defenses that looked downright lost, only to turn the ball over when they reached the red zone.

Then the similarities to their incredible divisional playoff game really began.

Mahomes, at his improvisational best, stayed alive long enough in a collapsing pocket to find Smith-Schuster for a 42-yard TD reception. And after the Bills blew another red-zone opportunity, when Allen threw incomplete on fourth-and-goal at Kansas City's 3, Buffalo answered with a touchdown drive in the final minute of the half.

Backed up to its own 1-yard line, Allen threw a dart to Davis for a first down. He hit Knox, Diggs and Khalil Shakir on his next three throws, then had Davis beat rookie cornerback Joshua Williams for a 34-yard TD catch.

The drive took 73 seconds, covered 96 yards and gave the Bills a 10-7 lead.

And just like January, the Chiefs answered in seconds. Only instead of using 13 to drive within range of Harrison Butker's 49-yard field goal to force overtime, they had 16 seconds to move 27 yards and set up his 62-yarder to knot the game.

The back-and-forth continued in the second half: Buffalo took the lead after Butker's 51-yard miss when Diggs hauled in a long TD catch, then Kansas City drove 83 yards and Mecole Hardman tied it with his short reception.

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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) is sacked by Buffalo Bills defensive end Shaq Lawson (90) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. AP PHOTO/ED ZURGA

Bills, Chiefs believe another rematch coming in rivalry

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Buffalo Bills were certain of a rematch with the Kansas City Chiefs because of the way the NFL schedule worked out.

The Chiefs believe they'll get another crack at Buffalo because of their talent.

The latest showdown in a burgeoning rivalry between

AFC titans went to the Bills on Sunday, when Josh Allen rallied his team for a 24-20 victory at Arrowhead Stadium. It was the fifth meeting of the teams in less than two years, and came nine months after Kansas City ended Buffalo's season for the second consecutive year in the same building.

"In my opinion, these are the best two teams in football

right now," Chiefs safety Justin Reid said. "When it comes down to the playoffs, we're going to end up seeing each other again. The next time we see them, we are going to have a chip on our shoulder. We're going to need to bring that with us the whole game."

The guys in the other locker room fully expect to see Kansas City again, too.

"I don't want to give those guys any bulletin board material or any of that," Bills pass rusher Von Miller said. "It was a hard-fought game today and it came down to the very end, just like we expected."

The Chiefs (4-2) just made too many mistakes when the game was hanging in the balance.

Patrick Mahomes threw for 338 yards and two touchdowns,

but he threw an early interception while forcing a throw into double coverage in the end zone, then another with 51 seconds left that effectively ended the game.

There were also penalties, missed blocking assignments and dropped passes at crucial moments of the game.

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After loss to Bills, Chiefs know margin for error is slim

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes expects to score every time he touches the ball. He expects to win every time he steps on the field. So when the Chiefs quarterback threw an interception in the final minute Sunday, allowing the Bills to escape with a 24-20 victory over Kansas City, there was a quiet sense of shock inside Arrowhead Stadium — as if Chiefs fans, who had grown so accustomed to winning, couldn’t believe Mahomes and Co. had come up short. “No matter what the situation is, I expect to find a way to win. That’s what this whole team expects,” Mahomes said later, after the Kansas City locker room began to clear out. “I always expect to win until there’s literally not time.” Mahomes played well: 338 yards, two touchdown passes and more highlight-worthy plays. But he also threw two picks, the one that effectively ended the game and one early on, when he threw into double coverage in the Buffalo end zone. On the opposite side, Josh Allen was busy throwing for 329 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions. And when the game was on the line, he found Dawson Knox for the decisive TD with just over a minute left.

“You lose a game, especially at home, it’s never a good feeling,” said Mahomes, who also scrambled for 21 yards, accounting for nearly a third of the Chiefs’ rushing offense. “We played some good football. We just made too many mistakes, at the end of the day. When you make mistakes against another great football team, you lose a football game.” Indeed, the margin for error for the Chiefs this season is much narrower than years past, when they could rely on Tyreek Hill’s speed or the ball-hawking ability of Tyrann Mathieu. It takes a clean game on both sides of the ball and special teams, and Kansas City has struggled to put those together. “We made too many mistakes when it was all said and done,” Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. “It’s good to learn from this. It can benefit you down the road if you handle it right. And this team, I think, will definitely do that.” **WHAT’S WORKING** The Chiefs, who have leaned on tight end Travis Kelce all season, are finally getting some production from their wide receivers. JuJu Smith-Schuster caught five passes for 113 yards and a touchdown and Mecole Hardman hauled in three for 42 yards and a score. (Kelce still had eight catches for



Kansas City Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones (95) prepares to sack Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. AP PHOTO/ED ZURGA

108 yards.) “I’m trying to get to that point where the ball’s being thrown and they’re trusting me,” Smith-Schuster said. “Honestly, it’s just time. It is only our sixth game in.” **WHAT NEEDS HELP** The roller coaster known as the Kansas City ground game dipped in spectacular fashion Sunday. Clyde Edwards-Helaire managed 33 yards on nine carries, Isiah Pacheco had two carries for 9 yards and Jerick McKinnon two carries for 1 yard. As a team, the

Chiefs ran 18 times for 68 yards, or 3.8 per carry. **STOCK UP** Nick Bolton led the Chiefs with 13 tackles, including two for a loss. He took over play-calling from the departed Anthony Hitchens this season and has become a rock in the middle of the Kansas City defense. “That’s the closest thing you can get to a playoff atmosphere in the regular season,” Bolton said. “Guys were stepping up when their number was called. Playing fast and playing con-

fident. Gave us a chance to win a football game at the end.” **STOCK DOWN** Rookie cornerback Joshua Williams, who was pressed into starting with Rashad Fenton sidelined by a hamstring injury, was beaten twice for touchdowns Sunday. He clearly needs more time to develop, and could soon have it. The Chiefs hope to get first-round pick Trent McDuffie, who practiced this week for the first time since leaving the opener with a hamstring

injury, back in time for next week’s game at San Francisco. **INJURIES** The Chiefs came out of the game without any new injuries. **KEY NUMBER** 72 — The number of offensive plays run by the Bills, who dictated the tempo most of the game. **NEXT STEPS** The Chiefs visit the 49ers in a rematch of Kansas City’s Super Bowl triumph following the 2019 season.

NFL owners unlikely to vote on Dan Snyder, roughing calls

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Concussions, roughing-the-passer penalties and Washington owner Dan Snyder have dominated headlines six weeks into an NFL season that’s featured plenty of comebacks and close games, too. There isn’t expected to be any significant news on any of the hot topics when NFL owners meet in New York on Tuesday. Snyder’s ownership of the Commanders became a big issue again last week when ESPN reported, citing anonymous sources, that he has hired private investigators and told people he has enough information to expose fellow owners and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. The Commanders denied the contents of the report, calling it “categorically untrue” and “clearly part of a well-funded, two-year campaign to coerce the sale of the team, which will continue to be unsuccessful.” Snyder’s status has been widely debated for years amid several scandals and investigations into workplace conduct in Washington. There are no plans to vote on Snyder’s owner-

ship because the league’s investigation, conducted by attorney Mary Jo White, into allegations of sexual misconduct and financial impropriety is still ongoing. However, it’s expected Snyder’s name will come up among owners. Tanya Snyder, the team’s co-CEO, and Commanders President Jason Wright are scheduled to represent the team at the meetings, a person familiar with the plans told The Associated Press on Monday. The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the conversations are private, said there has been no change to Dan Snyder’s status since the league announced in July 2021 that he would be turning over day-to-day operations to his wife. The Commanders’ attorneys said last week Snyder “is no longer under any NFL restriction related to his involvement with the team.” The person familiar with the league’s thinking told the AP that Goodell will address the matter with Snyder once the league-commissioned investigation is completed. White hasn’t informed the league of a timeline to submit a report, though

it’s anticipated she’s nearing the end of the investigation, the person said. Snyder and the organization are also currently the subject of an ongoing investigation by the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform. Snyder has owned the team since 1999. Removing him would be unprecedented and requires 24 votes from the other owners. Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross also won’t attend Tuesday’s meeting. His suspension for tampering with Tom Brady and Sean Payton was lifted on Monday, but he is not allowed to attend any league meetings prior next spring. The NFL and NFL Players Association already revised their concussion protocol following a joint investigation into the procedures after Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa suffered what was described as a back injury against the Buffalo Bills last month. The league faced heavy criticism and scrutiny after Tagovailoa was carted off the field by stretcher just four days after stumbling off the field and being allowed to return to play.

A pair of disputed roughing-the-passer penalties in Week 5 frustrated defensive players and had players, coaches and fans questioning what constitutes a legal hit. But the league doesn’t plan to soften its interpretation of the rule and will continue to allow referees to err on the side of caution in order to protect quarterbacks. “We support those calls,” league executive Troy Vincent said on ESPN before Sunday’s games. Among the topics on the agenda for the meetings are updates on international play and preseason injury trends, including use of Guardian caps to prevent concussions. The owners are also expected to vote on the \$790 million St. Louis relocation settlement. Last November, the NFL and Los Angeles Rams owner Stan Kroenke agreed to pay \$790 million to settle a lawsuit filed by St. Louis interests over the team’s relocation to Los Angeles. The vote would determine how much Kroenke pays and how much would be covered by owners of the league’s 31 other teams.

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When the Bills failed on another fourth-down attempt, Butler added a 44-yarder to give Kansas City a 20-17 lead. But unlike January, the Bills made the plays down the stretch. Allen’s scrambling, hurdling run on their go-ahead drive got them in scoring position, and his throw to Knox — a pinpoint dime along the sideline — gave the Bills the lead. And when Johnson came up with his interception a few minutes later, the Bills had their long-awaited revenge in Kansas City. “There were still some bad memories from this place last year,” Knox said, “so it was nice to wipe those from our minds.” **TOUGH GUY** Bills safety Jordan Poyer, who missed last week’s game against Pittsburgh with a rib injury, was medically cleared to play but not to fly. So, he drove 973 miles each way — about 15 hours in the car — to be on the field Sunday. Poyer wound up making four tackles in the game. **STATS AND STREAKS** Allen had a career-best 13 straight completions before missing on his first throw of the fourth quarter. ... Miller had two sacks, giving him 16 in 19 games against Kansas City. ... Chiefs DT Chris Jones, who had a controversial roughing-the-passer penalty last week, tripped Allen for a sack in the fourth quarter. ... Chiefs TE Travis Kelce had eight grabs for 108 yards. **INJURY REPORT** Bills: RT Spencer Brown (ankle) was carted off in the second quarter. CB Dane Jackson left with a stinger in the third. Chiefs: CB Rashad Fenton (hamstring) was inactive. CB Jaylen Watson left briefly in the fourth. **UP NEXT** Bills: Off next week before facing the Packers on Oct. 30 in Buffalo. Chiefs: Visit the 49ers next Sunday in their final game before their bye.

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“There’s some good things we can take out of the game, as tough as it is,” Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. “We made too many mistakes when it was all said and done. They made a few less than we did. It’s good to learn from this. It can benefit you down the road

if you handle it right. And this team, I think, will definitely do that. “When two great teams play each other, the smallest of things can get you off course,” Reid added, “and the other team can beat you. We’ve got to clean up a few things and we’ll do that.” The Chiefs, who could fall into a tie atop the AFC West if the Chargers beat the Broncos on Monday

night, don’t have much time for corrections. They have a trip to San Francisco next week in their final game before their bye. The Bills (5-1) are headed into their week off with the best record in the AFC. “We’ve got a long way to go, but it’s nice to get a win. Any win,” Bills coach Sean McDermott said with a smile. “It’s hard to sit two weeks on

a loss, so like I said, my family will appreciate this win more ways than one. They don’t have to put up with a miserable dad at home this week.” Make no mistake: McDermott knows the value of homefield advantage in the playoffs. The Bills were forced to visit Kansas City, which has hosted the past four AFC title games, for a spot in the Super

Bowl two seasons ago and came up on the losing end. And they had to travel to Arrowhead Stadium again in January for the divisional round, when the riotous atmosphere no doubt contributed to the Chiefs’ overtime victory. Sure, it’s only Week 6. But every game matters, and there was a feeling Sunday mattered a little more than most.

“I think you just want to win, just because you’re a competitor and you’re playing the best of the best, and you feel like you’re the best of the best,” Mahomes said. “At the end of the day, you’ve got to redirect the guys in the locker room to the next game. “You want to win and feel like you could win and didn’t. How are you going to respond?”

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri
and Statutory Propositions

To be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the
General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NO. 1
[Proposed by the 101st General
Assembly (First Regular Session)
HCS HJR 35]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:
Do you want to amend the
Missouri Constitution to:

- allow the General Assembly to override the current constitutional restrictions of state investments by the state treasurer; and
- allow state investments in municipal securities possessing one of the top five highest long term ratings or the highest short term rating?

State governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of \$2 million per year. Local governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of at least \$34,000 per year.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 15 of Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the state treasurer's ability to invest.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A, Section 15, Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 15, to read as follows:

Section 15. The state treasurer shall be custodian of all state funds and funds received from the United States government. The department of revenue shall take custody of and invest nonstate funds as defined herein, and other moneys authorized to be held by the department of revenue. All revenue collected and moneys received by the state which are state funds or funds received from the United States government shall go promptly into the state treasury. All revenue collected and moneys received by the department of revenue which are nonstate funds as defined herein shall be promptly credited to the fund provided by law for that type of money. Immediately upon receipt of state or United States funds the state treasurer shall deposit all moneys in the state treasury in banking institutions selected by him and approved by the governor and state auditor, and he shall hold them for the benefit of the respective funds to which they belong and disburse them as provided by law. Unless otherwise provided by law, all interest received on nonstate funds shall be credited to such funds. The state treasurer shall determine by the exercise of his best judgment the amount of moneys in his custody that are not needed for current expenses and shall place all such moneys on time deposit, bearing interest, in banking institutions in this state selected by the state treasurer and approved by the governor and state auditor or in obligations of the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof maturing and becoming payable not more than [five] seven years from the date of purchase. In addition the treasurer may enter into repurchase agreements maturing and becoming payable within ninety days secured by United States Treasury obligations or obligations of United States government agencies or instrumentalities of any maturity, as provided by law. The treasurer may also invest in banker's acceptances issued by domestic commercial banks possessing the highest rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency and in commercial paper issued by domestic corporations which has received the highest rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency. The treasurer may also invest in municipal securities possessing one of the five highest long term ratings or the highest short term rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency and maturing and becoming payable not more than five years from the date of purchase. The treasurer may also invest in other reasonable and prudent financial instruments and securities as otherwise provided by law. Investments in banker's acceptances and commercial paper shall mature and become payable not more than one hundred eighty days from the date of purchase, maintain the highest rating throughout the duration of the investment and meet any other requirements provided by law. The state treasurer shall prepare, maintain and adhere to a written investment policy which shall include an asset allocation plan limiting the total amount of state money which may be invested in each investment category authorized by this section. The investment and deposit of state, United States and nonstate funds shall be subject to such restrictions and requirements as may be prescribed by law. Banking institutions in which state and United States funds are deposited by the state treasurer shall give security satisfactory to the governor, state auditor and state treasurer for the safekeeping and payment of the deposits and interest thereon pursuant to deposit agreements made with the state treasurer pursuant to law. No duty shall be imposed on the state treasurer by law which is not related to the receipt, investment, custody and disbursement of state funds and funds received from the

United States government. As used in the section, the term "banking institutions" shall include banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, credit unions, production credit associations authorized by act of the United States Congress, and other financial institutions which are authorized by law to accept funds for deposit or which in the case of production credit associations, issues securities. As used in this section, the term "nonstate funds" shall include all taxes and fees imposed by political subdivisions and collected by the department of revenue; all taxes which are imposed by the state, collected by the department of revenue and distributed by the department of revenue to political subdivisions; and all other moneys which are hereafter designated as "nonstate funds" to be administered by the department of revenue.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI
Secretary of State

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 1, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



JOHN R. ASHCROFT
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NO. 3
[Proposed by Initiative Petition]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:
Do you want to amend the
Missouri Constitution to:

- remove state prohibitions on purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, delivering, manufacturing, and selling marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of twenty-one;
- require a registration card for personal cultivation with prescribed limits;
- allow persons with certain marijuana-related non-violent offenses to petition for release from incarceration or parole and probation and have records expunged;
- establish a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates;
- issue equally distributed licenses to each congressional district; and
- impose a six percent tax on the retail price of marijuana to benefit various programs?

State governmental entities estimate initial costs of \$3.1 million, initial revenues of at least \$7.9 million, annual costs of \$5.5 million, and annual revenues of at least \$40.8 million. Local governments are estimated to have annual costs of at least \$35,000 and annual revenues of at least \$13.8 million.

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Article XIV is amended by amending Section 1 of Article XIV and enacting one new section to be known as Section 2 of Article XIV, to read as follows:

XIV Section 1. Right to access medical marijuana.—1. Purposes. This section is intended to permit state-licensed physicians and nurse practitioners to recommend marijuana for medical purposes to patients with serious illnesses and medical conditions. The section allows patients with qualifying medical conditions the right to discuss freely with their physicians and nurse practitioners the possible benefits of medical marijuana use, the right of their physicians and nurse practitioners to provide professional advice concerning the same, and the right to use medical marijuana for treatment under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner.

This section is intended to make only those changes to Missouri laws that are necessary to protect patients, their primary caregivers, and their physicians and nurse practitioners from civil and criminal penalties, and to allow for the limited legal production, distribution, sale and purchase of marijuana for medical use. This section is not intended to change current civil and criminal laws governing the use of marijuana for nonmedical purposes. The section does not allow for the public use of marijuana and driving under the influence of marijuana.

2. Definitions.

(1) "Administer" means the direct application of marijuana to a qualifying patient by way of any of the following methods:

- (a) Ingestion of capsules, teas, oils, and other marijuana-infused products;
- (b) Vaporization or smoking of dried flowers, buds, plant material, extracts, [or] oils, and other marijuana-infused products;

- (c) Application of ointments or balms;
- (d) Transdermal patches and suppositories;
- (e) Consuming marijuana-infused food products; or
- (f) Any other method recommended by a qualifying patient's physician or nurse practitioner.

(2) "Church" means a permanent building primarily and regularly used as a place of religious worship.

(3) "Daycare" means a child-care facility, as defined by section 210.201, RSMo, or successor provisions, that is licensed by the state of Missouri.

(4) "Department" means the department of health and senior services, or its successor agency.

(5) "Entity" means a natural person, corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation, cooperative corporation, unincorporated association, business trust, limited liability company, general or limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, or any other legal entity.

(6) "Flowering plant" means a marijuana plant from the time it exhibits the first signs of sexual maturity through harvest.

(7) "Infused preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product, generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper, (2) dried flower, buds, and/or plant material, and (3) a concentrate, oil or other type of marijuana extract, either within or on the surface of the product. Infused prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(8) "Marijuana" or "marihuana" means *Cannabis indica*, *Cannabis sativa*, and *Cannabis ruderalis*, hybrids of such species, and any other strains commonly understood within the scientific community to constitute marijuana, as well as resin extracted from the marijuana plant and marijuana-infused products. "Marijuana" or "marihuana" do not include industrial hemp, [containing a cropwide average tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed three-tenths of one percent on a dry weight basis,] as defined by Missouri statute, or commodities or products manufactured from industrial hemp.

(9) "Marijuana-infused products" means products that are infused, dipped, coated, sprayed, or mixed with marijuana or an extract thereof [and are intended for use or consumption other than by smoking], including, but not limited to, [edible products, ointments, tinctures and concentrates,] products that are able to be vaporized or smoked, edible products, ingestible products, topical products, suppositories, and infused prerolls.

(10) "Medical Facility" means any medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, as defined in this section.

(11) "Medical marijuana cultivation facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, cultivate, process, package, store on site or off site, transport to or from, and sell marijuana, marijuana seeds, and marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones) to a medical marijuana dispensary facility, medical marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana cultivation facility, or to a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. A medical marijuana cultivation facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the production and sale of prerolls, but shall not include the manufacture of marijuana-infused products.

(12) "Medical marijuana dispensary facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, sell, transport to or from, and deliver marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), marijuana-infused products, and drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana as provided for in this section to a qualifying patient, a primary caregiver, anywhere on the licensed property or to any address as directed by the patient or primary caregiver, so long as the address is a location allowing for the legal possession of marijuana, another medical marijuana dispensary facility, a [medical] marijuana testing facility, a medical marijuana cultivation facility, or a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. Dispensary facilities may receive transaction orders at the dispensary in person, by phone, or via the internet, including from a third party. A medical marijuana dispensary facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the production and sale of prerolls, but shall not include the manufacture of marijuana-infused products.

(13) "Medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, manufacture, transport to or from, and sell marijuana-infused products to a medical marijuana dispensary facility, a [medical] marijuana testing facility, a medical marijuana cultivation facility, or a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. Dispensary facilities may receive transaction orders at the dispensary in person, by phone, or via the internet, including from a third party. A medical marijuana dispensary facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the production and sale of prerolls, but shall not include the manufacture of marijuana-infused products.

(14) "Medical marijuana testing facility" means a facility certified by the department to acquire, test, certify, and transport marijuana, including those originally licensed as a medical marijuana testing facility.

(15) "Medical use" means the production, possession, delivery, distribution, transportation, or administration of marijuana or a marijuana-infused product, or drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana or a marijuana-infused

product, for the benefit of a qualifying patient to mitigate the symptoms or effects of the patient's qualifying medical condition.

(16) "Nurse practitioner" means an individual who is licensed and in good standing as an advanced practice registered nurse, or successor designation, under Missouri law.

(17) "Owner" means an individual who has a financial (other than a security interest, lien, or encumbrance) or voting interest in ten percent or greater of a marijuana facility.

(18) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed and in good standing to practice medicine or osteopathy under Missouri law.

(19) "Physician or nurse practitioner certification" means a document, whether handwritten, electronic or in another commonly used format, signed by a physician or a nurse practitioner and stating that, in the physician's or nurse practitioner's professional opinion, the patient suffers from a qualifying medical condition.

(20) "Preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product, generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper and (2) dried flower, buds, and/or plant material. Prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(21) "Primary caregiver" means an individual twenty-one years of age or older who has significant responsibility for managing the well-being of a qualifying patient and who is designated as such on the primary caregiver's application for an identification card under this section or in other written notification to the department.

(22) "Qualifying medical condition" means the condition of, symptoms related to, or side-effects from the treatment of:

- (a) Cancer;
- (b) Epilepsy;
- (c) Glaucoma;
- (d) Intractable migraines unresponsive to other treatment;
- (e) A chronic medical condition that causes severe, persistent pain or persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to those associated with multiple sclerosis, seizures, Parkinson's disease, and Tourette's syndrome;
- (f) Debilitating psychiatric disorders, including, but not limited to, posttraumatic stress disorder, if diagnosed by a state licensed psychiatrist;
- (g) Human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome;
- (h) A chronic medical condition that is normally treated with a prescription medication that could lead to physical or psychological dependence, when a physician or nurse practitioner determines that medical use of marijuana could be effective in treating that condition and would serve as a safer alternative to the prescription medication;
- (i) Any terminal illness; or
- (j) In the professional judgment of a physician or nurse practitioner, any other chronic, debilitating or other medical condition, including, but not limited to, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, Huntington's disease, autism, neuropathies, sickle cell anemia, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, cachexia, and wasting syndrome.

(23) "Qualifying patient" means [a Missouri resident] an individual diagnosed with at least one qualifying medical condition.

(24) "Unduly burdensome" (when referring to a facility licensee or certificate holder) means the measures necessary to comply with the rules or ordinances adopted pursuant to this section subject the party to such a high investment or expense of money, time, or any other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent businessperson would not operate the facility; and (when referring to qualifying patients, primary caregivers, physicians, nurse practitioners, or other party) "unduly burdensome" means the measures necessary to comply with the rules or ordinances adopted pursuant to this section undermine the purpose of this section.

3. Creating Patient Access to Medical Marijuana.

(1) In carrying out the implementation of this section, the department shall have the authority to:

- (a) Grant or refuse state licenses and certifications for the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, sale, testing, tracking, and transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products for medical use, as provided by this section and general law; suspend, impose an authorized fine, restrict, or revoke such licenses and certifications upon a violation of this section, general law, or a rule promulgated pursuant to this section; and impose any administrative penalty authorized by this section or any general law enacted or rule promulgated pursuant to this section, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety.
- (b) Promulgate rules and emergency rules necessary for the proper regulation and control of the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, and sale of marijuana for medical use and for the enforcement of this section so long as patient access is not restricted unreasonably and such rules are reasonably necessary for patient safety or to restrict access to only licensees and qualifying patients.
- (c) Develop such forms, certificates, licenses, identification cards, and applications as are necessary for, or reasonably related to, the administration of this section or any of the rules promulgated under this section[.];
- (d) Require a seed-to-sale tracking system that tracks medical marijuana from either the seed or immature plant stage until the medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused product is sold to a qualifying patient or primary caregiver to ensure that no medical

marijuana grown by a medical marijuana cultivation facility or manufactured by a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility is sold or otherwise transferred except by a medical marijuana dispensary facility. The department shall certify, if possible, at least two commercially available systems to licensees as compliant with its tracking standards and issue standards for the creation or use of other systems by licensees.

(e) Issue standards for the secure transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. The department shall certify entities which demonstrate compliance with its transportation standards to transport marijuana and marijuana-infused products to or from a medical marijuana cultivation facility, a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, a medical marijuana dispensary facility, a [medical] marijuana testing facility, or another entity with a transportation certification. The department shall develop or adopt from any other governmental agency such safety and security standards as are reasonably necessary for the transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. Any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section shall be allowed to transport and store [cannabis] marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones) and marijuana-infused products for purposes related to transportation in compliance with department regulations on storage of marijuana and marijuana-infused products.

(f) The department may charge a fee not to exceed \$5,000 for any certification issued pursuant to this section.

(g) Prepare and transmit annually a publicly available report accounting to the governor for the efficient discharge of all responsibilities assigned to the department under this section[.];

(h) [Establish a system to numerically score competing medical marijuana licensee and certificate applicants, only in cases where more applicants apply than the minimum number of licenses or certificates as calculated by this section, which scoring shall be limited to an analysis of the following:] Establish a lottery selection process to select medical marijuana licensee and certificate applicants, only in cases where more applicants apply than the minimum number of licenses or certificates as calculated by this section. To be eligible for the medical marijuana license lottery process, an applicant cannot have an owner who has pleaded or been found guilty of a disqualifying felony. A "disqualifying felony offense" is a violation of, and conviction or guilty plea to, state or federal law that is, or would have been, a felony under Missouri law, regardless of the sentence imposed, unless the department determines that:

- (i) The person's conviction was for a marijuana offense, other than provision of marijuana to a minor, or
- (ii) The person's conviction was for a non-violent crime for which he or she was not incarcerated and that is more than five years old; or
- (iii) More than five years have passed since the person was released from parole or probation, and he or she has not been convicted of any subsequent felony criminal offenses.

The department may consult with and rely on the records, advice, and recommendations of the attorney general and the department of public safety, or their successor entities, in carrying out the provisions of this subdivision.

(i) the character, veracity, background, qualifications, and relevant experience of principal officers or managers;

(ii) the business plan proposed by the applicant, which in the case of cultivation facilities and dispensaries shall include the ability to maintain an adequate supply of marijuana, plans to ensure safety and security of qualifying patients and the community, procedures to be used to prevent diversion, and any plan for making marijuana available to low-income qualifying patients;

(iii) site security;

(iv) experience in a legal cannabis market;

(v) in the case of medical marijuana testing facilities, the experience of their personnel with testing marijuana, food or drugs for toxins and/or potency and health care industry experience;

(vi) the potential for positive economic impact in the site community;

(vii) in the case of medical marijuana cultivation facilities, capacity or experience with agriculture, horticulture, and health care;

(viii) in the case of medical marijuana dispensary facilities, capacity or experience with health care, the suitability of the proposed location, and its accessibility for patients;

(ix) in the case of medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, capacity or experience with food and beverage manufacturing; and

(x) maintaining competitiveness in the marijuana for medical use marketplace.]

[In ranking] establishing a lottery selection process to select medical marijuana licensee and certificate applicants and awarding licenses and certificates, the department may consult or contract with other public agencies with relevant expertise [regarding these factors]. The department shall lift or ease any limit on the number of licensees or certificate holders in order to meet the demand for marijuana for medical use by qualifying patients.

(2) The department shall issue any rules or emergency rules necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section and to ensure the right to, availability, and safe use of marijuana for medical use by qualifying patients.

In developing such rules or emergency rules, the department may consult with other public agencies. In addition to any other rules or emergency rules necessary to carry out the mandates of this section, the department may issue

rules or emergency rules relating to the following subjects:

(a) Compliance with, enforcement of, or violation of any provision of this section or any rule issued pursuant to this section, including procedures and grounds for denying, suspending, [fining,] imposing an authorized fine, and restricting, or revoking a state license or certification issued pursuant to this section, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety;

(b) Specifications of duties of officers and employees of the department;

(c) Instructions or guidance for local authorities and law enforcement officers;

(d) Requirements for inspections, investigations, searches, seizures, and such additional enforcement activities as may become necessary from time to time;

(e) [Creation of a range of] As otherwise authorized by this section or general law, administrative penalties and policies for use by the department;

(f) Prohibition of misrepresentation and unfair practices;

(g) Control of informational and product displays on licensed premises provided that the rules may not prevent or unreasonably restrict appropriate signs on the property of the medical marijuana dispensary facility, product display and examination by the qualifying patient and/or primary caregiver, listings in business directories including phone books, listings in marijuana-related or medical publications, or the sponsorship of health or not for profit charity or advocacy events. While the department shall have the general power to regulate the advertising and promotion of marijuana sales, under all circumstances, any such regulation shall be no more stringent than comparable state regulations on the advertising and promotion of alcohol sales;

(h) Development of individual identification cards for owners, officers, managers, contractors, employees, and other support staff of entities licensed or certified pursuant to this section, including a fingerprint-based federal and state criminal record check in accordance with U.S. Public Law 92-544, or its successor provisions, as may be required by the department prior to issuing a card and procedures to ensure that cards for new applicants are issued within fourteen days. Applicants licensed pursuant to this section shall submit fingerprints to the Missouri state highway patrol for the purpose of conducting a state and federal fingerprint-based criminal background check. The Missouri state highway patrol, if necessary, shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the purpose of conducting a fingerprint-based criminal background check. Fingerprints shall be submitted pursuant to section 43.543, RSMo, or its successor provisions, and fees shall be paid pursuant to section 43.530, RSMo, or its successor provisions. Unless otherwise required by law, no individual shall be required to submit fingerprints more than once;

(i) Security requirements for any premises licensed or certified pursuant to this section, including, at a minimum, lighting, physical security, video, alarm requirements, and other minimum procedures for internal control as deemed necessary by the department to properly administer and enforce the provisions of this section, including reporting requirements for changes, alterations, or modifications to the premises;

(j) Regulation of the storage of, warehouses for, and transportation of marijuana for medical use;

(k) Sanitary requirements for, including, but not limited to, the preparation of medical marijuana-infused products;

(l) The specification of acceptable forms of picture identification that a medical marijuana dispensary facility may accept when verifying a sale;

(m) Labeling and packaging standards;

(n) Records to be kept by licensees and the required availability of the records;

(o) State licensing procedures, including procedures for renewals, reinstatements, initial licenses, and the payment of licensing fees;

(p) The reporting and transmittal of tax payments;

(q) Authorization for the department of revenue to have access to licensing information to ensure tax payment and the effective administration of this section; and

(r) Such other matters as are necessary for the fair, impartial, stringent, and comprehensive administration of this section.

(3) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules for a medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products independent testing and certification program for medical marijuana licensees and requiring licensees to test medical marijuana using one or more impartial, independent laboratories to ensure, at a minimum, that products sold for human consumption do not contain contaminants that are injurious to health, to ensure correct labeling and measure potency. The department shall not require any medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused products to be tested more than once prior to sale.

(4) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules to provide for the certification of and standards for [medical] marijuana testing facilities, including the requirements for equipment and qualifications for personnel, but shall not require certificate holders to have any federal agency licensing or have any relationship with a federally licensed testing facility. The department shall certify, if possible, at least two entities as [medical] marijuana testing facilities. No [medical] marijuana testing facility shall be owned by an entity or entities under

substantially common control, ownership, or management as a medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana-infused product manufacturing facility, or medical marijuana dispensary facility.

(5) [The department shall maintain the confidentiality of reports or other information obtained from an applicant or licensee containing any individualized data, information, or records related to the licensee or its operation, including sales information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports, cultivation information, testing results, and security information and plans, or revealing any patient information, or any other records that are exempt from public inspection pursuant to state or federal law. Such reports or other information may be used only for a purpose authorized by this section.] Any information released by the department related to patients may [be used] only be for a purpose authorized by federal law and this section, including verifying that a person who presented a patient identification card to a state or local law enforcement official is lawfully in possession of such card. Beginning December 8, 2022, all public records produced or retained pursuant to this section are subject to the general provisions of the Missouri Sunshine Law, chapter 610, RSMo, or its successor provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, records containing proprietary business information obtained from an applicant or licensee shall be closed. For documents submitted on or after December 8, 2022, the applicant or licensee may advise the department through a department approved process, or of any records previously submitted by the applicant or licensee it believes contain proprietary business information. Proprietary business information shall include sales information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports, license applications, cultivation information unrelated to product safety, testing results unrelated to product safety, site security information and plans, and individualized consumer information. The presence of proprietary business information shall not justify the closure of public records:

(a) identifying the applicant or licensee;

(b) relating to any citation, notice of violation, tax delinquency, or other enforcement action;

(c) relating to any public official's support or opposition relative to any applicant, licensee, or their proposed or actual operations;

(d) where disclosure is reasonably necessary for the protection of public health or safety; or

(e) that are otherwise subject to public inspection under other applicable law.

(6) Within one hundred eighty days of December 6, 2018, the department shall make available to the public license application forms and application instructions for medical marijuana cultivation facilities, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana dispensary facilities, and medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities.

(7) Within one hundred eighty days of December 6, 2018, the department shall make available to the public application forms and application instructions for qualifying patient, qualifying patient cultivation, and primary caregiver identification cards. Within two hundred ten days of December 6, 2018, the department shall begin accepting applications for such identification cards.

(8) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to grow marijuana as a medical marijuana cultivation facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license, but multiple licenses may be utilized in a single facility. Each indoor facility utilizing artificial lighting may be limited by the department to thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy space. Each outdoor facility utilizing natural lighting may be limited by the department to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants. Each greenhouse facility using a combination of natural and artificial lighting may be limited by the department, at the election of the licensee, to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants or thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy. The license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of ten thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of December 6, 2018, and shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of five thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of twenty-five thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. [No more than three medical marijuana cultivation facility licenses shall be issued to any entity under substantially common control, ownership, or management.] An entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana cultivation facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(9) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a medical marijuana dispensary facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of six thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of December 6, 2018, and shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. [No more than three medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses shall be issued to any entity under substantially common control, ownership, or management.] An entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(10) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of six thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of December 6, 2018, and shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. [No more than three medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses shall be issued to any entity under substantially common control, ownership, or management.] An entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(11) Any applicant for a license authorized by this section may prefile their application fee with the department beginning 30 days after December 6, 2018.

(12) Except for good cause, a qualifying patient or his or her primary caregiver may obtain an identification card from the department to cultivate up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) for the exclusive use of that qualifying patient. The card shall be valid for [twelve months] three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable with the [annual] submittal of a new or updated [physician's] physician or nurse practitioner certification. The department shall charge [an annual] a fee for the card of [one hundred] fifty dollars, with such rate to be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency.

(13) The department may set a limit on the amount of marijuana that may be purchased by or on behalf of a single qualifying patient in a thirty-day period, provided that limit is not less than [four] six ounces of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent. Any such limit shall not apply to a qualifying patient with written certification from [two independent physicians] a physician or nurse practitioner that there are compelling reasons why the qualifying patient needs a greater amount than the limit established by the department.

(14) The department may set a limit on the amount of marijuana that may be possessed by or on behalf of each qualifying patient, provided that limit is not less than a sixty-day supply of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent. A primary caregiver may possess a separate legal limit for each qualifying patient under their care and a separate legal limit for themselves if they are a qualifying patient. Qualifying patients cultivating marijuana for medical use may possess up to a ninety-day supply, so long as the supply remains on property under their control. Any such limit shall not apply to a qualifying patient with written certification from [two independent physicians] an independent physician or nurse practitioner that there are compelling reasons for additional amounts. Possession of between the legal limit and up to twice the legal limit shall subject the possessor to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of up to two hundred dollars and loss of their patient identification card for up to a year. Purposefully possessing amounts in excess of twice the legal limit shall be punishable [by imprisonment of up to one year and a fine of up to two thousand dollars] as an infraction under applicable law.

(15) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for medical marijuana cultivation facilities and comprehensive marijuana cultivation facilities authorized by section 2 combined, provided, however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than one license per every seventy thousand inhabitants, or any portion thereof, of the state of Missouri, according to the most recent census of the United States. A decrease in the number of inhabitants in the state of Missouri shall have no impact.

(16) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities and comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities authorized by section 2 combined, provided, however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than one license per every seventy thousand inhabitants, or any portion thereof, of the state of Missouri, according to the most recent census of the United States. A decrease in the number of inhabitants in the state of Missouri shall have no impact.

(17) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for medical marijuana dispensary facilities and comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities authorized by section 2 combined, provided, however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than twenty-four licenses in each United States congressional district in the state of Missouri pursuant to the map of each of the eight congressional districts as drawn and effective on December 6, 2018. Future changes to the boundaries of or the number of congressional districts shall have no impact.

(18) The department shall begin accepting license and certification applications for medical marijuana dispensary facilities, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, seed-to-sale tracking systems, and for transportation of marijuana no later than two hundred forty days after December 6, 2018. Applications for licenses and certifications under this section shall be approved or denied by the department no later than one hundred fifty days after their submission. If the department fails to carry out its nondiscretionary duty to approve or deny an application within one hundred fifty days of submission, an applicant may immediately seek a court order compelling the department to approve or deny the application.

(19) Qualifying patients under this section shall obtain [and annually renew] an identification card or cards from the department. The department shall charge a fee of twenty-five dollars [per year] per card. [with such fee to] Such fee may be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor or its successor agency. Cards shall be valid for three years and may be renewed with a new physician or nurse practitioner certification. Upon receiving an application for a qualifying patient identification card or qualifying patient cultivation identification card, the department shall, within thirty days, either issue the card or provide a written explanation for its denial. If the department fails to deny and fails to issue a card to an eligible qualifying patient within thirty days, then their physician or nurse practitioner certification shall serve as their qualifying patient identification card or qualifying patient cultivation identification card for up to one year from the date of physician or nurse practitioner certification. All initial applications for or renewals of a qualifying patient identification card or qualifying patient cultivation identification card shall be accompanied by a physician or nurse practitioner certification that is less than thirty days old.

(20) Primary caregivers under this section shall obtain [and annually renew] an identification card from the department. Cards shall be valid for three years. The department shall charge a fee of twenty-five dollars per [year, with such fee to] card. Such fee may be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. Upon receiving an application for a primary caregiver identification card, the department shall, within thirty days, either issue the card or provide a written explanation for its denial.

(21) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all [All] marijuana for medical use sold in Missouri shall be cultivated in a licensed medical marijuana cultivation facility located in Missouri.

(22) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all [All] marijuana-infused products for medical use sold in the state of Missouri shall be manufactured in a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility.

(23) The denial of a license, license renewal, or identification card by the department shall be appealable to the administrative hearing commission, or its successor entity. Following the exhaustion of administrative review, denial of a license, license renewal, or identification card by the department shall be subject to judicial review as provided by law.

(24) No elected official shall interfere directly or indirectly with the department's obligations and activities under this section.

(25) The department shall not have the authority to apply or enforce any unduly burdensome rule or regulation or administrative penalty [that would impose an undue burden on] upon any one or more licensees or certificate holders, any qualifying patients, or their primary caregivers, or act to undermine the purposes of this section.

4. Taxation and Reporting.

(1) A tax is levied upon the retail sale of marijuana for medical use sold at medical marijuana dispensary facilities within the state. The tax shall be at a rate of four percent of the retail price. The tax shall be collected by

each licensed medical marijuana dispensary facility and paid to the department of revenue. After retaining no more than [five] two percent for its actual collection costs, amounts generated by the medical marijuana tangible personal property retail sales tax levied in this section shall be deposited by the department of revenue into the Missouri veterans' health and care fund. Licensed entities making retail sales within the state shall be allowed approved credit for returns provided the tax was paid on the returned item and the purchaser was given the refund or credit.

(2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri Veterans' Health and Care Fund", which shall consist of taxes and fees collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund, and he or she shall invest monies in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and monies earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any monies remaining in the fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The commissioner of administration is authorized to make cash operating transfers to the fund for purposes of meeting the cash requirements of the department in advance of it receiving annual application, licensing, and tax revenue, with any such transfers to be repaid as provided by law. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and shall stand appropriated without further legislative action as follows:

(a) First, to the department, an amount necessary for the department to carry out this section, including repayment of any cash operating transfers, payments made through contract or agreement with other state and public agencies necessary to carry out this section, and a reserve fund to maintain a reasonable working cash balance for the purpose of carrying out this section;

(b) Next, the remainder of such funds shall be transferred to the Missouri veterans commission for health and care services for military veterans, including the following purposes: operations, maintenance and capital improvements of the Missouri veterans homes, the Missouri service officer's program, and other services for veterans approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, health care services, mental health services, drug rehabilitation services, housing assistance, job training, tuition assistance, and housing assistance to prevent homelessness. The Missouri veterans commission shall contract with other public agencies for the delivery of services beyond its expertise.

(c) All monies from the taxes authorized under this subsection shall provide additional dedicated funding for the purposes enumerated above and shall not replace existing dedicated funding.

(3) For all retail sales of marijuana for medical use, a record shall be kept by the seller which identifies, by secure and encrypted patient number issued by the seller to the qualifying patient involved in the sale, all amounts and types of marijuana involved in the sale and the total amount of money involved in the sale, including itemizations, taxes collected and grand total sale amounts. All such records shall be kept on the premises in a readily available format and be made available for review by the department and the department of revenue upon request. Such records shall be retained for five years from the date of the sale.

(4) The tax levied pursuant to this subsection is separate from, and in addition to, any general state and local sales and use taxes that apply to retail sales, which shall continue to be collected and distributed as provided by general law.

(5) Except as authorized in this subsection, no additional taxes shall be imposed on the sale of marijuana for medical use.

(6) The fees and taxes provided for in this Article XIV, Section 1 shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution purportedly prohibiting or restricting the taxes and fees provided for herein.

(7) The unexpended balance existing in the fund shall be exempt from the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, or its successor provisions, relating to the transfer of unexpended balances to the general revenue fund.

(8) For taxpayers authorized to do business pursuant to this Article, the amount that would have been deducted in the computation of federal taxable income pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on January 1, 2021, or successor provisions, but is disallowed because cannabis is a controlled substance under federal law, shall be subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, in determining the taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income.

5. Additional Patient, Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Caregiver and Provider Protections.

(1) Except as provided in this section, the possession of marijuana in quantities less than the limits of this section, or established by the department, and transportation of marijuana [from a medical marijuana dispensary facility to the qualifying patient's residence] by the qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall not subject the possessor to arrest, criminal or civil liability, or sanctions under Missouri law, provided that the possessor produces on demand to the appropriate authority a valid qualifying patient identification card; a valid qualifying patient cultivation identification card; a valid physician or nurse practitioner certification while making application for an identification card; or a valid primary caregiver identification card. Production of the respective substantially equivalent identification card or authorization issued by another state or political subdivision of another state shall also meet the requirements of this subdivision and shall allow for the purchase of medical marijuana for use by a non-resident patient from a medical marijuana dispensary facility as permitted by this section and in compliance with department regulations.

(2) No patient shall be denied access to or priority for an organ transplant or other medical care because they hold a qualifying patient identification card or use marijuana for medical use.

(3) A physician or nurse practitioner shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law or discipline by the Missouri state board of registration for the healing arts, the Missouri state board of nursing, or [its] their respective successor [agency] agencies, for owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with, any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section or issuing a physician or nurse practitioner certification to a patient diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition in a manner consistent with this section and legal standards of professional conduct.

(4) A health care provider shall not be subject to civil or criminal prosecution under Missouri law, denial of any right or privilege, civil or administrative penalty or sanction, or disciplinary action by any accreditation or licensing board or commission for owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section or providing health care services that involve the medical use of marijuana consistent with this section and legal standards of professional conduct.

(5) A [medical] marijuana testing facility shall not be subject to civil or criminal prosecution under Missouri law, denial of any right or privilege, civil or administrative penalty or sanction, or disciplinary action by any accreditation or licensing board or commission for providing laboratory testing services that relate to the medical use of marijuana consistent with this section and otherwise meeting legal standards of professional conduct.

(6) A health care provider shall not be subject to mandatory reporting requirements for the medical use of marijuana by nonemancipated qualifying patients under eighteen years of age in a manner consistent with this section and with consent of a parent or guardian.

(7) A primary caregiver shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law for purchasing, transporting, or administering marijuana for medical use to a qualifying patient or participating in the patient cultivation of up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) per patient and no more than twenty-four flowering plants for more than one qualifying patient in a manner consistent with this section and generally established legal standards of personal or professional conduct.

(8) [An attorney shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the state bar association or other professional licensing body for owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, contracting with, or providing legal assistance to prospective or licensed medical marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana dispensary facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, qualifying patients, primary caregivers, physicians, health care providers or others related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal penalties under state law pursuant to this section.] Notwithstanding any provision of Article V to the contrary, an attorney shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the Supreme Court of Missouri, the office of chief disciplinary counsel, the state bar association, any state agency, or any professional licensing body for any of the following:

(a) owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with prospective or licensed marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or transportation certificate holders;

(b) counseling, advising, and/or assisting a client in conduct permitted by Missouri law that may violate or conflict with federal or other law as long as the attorney advises the client about that federal or other law and its potential consequences;

(c) counseling, advising, and/or assisting a client in connection with applying for, owning, operating, or otherwise having any legal, equitable, or beneficial interest in marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana dispensary facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or transportation certificates; or

(d) counseling, advising, or assisting a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, physician, nurse practitioner, health care provider or other client related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal penalties under Missouri law pursuant to this Article.

(9) Actions and conduct by qualifying patients, primary caregivers, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities licensed or registered with the department, or their employees or agents, as permitted by this section and in compliance with department regulations and other standards of legal conduct, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law, except as provided for by this section.

(10) Nothing in this section shall provide immunity for negligence, either common law or statutorily created, nor criminal immunities for operating a vehicle, aircraft, dangerous device, or navigating a boat under the influence of marijuana.

(11) It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that contracts related to marijuana for medical use that are entered into by qualifying patients, primary caregivers, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities and those who allow property to be used by those entities, should be enforceable. It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that no contract entered into by qualifying patients, primary caregivers, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities, or by a person who allows property to be used for activities that are exempt from state criminal penalties by this section, shall be unenforceable on the basis that activities related to medical marijuana may be prohibited by federal law.

(12) In the process of requesting a search or arrest warrant relating to the production, possession, transportation or storage of marijuana, a state or local law enforcement official shall verify with the department whether the targeted person is a qualifying patient or primary caregiver holding an identification card allowing for cultivation of marijuana plants under subdivision (12) of subsection 3 of this section, and shall inform the issuing authority accordingly when making the warrant request. Evidence of marijuana alone, without specific evidence indicating that the marijuana is outside of what is lawful for medical or adult use, cannot be the basis for a search of a patient or non-patient, including their home, vehicle or other property. Lawful marijuana related activities cannot be the basis for a violation of parole, probation, or any type of supervised release. State and local law enforcement shall only have access to such department information as is necessary to confirm whether the targeted person holds a registration card.

(13) Registered qualifying patients on bond for pre-trial release, on probation, or other form of supervised release shall not be prohibited from legally using a lawful marijuana product as a term or condition of release, probation, or parole. An alternative sentencing drug court program may not prohibit individuals under its jurisdiction from using a lawful marijuana product as long as the individual is a registered qualifying patient.

(14) A family court participant or party who requires treatment for a qualified medical condition in accordance with this section shall not be required to refrain from using medical marijuana as a term or condition of successful completion of the family court program. The status and conduct of a qualified patient who acts in accordance with this section shall not, by itself, be used to restrict or abridge custodial or parental rights to minor children in any action or proceeding under the jurisdiction of a family court under chapter 487, RSMo, including domestic matters under chapter 452, RSMo, or a juvenile court under chapter 211, RSMo, or successor provisions.

(15) A person shall not be denied adoption, custody, or visitation rights relative to a minor solely for conduct that is permitted by this section.

(16) No person shall be denied their rights under Article I, section 23 of the Missouri Constitution, or successor provisions, solely for conduct that is permitted by this section.

6. Legislation.

Nothing in this section shall limit the general assembly from enacting laws consistent with this section, or otherwise effectuating the patient rights of this section. The legislature shall not enact laws that hinder the right of qualifying patients to access marijuana for medical use as granted by this section.

7. Additional Provisions.

(1) Nothing in this section permits a person to:

(a) Consume marijuana for medical use in a jail or correctional facility;

(b) Undertake any task under the influence of marijuana when doing so would constitute negligence or professional malpractice; or

(c) Operate, navigate, or be in actual physical control of any dangerous device or motor vehicle, aircraft or motorboat while under the influence of marijuana. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an arrest or a conviction of a person who has a valid qualifying patient identification card for any applicable offenses shall require evidence that the person was in fact under the influence of marijuana at the time the person was in actual physical control of the dangerous device or motor vehicle, aircraft or motorboat and not solely on the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or THC metabolites, or a combination thereof, in the person's system; or

(d) Bring a claim against any employer, former employer, or prospective employer for wrongful discharge, discrimination, or any similar cause of action or remedy, based on the employer, former employer, or prospective employer prohibiting the employee, former employee, or prospective employee from being under the influence of marijuana while at work or disciplining the employee or former employee, up to and including termination from employment, for working or attempting to work while under the influence of marijuana.

(2) No medical marijuana cultivation facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, or entity with a transportation certification shall be owned, in whole or in part, or have as an officer, director, board member, manager, or employee, any individual with a disqualifying felony offense. A "disqualifying felony offense" is a violation of, and conviction or guilty plea to, state or federal law that is, or would have been, a felony under Missouri

law, regardless of the sentence imposed, unless the department determines that:

(a) The person's conviction was for the medical use of marijuana or assisting in the medical use of marijuana; or

(b) The person's conviction was for a nonviolent crime for which he or she was not incarcerated and that is more than five years old; or

(c) More than five years have passed since the person was released from parole or probation, and he or she has not been convicted of any subsequent criminal offenses.

The department may consult with and rely on the records, advice and recommendations of the attorney general and the department of public safety, or their successor entities, in applying this subdivision.

(3) [All medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, and medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses, entities with medical marijuana testing facility certifications, and entities with transportation certifications shall be held by entities that are majority owned by natural persons who have been citizens of the state of Missouri for at least one year prior to the application for such license or certification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, entities outside the state of Missouri may own a minority stake in such entities.

(4) No medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility shall manufacture, package or label marijuana or marijuana-infused products in a false or misleading manner. No person shall sell any product in a manner designed to cause confusion between a marijuana or marijuana-infused product and any product not containing marijuana. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by an appropriate and proportional department sanction, up to and including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars and loss of license.

(5) (4) All edible marijuana-infused products shall be sold in individual, child-resistant containers that are labeled with dosage amounts, instructions for use, and estimated length of effectiveness. All marijuana and marijuana-infused products shall be sold in containers clearly and conspicuously labeled as mandated by the department, in a font size at least as large as the largest other font size used on the package, as containing "Marijuana," or a "Marijuana-Infused Product". Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars.

(6) (5) No individual shall serve as the primary caregiver for more than (three) six qualifying patients. No primary caregiver cultivating marijuana for more than one qualifying patient may exceed a total of twenty-four flowering plants.

(7) No qualifying patient shall consume marijuana for medical use in a public place, unless provided by law. Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to sanctions as provided by general law. (6) A person who smokes medical marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed for such activity by the department or by local authorities having jurisdiction over the licensing or permitting of said activity, is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(8) (7) No person shall extract resins from marijuana using dangerous materials or combustible gases without a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license. Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of one thousand dollars for a patient or primary caregiver and ten thousand dollars for a facility licensee and, if applicable, loss of their identification card, certificate, or license for up to one year.

(9) (8) All qualifying patient cultivation shall take place in an enclosed, locked facility that is equipped with security devices that permit access only by the qualifying patient or by such patient's primary caregiver. Two qualifying patients, who both hold valid qualifying patient cultivation identification cards, may share one enclosed, locked facility. [No more than twelve qualifying patient or primary caregiver cultivated flowering marijuana plants may be cultivated in a single, enclosed locked facility, except when a primary caregiver also holds a qualifying patient cultivation identification card, in which case no more than eighteen flowering marijuana plants may be cultivated in a single, enclosed, locked facility.] Primary caregivers cultivating marijuana for more than one qualifying patient may cultivate each respective qualifying patient's flowering plants in a single, enclosed locked facility subject to the limits of subsection 3, paragraph 12.

(10) (9) No medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, or entity with a transportation certification shall assign, sell, give, lease, sublicense, or otherwise transfer its license or certificate to any other entity without the express consent of the department, not to be unreasonably withheld.

(11) (10) (a) Unless allowed by the local government, no new medical marijuana cultivation facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility shall be initially sited within one thousand feet of any then-existing elementary or secondary school, child day-care center, or church. In the case of a freestanding facility, the distance between the facility and the school, daycare, or church shall be measured from the external wall of the facility structure closest in proximity to the school, daycare, or church to the closest point of the property line of the school,

daycare, or church. If the school, daycare, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, daycare, or church closest in proximity to the facility. In the case of a facility that is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance between the facility and the school, daycare, or church shall be measured from the property line of the school, daycare, or church to the facility's entrance or exit closest in proximity to the school, daycare, or church. If the school, daycare, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, daycare, or church closest in proximity to the facility. Measurements shall be made along the shortest path between the demarcation points that can be lawfully traveled by foot. No local government shall prohibit medical marijuana cultivation facilities, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities, or entities with a transportation certification either expressly or through the enactment of ordinances or regulations that make their operation unduly burdensome in the jurisdiction. However, local governments may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this section, or with regulations enacted pursuant to this section, governing the time, place, and manner of operation of such facilities in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or regulations governing the time, place, and manner of operation of a medical marijuana cultivation facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or entity holding a transportation certification that may operate in such locality.

(b) The only local government ordinances or regulations that are binding on a medical facility are those of the local government where the medical facility is physically located. (12) (11) Unless superseded by federal law or an amendment to this Constitution, a physician or nurse practitioner shall not certify a qualifying condition for a patient by any means other than providing a physician or nurse practitioner certification for the patient, whether handwritten, electronic, or in another commonly used format. [A qualifying patient must obtain a new physician certification at least annually.] (13) (12) A physician or nurse practitioner shall not issue a certification for the medical use of marijuana for a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen without the written consent of the qualifying patient's parent or legal guardian. The department shall not issue a qualifying patient identification card on behalf of a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen without the written consent of the qualifying patient's parent or legal guardian. Such card shall be issued to one of the parents or guardians and not directly to the patient. Only a parent or guardian may serve as a primary caregiver for a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen. Only the qualifying patient's parent or guardian shall purchase or possess medical marijuana for a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen. A parent or guardian shall supervise the administration of medical marijuana to a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen.

(14) (13) Nothing in this section shall be construed as mandating health insurance coverage of medical marijuana for qualifying patient use. (15) (14) Real and personal property used in the cultivation, manufacture, transport, testing, distribution, sale, and administration of marijuana for medical use or for activities otherwise in compliance with this section shall not be subject to asset forfeiture solely because of that use.

(15) Unless a failure to do so would cause an employer to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law, an employer may not discriminate against a person in hiring, termination or any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon either of the following:

(a) The person's status as a qualifying patient or primary caregiver who has a valid identification card, including the person's legal use of a lawful marijuana product off the employer's premises during nonworking hours, unless the person was under the influence of medical marijuana on the premises of the place of employment or during the hours of employment; or

(b) A positive drug test for marijuana components or metabolites of a person who has a valid qualifying patient identification card, unless the person used, possessed, or was under the influence of medical marijuana on the premises of the place of employment or during the hours of employment. Nothing in this subdivision shall apply to an employee in a position in which legal use of a lawful marijuana product affects in any manner a person's ability to perform job-related employment responsibilities or the safety of others, or conflicts with a bona fide occupational qualification that is reasonably related to the person's employment.

(16) The enactment of section 2 of this Article and concurrent amendments to section 1 of this Article shall have no effect upon any valid contract, claim, or cause of action instituted prior to the effective date of this section.

8. Federal Legalization. If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended to allow the interstate commerce of marijuana or marijuana-infused products or the importation or exportation of

marijuana or marijuana-infused products into or out of the state of Missouri, the provisions and intent of this section shall, to the extent possible, remain in full effect, unless explicitly preempted by such federal law, rule, or regulation. If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended as provided above, any marijuana or marijuana-infused products imported into this state shall be subject to the same testing standards and seed to sale tracking system required under this section for marijuana and marijuana-infused products produced within the state. Unless federal law, rules, or regulations explicitly require otherwise, no entity shall sell, transport, produce, distribute, deliver, or cultivate marijuana or marijuana-infused products without an applicable license or certificate as required under this section. In addition, any raw biomass of marijuana or marijuana flower imported from out-of-state shall be received only by a licensed cultivation facility, while all batch oil, infused marijuana products and any marijuana product in any other form shall be received only by a licensed manufacturing facility.

(8) 9. Severability. The provisions of this section are severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

9. Effective Date. The provisions of this section shall become effective on December 6, 2018.]

Section 2. Marijuana Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to make marijuana legal under state and local law for adults twenty-one years of age or older, and to control the commercial production and distribution of marijuana under a system that licenses, regulates, and taxes the businesses involved while protecting public health. The intent is to prevent arrest and penalty for personal possession and cultivation of limited amounts of marijuana by adults twenty-one years of age or older, remove the commercial production and distribution of marijuana from the illicit market, prevent revenue generated from commerce in marijuana from going to criminal enterprises, prevent the distribution of marijuana to persons under twenty-one years of age, prevent the diversion of marijuana to illicit markets, protect public health by ensuring the safety of marijuana and products containing marijuana, and ensure the security of marijuana facilities. To the fullest extent possible, this section shall be interpreted in accordance with the purpose and intent set forth in this section.

This section is not intended to allow for the public use of marijuana, driving while under the influence of marijuana, the use of marijuana in the workplace, or the use of marijuana by persons under twenty-one years of age.

2. Definitions.

(1) "Church" means a permanent building primarily and regularly used as a place of religious worship.

(2) "Comprehensive Facility" means a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility, comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility, or a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility.

(3) "Comprehensive Marijuana Cultivation Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, cultivate, process, package, store on site or off site, transport to or from, and sell marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones) to a medical facility, comprehensive facility, or marijuana testing facility. A comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility need not segregate or account for its marijuana products as either non-medical marijuana or medical marijuana. A comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls, but shall not include the manufacture of marijuana-infused products.

(4) "Comprehensive Marijuana Dispensary Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, sell, transport to or from, and deliver marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), marijuana-infused products, and drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana as provided for in this section to a qualifying patient or primary caregiver, as those terms are defined in section 1 of this Article, or to a consumer, anywhere on the licensed property or to any address as directed by the patient, primary caregiver, or consumer and consistent with the limitations of this Article and as otherwise allowed by law, to a comprehensive facility, a marijuana testing facility, or a medical facility. Comprehensive dispensary facilities may receive transaction orders at the dispensary directly from the consumer in person, by phone, or via the internet, including from a third party. A comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility need not segregate or account for its marijuana products as either non-medical marijuana or medical marijuana, but shall collect all appropriate tangible personal property sales tax for each sale, as set forth in this Article and provided for by general or local law. A comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls.

(5) "Comprehensive Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturing Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store, manufacture, transport to or from a medical facility, comprehensive facility, or marijuana testing facility, and sell marijuana-infused products, prerolls, and infused prerolls to a marijuana dispensary facility, a marijuana testing facility, or another marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. A

comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility need not segregate or account for its marijuana products as either non-medical marijuana or medical marijuana.

(6) "Consumer" means a person who is at least twenty-one years of age.

(7) "Daycare" means a child-care facility, as defined by section 210.201, RSMo., or successor provisions, that is licensed by the state of Missouri.

(8) "Department" means the department of health and senior services, or its successor agency.

(9) "Entity" means a natural person, corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation, cooperative corporation, unincorporated association, business trust, limited liability company, general or limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, or any other legal entity.

(10) "Flowering plant" means a marijuana plant from the time it exhibits the first signs of sexual maturity through harvest.

(11) "Infused Preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product, generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper, (2) dried flower, buds, and/or plant material, and (3) a concentrate, oil or other type of marijuana extract, either within or on the surface of the product. Infused prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(12) "Local government" means, in the case of an incorporated area, a village, town, or city and, in the case of an unincorporated area, a county.

(13) "Marijuana" or "marihuana" means *Cannabis indica*, *Cannabis sativa*, and *Cannabis ruderalis*, hybrids of such species, and any other strains commonly understood within the scientific community to constitute marijuana, as well as resin extracted from the marijuana plant and marijuana-infused products. "Marijuana" or "marihuana" do not include industrial hemp, as defined by Missouri statute, or commodities or products manufactured from industrial hemp.

(14) "Marijuana accessories" means any equipment, product, material, or combination of equipment, products, or materials, which is specifically designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana into the human body.

(15) "Marijuana Facility" means a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility, comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility, marijuana testing facility, comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, microbusiness wholesale facility, microbusiness dispensary facility, or any other type of marijuana-related facility or business licensed or certified by the department pursuant to this section, but shall not include a medical facility licensed under section 1 of this Article.

(16) "Marijuana-Infused Products" means products that are infused, dipped, coated, sprayed, or mixed with marijuana or an extract thereof, including, but not limited to, products that are able to be vaporized or smoked, edible products, ingestible products, topical products, suppositories, and infused prerolls.

(17) "Marijuana Microbusiness Facility" means a facility licensed by the department as a microbusiness dispensary facility or microbusiness wholesale facility, as defined in this section.

(18) "Microbusiness Dispensary Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, sell, transport to or from, and deliver marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), marijuana-infused products, and drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana as provided for in this section to a consumer, qualifying patient, as that term is defined in section 1 of this Article, or primary caregiver, as that term is defined in section 1 of this Article, anywhere on the licensed property or to any address as directed by the consumer, qualifying patient, or primary caregiver and consistent with the limitations of this Article and as otherwise allowed by law, a microbusiness wholesale facility, or a marijuana testing facility. Microbusiness dispensary facilities may receive transaction orders at the dispensary directly from the consumer in person, by phone, or via the internet, including from a third party. A microbusiness dispensary facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls.

(19) "Microbusiness Wholesale Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, cultivate, process, package, store on site or off site, manufacture, transport to or from, deliver, and sell marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), and marijuana infused products to a microbusiness dispensary facility, other microbusiness wholesale facility, or marijuana testing facility. A microbusiness wholesale facility may cultivate up to 250 flowering marijuana plants at any given time. A microbusiness wholesale facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls and infused prerolls.

(20) "Marijuana Testing Facility" means a facility certified by the department to acquire, test, certify, and transport marijuana, including those originally certified as a medical marijuana testing facility.

(21) "Owner" means an individual who has a financial (other than a security interest, lien, or encumbrance) or voting interest in ten percent or greater of a marijuana facility.

(22) "Preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product, generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper and (2) dried flower, buds, and/or plant material. Prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(23) "Unduly burdensome" means that the measures necessary to comply with the rules or ordinances adopted pursuant to this section subject licensees or potential licensees to such a high investment of money, time, or any other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent businessperson would not operate the marijuana facility.

3. Limitations.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, this section does not preclude, limit, or affect laws that assign liability relative to, prohibit, or otherwise regulate:

(a) Delivery or distribution of marijuana or marijuana accessories, with or without consideration, to a person younger than twenty-one years of age;

(b) Purchase, possession, use, or transport of marijuana or marijuana accessories by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;

(c) Consumption of marijuana by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;

(d) Operating or being in physical control of any motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while under the influence of marijuana. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a conviction of a person who is at least twenty-one years of age for any applicable offenses shall require evidence that the person was in fact under the influence of marijuana at the time the person was in physical control of the motorized form of transport and not solely on the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or THC metabolites, or a combination thereof, in the person's system;

(e) Consumption of marijuana while operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while it is being operated;

(f) Smoking marijuana within a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while it is being operated;

(g) Possession or consumption of marijuana or possession of marijuana accessories on the grounds of a public or private preschool, elementary or secondary school, institution of higher education, in a school bus, or on the grounds of any correctional facility;

(h) Smoking marijuana in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited;

(i) Consumption of marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed by the authorities having jurisdiction over the licensing and, or permitting of said activity, as set forth in subsection 5 of this section;

(j) Conduct that endangers others;

(k) Undertaking any task while under the influence of marijuana, if doing so would constitute negligence, recklessness, or professional malpractice; or

(1) Performing solvent-based extractions on marijuana using solvents other than water, glycerin, propylene glycol, vegetable oil, or food-grade ethanol, unless licensed for this activity by the department.

(2) This section does not limit any privileges, rights, immunities, or defenses of a person or entity as provided in section 1 of this Article, or any other law of this state allowing for or regulating marijuana for medical use.

(3) This section does not require an employer to permit or accommodate conduct otherwise allowed by this section in any workplace or on the employer's property. This section does not prohibit an employer from disciplining an employee for working while under the influence of marijuana. This section does not prevent an employer from refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining, or otherwise taking an adverse employment action against a person with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because that person was working while under the influence of marijuana.

(4) This section allows an entity to prohibit or otherwise limit the consumption, cultivation, distribution, processing, sale, or display of marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories on private property the entity owns, leases, occupies, or manages, except that a lease agreement executed after the effective date of this section may not prohibit a tenant from lawfully possessing and consuming marijuana by means other than smoking.

(5) The enactment of this section and all concurrent amendments to section 1 of this Article shall have no effect upon any valid contract, claim, or cause of action instituted prior to the effective date of this section.

4. Regulation of Marijuana. (1) In carrying out the implementation of this section and as conditioned herein, the department shall have the authority to:

(a) Grant or refuse state licenses for the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, and sale of marijuana; suspend, restrict, or revoke such licenses upon a violation of this section or a rule promulgated pursuant to this section; and impose any reasonable administrative penalty authorized by this section or any general law enacted or rule promulgated pursuant to this section, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety;

(b) Promulgate rules and emergency rules necessary for the proper regulation and control of the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, and sale of marijuana and for the enforcement of this section so long as such rules are reasonable and not unduly burdensome;

(c) Develop such forms, certificates, licenses, identification cards, and applications as are necessary for, or reasonably related to, the administration of this section or any of the rules promulgated under this section;

(d) Require a seed-to-sale tracking system that tracks marijuana from either the seed or immature plant stage until the marijuana or marijuana-infused product is sold to a qualified patient, primary caregiver, or consumer to ensure that no marijuana grown by a medical marijuana cultivation facility, comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility, or microbusiness wholesale facility, or manufactured by a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, or a microbusiness wholesale facility is sold or otherwise transferred to a consumer, qualified patient, or primary caregiver except by a medical marijuana dispensary facility, a comprehensive dispensary facility, or a microbusiness dispensary facility. The department shall certify all commercially available tracking systems that are compliant with its tracking standards and issue standards for the creation or use of other systems by licensees;

(e) Issue standards for the secure transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. The department shall certify entities that demonstrate compliance with its transportation standards to transport marijuana and marijuana-infused products to or from a comprehensive facility, medical facility, microbusiness facility, another entity with a transportation certification, or any entity licensed pursuant to paragraph (g) of this subdivision. The department shall develop or adopt from any other governmental agency such safety and security standards as are reasonably necessary for the transportation and temporary storage of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. Any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section shall be allowed to transport its own inventory and products in compliance with department transportation rules and store marijuana and marijuana-infused products for the purposes related to transportation in compliance with department regulations on secure storage of marijuana and marijuana-infused products;

(f) Promulgate rules and emergency rules specific to the licensing, regulation, and oversight of marijuana microbusiness facilities;

(g) Provide for the issuance of additional types or classes of licenses to operate marijuana-related businesses that:

(i) allow for only transportation, delivery, or storage of marijuana; or

(ii) are intended to facilitate scientific research or education.

(h) Prepare and transmit annually a publicly available report accounting to the governor, the general assembly, and the public for the efficient discharge of all responsibilities assigned to the department under this section. The report shall provide aggregate data for each type of license (medical, comprehensive, and microbusiness) and facility (dispensary, cultivation, manufacturers, wholesalers.) Only non-identifying information shall be provided regarding any marijuana facility owners;

(i) Establish a lottery selection process to select comprehensive facility licenses, certificate holders, marijuana microbusiness licensees, but not medical facility licensees that are converting to comprehensive licenses pursuant to this subsection. To become eligible for any license lottery selection process, an owner cannot have pleaded guilty or been found guilty of a disqualifying felony, as that term is defined in subsection 9 of this section.

(j) In developing a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates, the department may consult or contract with other public agencies with relevant expertise.

(k) While not required as a prerequisite to participation in a comprehensive license lottery, every comprehensive license applicant shall submit to the department a voluntary plan to promote and encourage participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition. The plan may include strategies to address geographical defined communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition; provide for ownership opportunities for disproportionately impacted communities; and provide for employment, supplier, and vendor opportunities for individuals and businesses in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition. If licensed, any voluntary applicant plan shall be enforceable by the department.

(l) Notwithstanding other grants of authority herein, neither the department nor any governmental body may restrict the production or use of marijuana and marijuana-infused products based solely upon THC content.

(m) Set a limit on the amount of marijuana that may be purchased in a single transaction provided that limit is not less than three ounces of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent.

(n) Regulate the advertising and promotion of marijuana sales, but any such regulation shall be no more stringent than comparable state regulations on the advertising and promotion of alcohol sales.

(2) The department shall issue, at a minimum, the same number of comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility licenses as were authorized or issued for medical marijuana cultivation facilities under section 1 of this Article as of December 7, 2022, the same number of comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses as were authorized or issued for medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities under section 1 of this Article as of December 7, 2022, the same number of comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility licenses with the same congressional distribution requirements as were

authorized or issued for medical marijuana dispensary facilities under section 1 of this Article as of December 7, 2022, in addition to the minimum number of marijuana microbusiness licenses as are required under this section. The department may lift or ease any limit on the number of licensees or certificate holders in order to meet the demand for marijuana in the state and to ensure a competitive market while also preventing an over-concentration of marijuana facilities within the boundaries of any particular local government.

(3) If comprehensive facility licenses become available because the number of total issued licenses in any respective category falls below the minimum required under this section or the department determines more comprehensive facility licenses are necessary to meet the requirements of subdivision (2) of this subsection, the department shall award by lottery at least fifty percent of any new licenses available to satisfy the minimum requirement to applicants who are owners of a marijuana microbusiness facility that has been in operation for at least one year and is in good standing with the department and is otherwise qualified for the license.

(4) The department may issue any rules or emergency rules necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section and to ensure the right to availability, and safe use of marijuana by consumers. In developing such rules or emergency rules, the department may consult or contract with other public agencies. In addition to any other rules or emergency rules necessary to carry out the mandates of this section, the department shall issue rules or emergency rules relating to the following subjects:

(a) Procedures for issuing a license and for renewing, suspending, and revoking a license, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety;

(b) Requirements and standards for safe cultivation, processing, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana-infused products by marijuana facilities, including health standards to ensure the safe preparation of marijuana-infused products;

(c) Testing, packaging, and labeling standards, procedures, and requirements for marijuana and marijuana-infused products and a requirement that a representative sample of marijuana be tested by a marijuana testing facility to ensure public health;

(d) Labeling standards that protect public health by requiring the listing of pharmacologically active ingredients, including, but not limited to, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol (CBD), and other cannabinoid content, the THC and other cannabinoid amount, in milligrams per serving, the number of servings per package, and quantity limits per sale to comply with the allowable possession amount;

(e) Requirements that packaging and labels shall not be made to be attractive to children, required warning labels, and that marijuana and marijuana-infused products be sold in resealable, child-resistant packaging to protect public health;

(f) Security requirements, including lighting, physical security, and alarm requirements, and requirements for securely transporting marijuana between marijuana facilities;

(g) Record keeping requirements for marijuana facilities and monitoring requirements to track the transfer of marijuana by licensees;

(h) A plan to promote and encourage ownership and employment in the marijuana industry by people from political subdivisions and districts that are economically distressed and to positively impact those political subdivisions and districts;

(i) Administrative penalties as authorized by this section for failure to comply with any rule promulgated pursuant to this section or for any violation of rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section by a licensee, including authorized administrative fines and suspension, revocation, or restriction of a license. The licensee may choose to challenge any penalties imposed by the department through the administrative hearing commission, or its successor entity. Pursuant to section 536.100, RSMo, or its successor provisions, any licensee who has exhausted all administrative remedies provided by law and who is aggrieved by a final decision in a contested case is entitled to judicial review;

(j) Reporting and transmittal of tax payments required under this section;

(k) Authorization for the department of revenue to have access to licensing information to ensure tax payment and the effective administration of this section; and

(l) Such other matters as are necessary for the fair, impartial, stringent, and comprehensive administration of this section.

(5) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules for a marijuana and marijuana infused products independent testing and certification program for marijuana facility licensees and requiring licensees to test marijuana using one or more impartial, independent laboratory or laboratories to ensure, at a minimum, correct labeling, potency measurement, and that products sold for human consumption do not contain contaminants that are potentially injurious to public health.

(6) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules to provide for the certification of and standards for marijuana testing facilities, including the requirements for personnel, but shall not require certificate holders to have any federal agency licensing or have any relationship with a federally licensed testing facility. No marijuana testing facility shall be owned by an entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management as a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, marijuana microbusiness facility, or marijuana dispensary facility.

(7) All public records produced or retained pursuant to this section are subject to the general provisions of the Missouri Sunshine Law, chapter 610, RSMo, or its successor provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, public records containing proprietary business information obtained from an applicant or licensee shall be closed. The applicant or licensee shall label business information it believes to be proprietary prior to submitting it to the department. Proprietary business information shall include sales information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports, license applications, cultivation information unrelated to product safety, testing results unrelated to product safety, site security information and plans, and individualized consumer information. The presence of proprietary business information shall not justify the closure of public records.

(a) Identifying the applicant or licensee;

(b) Relating to any citation, notice of violation, tax delinquency, or other enforcement action;

(c) Relating to any public official's support or opposition relative to any applicant, licensee, or their proposed or actual operations;

(d) Where disclosure is reasonably necessary for the protection of public health or safety;

(e) That are otherwise subject to public inspection under applicable law.

(8) Within one hundred and eighty days of the effective date of this section, the department shall make available to the public license application forms and application instructions for marijuana microbusiness facilities. Within two hundred and seventy days of the effective date of this section, the department shall start accepting such applications from applicants.

(9) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to grow marijuana as a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license, but multiple licenses may be utilized in a single facility. Each indoor facility utilizing artificial lighting may be limited by the department to thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy space. Each outdoor facility utilizing natural lighting may be limited by the department to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants. Each greenhouse facility using a combination of natural and artificial lighting may be limited by the department, at the election of the licensee, to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants or thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy. The license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of twelve thousand dollars per license application or renewal for all applicants filing an application within three years of the effective date of this section and shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of five thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of twenty-five thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana cultivation facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(10) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana dispensary facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(11) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of seven thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of the effective date of this section and shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(12) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain only one license to operate a marijuana microbusiness facility, which may be either a microbusiness dispensary facility or a microbusiness wholesale facility. A marijuana microbusiness facility licensee may engage in all of the activities allowed under the license or it may apply for and engage in a subset of the activities allowed if the applicant or licensee holder so chooses. A microbusiness wholesale facility may cultivate, process, manufacture, transport, and sell marijuana and marijuana-infused products to any other marijuana microbusiness facility. A microbusiness dispensary facility licensee may acquire from any other microbusiness facility, process, package, deliver, and sell marijuana and marijuana-infused products to any other marijuana microbusiness facility, or directly to qualified patients, their primary caregiver, or consumers. A marijuana microbusiness license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a fee of one thousand five hundred dollars per license application and for each subsequent license renewal application thereafter. Any applicant that meets the criteria to apply for a marijuana microbusiness facility license but is not chosen by the lottery system may have their application fee refunded. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of one thousand five hundred dollars per facility license, but there shall be no annual fee assessed for the first year of license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than one marijuana microbusiness facility license. An owner of a marijuana microbusiness facility may not also be an owner of another licensed marijuana facility or medical facility regulated under this Article. However, the owner of a marijuana microbusiness facility may apply for a license or licenses for other marijuana or medical marijuana facilities under this Article. If granted one or more of these licenses, the marijuana microbusiness facility owner shall transition to other licensed operations on a reasonably practical timetable established by the department, and surrender its marijuana microbusiness facility license to the department for issuance to an applicant for a marijuana microbusiness facility. In addition to other requirements established by this section, an applicant for a marijuana microbusiness license shall be majority owned by individuals who each meet at least one of the following qualifications:

(a) Have a net worth of less than \$250,000 and have had an income below two hundred and fifty percent of the federal poverty level, or successor level, as set forth in the applicable calendar year's federal poverty income guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or its successor agency, for at least three of the ten calendar years prior to applying for a marijuana microbusiness facility license; or

(b) Have a valid service-connected disability card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or successor agency; or

(c) Be a person who has been, or a person whose parent, guardian or spouse has been arrested for, prosecuted for, or convicted of a non-violent marijuana offense, except for a conviction involving provision of marijuana to a minor, or a conviction of driving under the influence of marijuana. The arrest, charge, or conviction must have occurred at least one year prior to the effective date of this section; or

(d) Reside in a ZIP code or census tract area where:

(i) Thirty percent or more of the population lives below the federal poverty level; or

(ii) The rate of unemployment is fifty percent higher than the state average rate of unemployment; or

(iii) The historic rate of incarceration for marijuana-related offenses is fifty percent higher than the rate for the entire state; or

(e) Graduated from a school district that was unaccredited, or had a similar successor designation, at the time of graduation, or has lived in a zip code containing an unaccredited school district, or similar successor designation, for three of the past five years.

(13) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for marijuana microbusiness facilities, provided, however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than the following number of licenses in each United States congressional district in the state of Missouri pursuant to the map of each of the eight congressional districts as drawn and effective on December 6, 2018:

(a) Six, once the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana microbusiness facilities under this subsection, at least two of which shall be a microbusiness dispensary facility, and at least four of which will be a microbusiness wholesale facility. The department shall issue the first group of microbusiness licenses no later than three hundred days after the effective date of this section;

(b) An additional six following the first two hundred and seventy days after the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana microbusiness facilities under this subsection, at least two of which shall be a microbusiness dispensary facility, and at least four of which will be a microbusiness wholesale facility, but only after the chief equity officer, or his or her designee, conducts a review and certifies that previous microbusiness licenses were awarded to and are being operated by eligible applicants in good standing; and

(c) An additional six after the first five hundred and forty-eight days after the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana microbusiness facilities under this subsection, at least two of which shall be a microbusiness dispensary facility, and at least four of which will be a microbusiness wholesale facility, but only after the chief equity officer, or his or her designee, conducts a review and certifies that previous microbusiness licenses were awarded to and are being operated in good standing by eligible applicants.

Future changes to the boundaries or the number of congressional districts shall have no impact on microbusiness license numbers or distribution. The eligibility review set forth in this subdivision shall be conducted by the chief equity officer within sixty days of issuance of the licenses. The chief equity officer shall publish in a manner available to the public the results of the review that contains only aggregate information on licensee eligibility criteria.

(14) Within 60 days after the effective date of this section, the department shall appoint a chief equity officer. The chief equity officer shall assist with the development and implementation of programs to inform the public of the opportunities available to those people who meet the criteria set forth in paragraph (12) of this subsection. The chief equity officer shall establish public education programming and targeted technical assistance programming dedicated to providing communities that have been impacted by marijuana prohibition with information detailing the licensing process and informing individuals of the support and resources that the office can provide to individuals and entities interested in participating in activity licensed under this Article. The chief equity officer shall provide a report to the department, no later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, of their and the department's activities in ensuring compliance with the applicant criteria set forth in paragraph (12) of this subsection, and the department shall provide such report to the legislature. The chief equity officer may only be removed for cause and the department shall not interfere with the officer's lawful official activities under this section.

(15) Any medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, and medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, holding an active facility license under section 1 of this Article shall have the right to convert their license to a comprehensive marijuana license, and any entity certified by the department to conduct medical marijuana testing, transportation or seed-to-sale tracking, as of the effective date of this section shall be deemed certified to conduct those activities with respect to all marijuana;

(16) Upon the effective date of this section, any existing medical facility licensee may request its medical facility license convert to that of a comprehensive facility license. Conversion requests not processed within sixty days of department receipt shall be deemed approved.

(17) With the exception of microbusiness licenses, and consistent with any limitations set forth in this section, for the first five hundred and forty-eight days after the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana facilities under this section, the department may only issue a license:

(a) For a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility to an entity holding a medical marijuana cultivation facility license issued pursuant to section 1 of this Article seeking to convert its licensure to that of a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility at the same location; and

(b) For a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility to an entity holding a medical marijuana dispensary facility license issued pursuant to section 1 of this Article seeking to convert its licensure to that of a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility at the same location; and

(c) For a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility to an entity holding a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license issued pursuant to section 1 of this Article seeking to convert its licensure to that of a comprehensive marijuana infused products manufacturing facility at the same location.

(18) The department shall issue a license to each request for a conversion to a comprehensive marijuana facility license pursuant to subdivision (15) of this subsection if the applicant is in good standing with the department.

(19) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of this Article, if an existing medical marijuana dispensary facility is located in a jurisdiction that prohibits non-medical retail marijuana facilities under this section, or is otherwise prevented from operating a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility at the same location as the existing medical marijuana dispensary facility, the medical marijuana dispensary facility may apply to the department for a comprehensive marijuana dispensary license pursuant to subdivision (15) of this subsection in a new location within the same congressional district, and such application shall be granted so long as the new location meets all the requirements of this section and department regulations.

(20) In addition to the foregoing, if the department has reason to believe that the conversion of a medical facility into a comprehensive facility might limit or restrict access to an adequate supply of marijuana and marijuana-infused products at a reasonable cost to qualifying patients, as defined in section 1 of this Article, the department may request a plan from the medical facility licensee which explains how the applicant would serve both the medical and adult-use markets, while maintaining adequate supply at a reasonable cost to qualifying patients.

(21) Comprehensive marijuana facilities licensed to distribute marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories directly to consumers pursuant to this section may also distribute marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories to qualifying patients and primary caregivers consistent with section 1 of this Article and department regulation.

(22) The department may charge a fee not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for any certification issued pursuant to this section. This fee limitation shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency.

(23) Within thirty days of December 8, 2022, the department shall make available to the public application forms and application instructions for personal cultivation registration cards. Within sixty days of December 8, 2022, the department shall begin accepting applications for such registration cards.

(24) Except for good cause, a person at least twenty-one years of age may obtain a registration card from the department to cultivate up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) for non-commercial use, provided:

(a) The plants and any marijuana produced by the plants in excess of three ounces are kept at one private residence, are in a locked space, and are not visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place; and

(b) Not more than twelve flowering marijuana plants are kept in or on the grounds of a private residence at one time.

The card shall be valid for twelve months from its date of issuance and shall be renewable. The department shall charge an annual fee for the card of one hundred dollars, with such rate to be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency.

(25) All marijuana sold in Missouri pursuant to this section shall be cultivated in Missouri.

(26) All marijuana-infused products sold in Missouri pursuant to this section shall be manufactured in Missouri.

(27) The denial of a license or license renewal by the department shall be appealable. The applicant may choose to challenge any denial by the department through the administrative hearing commission, or successor entity. Pursuant to section 536.100, RSMo, or its successor provisions, any licensee who has exhausted all administrative remedies provided by law and who is aggrieved by a final decision in a contested case is entitled to judicial review.

(28) No elected official shall interfere directly or indirectly with the department's obligations and activities under this section.

(29) To minimize the potential for undue political influence in awarding licenses, the department shall review license applications using reasonable safeguards that ensure the identity of the applicant and its principal owners, officers, and managers are not identified to the application reviewer.

(30) To ensure the consistent protection of public health and public safety, the department shall have the sole authority within the state of Missouri to issue licenses for marijuana facilities and certifications pursuant to this section.

(31) The department shall not have the authority to promulgate, apply, or enforce any rule or regulation that is unduly burdensome or act to undermine the purposes of this section.

5. Local Control.

(1) (a) Except as provided in this subsection, a local government may prohibit the operation of all microbusiness dispensary facilities or comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities regulated under this section from being located within its jurisdiction either through referral of a ballot question to the voters by the governing body or through citizen petition, provided that citizen petitions are otherwise generally authorized by the laws of the local government. Such a ballot question shall be voted on only during the regularly scheduled general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election year, starting in 2024, thereby minimizing additional local governmental cost or expense. A citizen petition to put before the voters a ballot question prohibiting microbusiness dispensary facilities or comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities shall be signed by at least five percent of the qualified voters in the area proposed to be subject to the prohibition, determined on the basis of the number of votes cast for governor in such locale at the last gubernatorial election held prior to the filing of the petition. The local government shall count the petition signatures and give legal notice of the election as provided by applicable law. Denial of ballot access shall be subject to judicial review.

(b) Whether submitted by the governing body or by citizen's petition, the question shall be submitted in the following form: "Shall (insert name of local government) ban all non-medical microbusiness dispensary facilities and comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities from being located within (insert name of local government and, where applicable, its "unincorporated areas") and forgo any additional related local tax revenue? () Yes () No." If at least sixty percent of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the ban shall go into effect as provided by law. If a question receives less than the required sixty percent, then the jurisdiction shall have no power to ban non-medical microbusiness dispensary facilities or comprehensive marijuana facilities regulated under this section, unless voters at a subsequent general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election year approve a ban on non-medical retail marijuana facilities submitted to them by the governing body or by citizen petition.

(2) (a) A local government may repeal an existing ban by its own ordinance or by a vote of the people, either through referral of a ballot question to the voters by the governing body or through citizen petition, provided that citizen petitions are otherwise generally authorized by the laws of the local government. In the case of a referral of a ballot question by the governing body or citizen petition to repeal an existing ban, the question shall be voted on only during the regularly scheduled general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election year. A citizen petition to put before the voters a ballot question repealing an existing ban shall be signed by at least five percent of the qualified voters in the area subject to the ban, determined on the basis of the number of votes cast for governor in such locale at the last gubernatorial election held prior to the filing of the petition. The local government shall count the petition signatures and give legal notice of the election as provided by applicable law. Denial of ballot access shall be subject to judicial review.

(b) Whether submitted by the governing body or by citizen's petition, the question shall be submitted in the following form: "Shall (insert name of local government) allow non-medical microbusiness dispensary facilities and comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities to be located within (insert name of local government and, where applicable, its "unincorporated areas") as regulated by state law? () Yes () No." If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the ban shall be repealed.

(3) The only local government ordinances and regulations that are binding on a marijuana facility are those of the local government where the marijuana facility is located.

(4) Unless allowed by the local government, no new marijuana facility shall be initially sited within one thousand feet of any then-existing elementary or secondary school, child day-care center, or church. In the case of a freestanding facility, the distance between the facility and the school, day-care, or church shall be measured from the external wall of the facility structure closest in proximity to the school, day-care, or church to the closest point of the property line of the school, day-care, or church. If the school, day-care, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, day-care, or church closest in proximity to the facility. In the case of a facility that is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance between the facility and the school, day-care, or church shall be measured from the property line of the school, day-care, or church to the facility's entrance or exit closest in proximity to the school, day-care, or church. If the school, day-care, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, day-care, or church closest in proximity to the facility. Measurements shall be made along the shortest path between the demarcation points that can be lawfully traveled by foot.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no local government shall prohibit marijuana facilities or entities with a transportation certification either expressly or through the enactment of ordinances or regulations that make their operation unduly burdensome in the jurisdiction. However, local governments may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this section, or with regulations enacted pursuant to this section, governing the time, place, and manner of operation of such facilities in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or regulations governing the time, place, and manner of operation of a marijuana facility or entity holding a transportation certification that may operate in such locality.

(6) Local governments may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this section, or with regulations enacted pursuant to this section, governing:

(a) the time and place where marijuana may be smoked in public areas within the locality; and

(b) the consumption of marijuana-infused products within designated areas, including the preparation of culinary dishes or beverages by local restaurants for on-site consumption on the same day it is prepared.

6. Taxation and Reporting.

(1) A tax shall be levied upon the retail sale of non-medical marijuana sold to consumers at marijuana facilities licensed pursuant to this

section within the state. The tax shall be at a rate of six percent of the retail price. The tax shall be collected by each licensed retail marijuana facility and paid to the department of revenue. After retaining no more than two percent of the total tax collected or its actual collection costs, whichever is less, amounts generated by the marijuana tangible personal property retail sales tax levied in this section shall be deposited by the department of revenue into the "Veterans, Health, and Community Reinvestment Fund" created under this subsection. Licensed entities making non-medical retail sales within the state shall be allowed approved credit for returns provided the tax was paid on the returned item and the purchaser was given the refund or credit. This tax shall not apply to medical marijuana dispensed to a registered qualifying patient or caregiver.

(2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Veterans, Health, and Community Reinvestment Fund" which shall consist of taxes and fees collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund, and he or she shall invest monies in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any monies remaining in the fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The commissioner of administration is authorized to make cash operating transfers to the fund for purposes of meeting the cash requirements of the department in advance of it receiving application, licensing, and tax revenue, with any such transfers to be repaid as provided by law. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and shall be distributed as follows:

(a) First, as determined by appropriation, to the department an amount necessary for the department to carry out its responsibilities under this section, including repayment of any cash operating transfers, payments made through contract or agreement with other state and public agencies necessary to carry out this section, and a reserve fund to maintain a reasonable working cash balance for the purpose of carrying out this section;

(b) Second, as determined by appropriation, to governmental entities in amounts necessary for carrying out responsibilities in the expungement of criminal history records under this section;

(c) Next, the remaining fund balance shall be distributed in thirds as follows:

(i) One-third of the remainder of the fund balance shall be transferred to the Missouri veterans commission and allied state agencies, as determined by appropriation, exclusively for health care and other services for military veterans and their dependent families;

(ii) One-third of the remainder of the fund balance to the Missouri public defender system. Any moneys credited to the Missouri public defender system shall be used only for legal assistance for low-income Missourians, shall not be diverted to any other purpose;

(d) All monies from the taxes and fees authorized hereunder shall provide new and additional funding for the purposes enumerated above and shall not replace existing funding.

(e) The unexpended balance existing in the fund shall be exempt from the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, or its successor provisions, relating to the transfer of unexpended balances to the general revenue fund.

(3) For all retail sales of marijuana, a record shall be kept by the seller of all amounts and types of marijuana involved in the sale and the total amount of money involved in the sale, including itemizations, taxes collected, and grand total sale amounts. All such records shall be kept on the premises in a readily available format and be made available for review by the department and the department of revenue upon request. Such records shall be retained for five years from the date of the sale.

(4) The tax levied pursuant to this subsection is separate from and in addition to any general state and local sales and use taxes that apply to retail sales, which shall continue to be collected and distributed as provided by general law.

(5) Pursuant to Article III, section 49 of this Constitution, the governing body of any local government is authorized to impose, by ordinance or order, an additional sales tax in an amount not to exceed three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use marijuana sold in such political subdivision. The tax authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to any and all other tangible personal property retail sales taxes allowed by law, except that no ordinance or order imposing a tangible personal property retail sales tax under the provisions of this paragraph shall be effective unless the governing body of the political subdivision submits to the voters of the political subdivision, at a municipal, county or state general, primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the political subdivision to impose a tax. Any

additional local retail sales tax shall be collected pursuant to general laws for the collection of local sales taxes.

(6) Except as authorized in this Article, no additional taxes shall be imposed on the sale of marijuana.

(7) The fees and taxes provided for in this section shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution purportedly prohibiting or restricting the taxes and fees provided for herein.

(8) For taxpayers authorized to do business pursuant to this Article, the amount that would have been deducted in the computation of federal taxable income pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on January 1, 2021, or successor provisions, but is disallowed because cannabis is a controlled substance under federal law, shall be subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, in determining the taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income.

7. Additional Protections.

(1) A marijuana testing facility shall not be subject to civil or criminal prosecution under Missouri law, denial of any right or privilege, civil or administrative penalty or sanction, or disciplinary action by any accreditation or licensing board or commission for providing laboratory testing services that relate to marijuana consistent with this section and otherwise meeting legal standards of professional conduct.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Article V to the contrary, an attorney shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the Supreme Court of Missouri, the office of chief disciplinary counsel, the state bar association, any state agency, or any professional licensing body for any of the following:

(a) owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with prospective or licensed marijuana testing facilities, marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana dispensary facilities, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, marijuana microbusiness facilities, or transportation certificate holders;

(b) counseling, advising, and/or assisting a client in conduct permitted by Missouri law that may violate or conflict with federal or other law, as long as the attorney advises the client about that federal or other law and its potential consequences;

(c) counseling, advising, and/or assisting a client in connection with applying for, owning, operating, or otherwise having any legal, equitable, or beneficial interest in marijuana testing facilities, marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana dispensary facilities, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, marijuana microbusiness facilities, or transportation certificates; or

(d) counseling, advising or assisting a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, physician, nurse practitioner, health care provider, consumer, or other client related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal penalties under Missouri law pursuant to this Article.

(3) Actions and conduct by marijuana facilities licensed or otherwise certified by the department or their employees or agents, as permitted by this section and in compliance with department regulations and other standards of legal conduct, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law, except as provided for by this section.

(4) The department may not promulgate a rule that requires a consumer to provide a marijuana facility with identifying information other than identification to determine the consumer's age.

(5) It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that contracts related to marijuana that are entered into by marijuana facilities and those who allow property to be used by those entities should be enforceable. It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that no contract entered into by marijuana facilities, or by a person who allows property to be used for activities that are exempt from state criminal penalties by this section, shall be unenforceable on the basis that activities related to marijuana may be prohibited by federal law.

(6) Prior to requesting a search or arrest warrant relating to cultivation of marijuana plants, a state or local law enforcement official shall verify with the department whether the targeted person holds a registration card allowing for cultivation of flowering marijuana plants under this section, and shall inform the issuing authority when making the warrant request. Evidence of marijuana alone, without specific evidence indicating that the marijuana is outside of what is lawful for medical or adult use, cannot be the basis for a search of a patient or non-patient, including their home, vehicle or other property. Lawful marijuana related activities cannot be the basis for a violation of parole, probation, or any type of supervised release. State and local law enforcement shall have access to such department information as is necessary to confirm whether the targeted person holds a registration card. Each time a state or local law enforcement officer executes a search warrant authorizing entry upon premises for an alleged marijuana offense, the officer must first knock or announce their presence or purpose prior to entering the premises.

(7) (a) After executing a search warrant for an alleged marijuana offense, or conducting a warrantless search for an alleged marijuana offense, the officer shall report the following information to the agency that employs the officer:

(i) The reasons for the warrant or, in the case of a warrantless search, a detailed account of either the probable cause or exigent circumstances, if any, which lead to the warrantless search;

(ii) Whether any marijuana was discovered during the course of the search;

(iii) Whether any marijuana was seized during the search, and if so, the amount seized;

(iv) Whether any other contraband was discovered or seized in the course of the search,

and if seized, a description of the contraband;

(v) A description of the tactics used by law enforcement to enter the property;

(vi) Whether an arrest was made as a result of the search; and

(vii) If an arrest was made, the crime suspected.

(b) Each law enforcement agency shall compile the data described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision for the calendar year into a report and shall submit the report to the attorney general no later than March first of the following calendar year. The attorney general shall determine the format that all law enforcement agencies shall use to submit the report.

(c) The attorney general shall submit a summary of the annual reports of law enforcement agencies to the governor, the general assembly, and each law enforcement agency no later than June first of each year. The summary shall include the total number of such warrants executed by each agency in the previous calendar year for alleged marijuana offenses, and a compilation of the information reported by law enforcement agencies pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

8. Legislation.

Nothing in this section shall limit the general assembly from enacting laws consistent with the purposes and provisions of this section.

9. Additional Provisions.

(1) No owner of a marijuana facility or entity with a transportation certification shall be an individual with a disqualifying felony offense. A "disqualifying felony offense" is a violation of, and conviction or guilty plea to, state or federal law that is, or would have been, a felony under Missouri law, regardless of the sentence imposed, unless the department determines that:

(a) The person's conviction was for a marijuana offense that has been expunged or is currently eligible for expungement under this section; or

(b) The person's conviction was for a non-violent crime for which he or she was not incarcerated and that is more than five years old; or

(c) More than five years have passed since the person was released from parole or probation, and he or she has not been convicted of any subsequent felony criminal offenses.

The department may consult with and rely on the records, advice, and recommendations of the attorney general and the department of public safety, or their successor entities, in carrying out the provisions of this subdivision.

(2) Owners licensed pursuant to this section shall submit fingerprints to the Missouri state highway patrol for the purpose of conducting a state and federal fingerprint-based criminal record check in accordance with U.S. Public Law 92-544, or its successor provisions. The Missouri state highway patrol, if necessary, shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the purpose of conducting a fingerprint-based criminal background check. Fingerprints shall be submitted pursuant to section 43.543, RSMo, or its successor provisions, and fees shall be paid pursuant to section 43.530, RSMo, or its successor provisions. Unless otherwise required by law, no individual shall be required to submit fingerprints more than once.

(3) No marijuana facility shall manufacture, package, or label marijuana or marijuana-infused products in a false or misleading manner. No person shall sell any product in a manner designed to cause confusion between marijuana or a marijuana-infused product and any product not containing marijuana. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by an appropriate and proportional department sanction, up to and including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars and loss of license.

(4) No marijuana facility may sell edible marijuana-infused candy in shapes or packages that are attractive to children or that are easily confused with commercially sold candy that does not contain marijuana. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by an appropriate and proportional department sanction, up to and including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars and loss of license.

(5) All marijuana and marijuana-infused products shall be sold in individual, child-resistant containers that are labeled with serving amounts, instructions for use, and estimated length of effectiveness. All marijuana and marijuana-infused products shall be sold in containers clearly and conspicuously labeled, as mandated by the department, as containing "Marijuana" or a "Marijuana-Infused Product." Violation of this subdivision shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars.

(6) A marijuana facility may not allow cultivation, manufacturing, sale, or display of marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or marijuana accessories to be visible from a public place outside of the marijuana facility without the use of binoculars, aircraft, or other optical aids.

(7) A marijuana facility may not cultivate, manufacture, test, sell, or store marijuana at any location other than a physical address approved by the department and within an enclosed area that is secured in a manner that prevents access by persons not permitted by the marijuana facility to access the area.

(8) A marijuana facility shall secure every entrance to the facility so that access to areas containing marijuana is restricted to employees and other persons permitted by the marijuana facility to access the area and to agents of the department or state and local law enforcement officers and emergency personnel and shall secure its inventory and equipment during and after operating hours to deter and prevent theft of marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories.

(9) No marijuana facility may

refuse representatives of the department the right to inspect the licensed premises or to audit the books and records of the marijuana facility. A facility that holds licenses issued under sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall comply with inspection regulations and standards issued pursuant to both sections.

(10) No marijuana facility, or entity with a certification, shall assign, sell, give, lease, sublicense, or otherwise transfer its license or certificate to any other entity without the express consent of the department, not to be unreasonably withheld.

(11) Real and personal property used in the cultivation, manufacture, transport, testing, distribution, sale, and administration of marijuana for activities otherwise in compliance with this section shall not be subject to asset forfeiture solely because of that use.

(12) No person shall extract resins from marijuana using dangerous materials or combustible gases without a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license, or a marijuana microbusiness wholesale facility license. Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of one thousand dollars for an individual and ten thousand dollars for a facility licensee and, if applicable, loss of certificate or license for up to one year.

10. Personal Use of Marijuana.

(1) Subject to the limitations in subsection 3 of this section, the following acts by a person at least twenty-one years of age are not unlawful and shall not be an offense under state law or the laws of any local government within the state or be a basis to impose a civil fine, penalty, or sanction, or be a basis to detain, search, or arrest, or otherwise deny any right or privilege, or to seize or forfeit assets under state law or the laws of any local government:

(a) Purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, ingesting, inhaling, processing, transporting, delivering without consideration, or distributing without consideration three ounces or less of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent;

(b) Possessing, transporting, planting, cultivating, harvesting, drying, processing, or manufacturing up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) provided the person is registered with the department for cultivation of marijuana plants under this section, provided:

(i) The plants and any marijuana produced by the plants in excess of three ounces are kept at one private residence, are in a locked space, and are not visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place; and

(ii) Not more than twice the number of allowable plants under paragraph (b) of this subdivision are kept in or on the grounds of a private residence at one time.

(c) Assisting another person who is at least twenty-one years of age in, or allowing property to be used for, any of the acts permitted by this section; and

(d) Purchasing, possessing, using, delivering, distributing, manufacturing, transferring, or selling to persons twenty-one years of age or older marijuana accessories.

(2) A person who, pursuant to this section, cultivates marijuana plants that are visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana.

(3) A person who, pursuant to this section, cultivates marijuana plants that are not kept in a locked space is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana.

(4) A person who smokes marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed for such activity by the authorities having jurisdiction over the licensing and/or permitting of said activity, is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(5) A person who is under twenty-one years of age who possesses, uses, ingests, inhales, transports, delivers without consideration, or distributes without consideration three ounces or less of marijuana, or possesses, delivers without consideration, or distributes without consideration marijuana accessories is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana. Any such person shall be provided the option of attending up to four hours of drug education or counseling in lieu of the fine.

(6) Subject to the limitations of this section, a person who possesses not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed pursuant to this subsection, produces not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed pursuant to this subsection, delivers without receiving any consideration or remuneration to a person who is at least twenty-one years of age not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed by this subsection, or possesses with intent to deliver not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed by this subsection:

(a) For a first violation, is subject to a civil infraction punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana;

(b) For a second violation, is subject to a civil infraction punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana;

(c) For a third or subsequent violation, is subject to a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana;

(d) A person under twenty-one years of age is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars. Any such person shall be provided the option of attending up to eight hours of drug education or counseling in lieu of the fine; and

(e) In lieu of payment, penalties under this subsection may be satisfied by the performance of community service. The rate of pay-down associated with said service option will be the greater of \$15 or the minimum wage in effect at the time of judgment.

(7) (a) Any person currently incarcerated in a prison, jail or halfway house, whether by trial or open or negotiated plea:

(i) Who would not have been guilty of an adult or juvenile offense, had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(ii) Who would have been guilty of a lesser adult or juvenile offense had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(iii) Who is serving a sentence for a marijuana offense which is a misdemeanor, a class E felony, or a class D felony, or successor designations, involving possession of three pounds or less of marijuana, excluding offenses involving distribution or delivery to a minor, any offenses involving violence, or any offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana; may petition the sentencing court to vacate the sentence, order immediate release from incarceration and other supervision by the department of corrections, and the expungement of all government records of the case. Such expungement from all government records shall be granted for all of the person's applicable marijuana offenses, absent good cause for denial. The effect of such orders shall be to restore such person to the status the person occupied prior to such arrest, plea or conviction and as if such event had never taken place, and the conviction and sentence shall be vacated as legally invalid. No person for whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of the person's failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement in response to any inquiry made of the person for any purpose whatsoever, and no such inquiry shall be made for information relating to an expungement. The court shall not assess any filing fee for these filings. The office of the state public defender shall prepare and make readily available and accessible a pleading form that may be filed pro se for this purpose. The circuit courts of the state shall also make readily available and accessible this pleading form. Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all cases involving only misdemeanor marijuana offenses. Within one hundred and eighty days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all cases involving class E, or successor designation, felony marijuana offenses and, if applicable, any additional marijuana misdemeanor offenses by such offenders. Within two hundred and seventy days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all class D, or successor designation, felony cases involving three pounds or less of marijuana, as well as any lesser marijuana offenses by such offenders, if applicable. This shall not apply to offenses while operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, or its successor provisions, in interstate or intrastate transportation unless otherwise exempted as found in section 307.400, RSMo, or its successor provisions.

(b) Any person currently on probation or parole for a marijuana law violation, whether by trial or open or negotiated plea:

(i) Who would not have been guilty of an adult or juvenile offense, had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(ii) Who would have been guilty of a lesser adult or juvenile offense had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(iii) Who was convicted or pled guilty to a marijuana offense which is a misdemeanor, a class E felony, or a class D felony, or successor designations, involving the possession of three pounds or less of marijuana, excluding distribution or delivery to a minor or any offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana; shall, upon the effective date of this section, have their sentence automatically vacated by the sentencing court, which shall order the immediate termination of supervision by the department of corrections, and the expungement of all government records of the case. Such expungement from all government records shall be granted for all of the person's applicable marijuana offenses, absent good cause for denial. The effect of such orders shall be to restore such person to the status the person occupied prior to such arrest, plea or conviction and as if such event had never taken place, and the conviction and sentence shall be vacated as legally invalid. No person for whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of the person's failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement in response to any inquiry made of the person for any purpose whatsoever, and no such inquiry shall be made for information relating to an expungement. The court shall not assess any filing fee for these cases. This shall not apply to offenses while operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, or its successor provisions.

(8) (a) Within six months of the effective date of this section, the circuit courts of this state shall order the expungement of the criminal history records

of all misdemeanor marijuana offenses for any person who is no longer incarcerated or under the supervision of the department of corrections. Within twelve months of the effective date of this section, the circuit courts of this state shall order the expungement of criminal history records for all persons no longer incarcerated or under the supervision of the department of corrections but who have completed their sentence for any felony marijuana offenses and any marijuana offenses that would no longer be a crime after the effective dates of sections 1 and 2 of this Article, excluding distribution or delivery to a minor, any such offenses involving violence, or any offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana. For all class A, class Band class C, or successor designations, felony marijuana offenses, and for all class D, or successor designation, felony marijuana offenses for possession of more than three pounds of marijuana, the circuit courts of this state shall order expungement of criminal history records upon the completion of the person's incarceration, including any supervised probation or parole. For the purposes of this subdivision, "criminal history record" means all information documenting an individual's contact with the criminal justice system, including data regarding identification, arrest or citation, arraignment, judicial disposition, custody, and supervision.

(b) An expungement order shall be legally effective immediately and the person whose record is expunged shall be treated in all respects as if he or she had never been arrested, convicted, or sentenced for the offense, and the conviction and sentence shall be vacated as legally invalid. The court shall issue an order to expunge all records and files related to the arrest, citation, investigation, charge, adjudication of guilt, criminal proceedings, and probation related to the sentence. The court shall provide notice of the expungement to the person who is the subject of the record at the person's last known address, the arresting agency, prosecuting attorneys, central state depository of criminal records, and any other entity that may have a record related to the order to expunge. The central state depository of criminal records shall provide notice of the expungement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center, or its successor agency. The court shall issue the person a certificate stating that the offense for which the person was convicted has been expunged and that its effect is to annul the record of arrest, conviction, and sentence.

(c) The effect of such expungement shall be to restore such person to the status the person occupied prior to such arrest, plea or conviction and as if such event had never taken place. Such person shall not be required to acknowledge the existence of such a criminal history record or answer questions about the record in any application for employment, license, or civil right or privilege or in an appearance as a witness in any proceeding or hearing, and may deny the existence of the record regardless of whether the person has received notice from the court that an expungement order has been issued on the person's behalf.

(d) No person shall be prosecuted again for any offense which has been vacated or expunged.

(e) The court shall keep a special index of cases that have been expunged together with the expungement order and the certificate issued pursuant to this subsection. The index shall list only the name of the person convicted of the offense, his or her date of birth, the docket number, and the criminal offense that was the subject of the expungement. The special index and related documents shall be confidential and shall be physically and electronically segregated in a manner that ensures confidentiality and that limits access to authorized persons. The court may permit special access to the index and the documents for research purposes pursuant to the rules for public access to court records. The index and documents made available by the court may not include any identifying information.

(9) A person currently under parole, probation, or other state supervision, or released awaiting trial or other hearing, may not be punished or otherwise penalized based solely on conduct that is permitted by this section.

(10) No conduct permitted by this section shall constitute the basis for detention, search, or arrest, and except when law enforcement is investigating whether a person is operating a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while under the influence of marijuana, the odor of marijuana or burnt marijuana, the possession or suspicion of possession of marijuana without evidence of a quantity in excess of the lawful amount, or the possession of multiple containers of marijuana without evidence of quantity in excess of the lawful amount shall not individually or in combination with each other constitute reasonably articulable suspicion of a crime. Marijuana and marijuana-infused products as permitted by this section are not contraband nor subject to seizure.

(11) A person shall not be denied eligibility in public assistance programs or public benefits based solely on conduct that is permitted by this Article, unless required by federal law.

(12) No person shall be denied their rights under Article I, section 23 of the Missouri Constitution, solely for conduct that is permitted by this section.

(13) No person shall be denied parental rights, custody of, or visitation with a minor child by a state or local government executive agency based solely on conduct that is permitted by this section, unless the person's behavior is such that it creates an unreasonable danger to a minor child that can be established by

clear and convincing evidence.
11. Interstate Commerce.
If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended to allow the interstate commerce of marijuana or marijuana-infused products or the importation or exportation of marijuana or marijuana-infused products into or out of the state of Missouri, the provisions and intent of this section shall, to the extent possible, remain in full effect, unless explicitly preempted by such federal law, rule, or regulation. If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended as provided above, any marijuana or marijuana-infused products imported into this state shall be subject to the same testing standards and seed to sale tracking system required under this section for marijuana and marijuana-infused products produced within the state. Unless federal law, rules, or regulations explicitly require otherwise, no entity shall sell, transport, produce, distribute, deliver, or cultivate marijuana or marijuana-infused products without an applicable license or certificate as required under this section. In addition, any raw biomass of marijuana or marijuana flower imported from out-of-state shall be received only by a licensed cultivation facility, while all batch oil infused marijuana products and any marijuana product in any other form shall be received only by a licensed manufacturing facility.

12. Severability.
The provisions of this section are severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

13. Effective Date.
The provisions of this section shall become effective thirty days after the election, as provided by this Constitution.

STATE OF MISSOURI }
Secretary of State }
SS

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 3, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



JOHN R. ASHCROFT
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4
[Proposed by the 101st General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS2 SJR 38]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:
Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?

State and local governmental entities estimate no additional costs or savings related to this proposal.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 21 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the funding of law enforcement agencies.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 21, article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 21, to read as follows:

Section 21. 1. The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed proportion of the costs of any existing activity or service required of counties and other political subdivisions. A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the general assembly or any state agency of counties or other political subdivisions, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the county or other political subdivision for any increased costs.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibitions, before December 31, 2026, the general assembly may by law increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state,

the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?"

STATE OF MISSOURI }
Secretary of State }
SS

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 4, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



JOHN R. ASHCROFT
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 5
[Proposed by the 101st General Assembly (Second Regular Session) HJR 116]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:
Shall the Missouri National Guard currently under the Missouri Department of Public Safety be its own department, known as the Missouri Department of the National Guard, which shall be required to protect the constitutional rights and civil liberties of Missourians?

State governmental entities estimate no savings and ongoing costs of \$132,000 annually. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to the state department of the national guard.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a

special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 12, Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 12 and 54, to read as follows:

Section 12. The executive department shall consist of all state elective and appointive officials and employees except officials and employees of the legislative and judicial departments. In addition to the governor and lieutenant governor there shall be a state auditor, secretary of state, attorney general, a state treasurer, an office of administration, a department of agriculture, a department of conservation, a department of natural resources, a department of elementary and secondary education, a department of higher education, a department of highways and transportation, a department of insurance, a department of labor and industrial relations, a department of economic development, a department of public safety, a department of revenue, a department of social services, a department of the National Guard, and a department of mental health. In addition to the elected officers, there shall not be more than [fifteen] sixteen departments and the office of administration. The general assembly may create by law two departments, in addition to those named, provided that the departments shall be headed by a director or commission appointed by the governor on the advice and consent of the senate. The director or commission shall have administrative responsibility and authority for the department created by law. Unless discontinued all present or future boards, bureaus, commissions and other agencies of the state exercising administrative or executive authority shall be assigned by law or by the governor as provided by law to the office of administration or to one of the [fifteen] sixteen administrative departments to which their respective powers and duties are germane.

Section 54. There shall be established a Missouri Department of the National Guard in charge of the adjutant general appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, who shall provide for the state militia, uphold the Constitution of the United States, uphold the Constitution of Missouri, protect the constitutional rights and civil liberties of Missourians, and provide other defense and security mechanisms as may be required.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state,

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI }
Secretary of State }
SS

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 5, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



JOHN R. ASHCROFT
Secretary of State

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Submitted by John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State, State of Missouri

In compliance with the Constitution of Missouri, Article XII, Section 3(a)

Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the Constitution?

Section 3(a). At the general election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 1962, and every twenty years thereafter, the secretary of state shall, and at any general or special election the general assembly by law may, submit to the electors of the state the question "Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the constitution?" The question shall be submitted on a separate ballot without party designation, and if a majority of the votes cast thereon is for the affirmative, the governor shall call

an election of delegates to the convention on a day not less than three nor more than six months after the election on the question. At the election the electors of the state shall elect fifteen delegates-at-large and the electors of each state senatorial district shall elect two delegates. Each delegate shall possess the qualifications of a senator, and no person holding any other office of trust or profit (officers of the organized militia, school directors, justices of the peace and notaries public excepted) shall be eligible to be elected a delegate. To secure representation from different political parties in each senatorial district, in the manner prescribed by its senatorial district committee each political party shall nominate but one candidate for delegate from each senatorial district, the certificate of nomination shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state at least thirty days before the election, each candidate shall be voted for on a separate ballot bearing the party designation, each elector shall vote for but one of the candidates, and the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each senatorial district shall be elected. Candidates for delegates-at-large shall be nominated by nominating petitions only, which shall be signed by electors of the state equal to five percent of the legal voters in the senatorial district in which the candidate resides until otherwise provided by law, and shall be verified as provided by law for initiative petitions, and filed in the office of the secretary of state at least thirty days before the election. All such candidates shall be voted for on a separate ballot without party designation, and the fifteen receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Not less than fifteen days before the election, the secretary of state shall certify to the county clerk of the county the name of each person nominated for the office of delegate from the senatorial district in which the county, or any part of it, is included, and the names of all persons nominated for delegates-at-large.

STATE OF MISSOURI }
Secretary of State }
SS

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a call for a Constitutional Convention, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



JOHN R. ASHCROFT
Secretary of State

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

ACROSS

1 Mark with acid

5 April 15 org.

8 Mil. officer

11 Snake toxin

13 Light brown

14 Japanese sea bream

15 Boredom

16 Pasture

17 Berlin conjunction

18 Carpentry item

20 Gooney treat

22 Thick of things

24 Clingy seedpod

25 Like Capp's Abner

26 Clublike weapon

28 Auto import

32 Shapiro of NPR

33 Mournful cry

34 "Waterloo" pop group

35 Nut center

37 Famous li-thographer

39 Apply makeup

40 Augments

41 Clueless

42 Ms. Hagen of films

43 Wordplay

45 Bike

47 Collision

50 Buzz

51 Possesses

52 Breeze through

54 Advances

58 Mork's planet

59 Coffee server

60 Whole extent

61 Craven or Unseld

62 Auction unit

63 Toy on a string

DOWN

1 Night before

2 First down yardage

3 Cooper's channel

4 Pursue relentlessly

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5 "— cost you"

6 "Norma —"

7 Major mess

8 Virile type

9 Pack of hoodlums

10 Spring or ebb

12 Marsh vapor

19 Like spaghetti

21 Livy's bear

22 Bogged down

23 Homer opus

24 Implore

25 Buddhist monk

27 NBA team

29 Pop singer Paula —

30 Slacken off

31 Rum cake

36 Sugar amts.

38 Voicing an opinion

44 Ryder rival (hyph.)

46 Floorboard sound

47 Food, slangily

48 Cooked just slightly

49 Questions

50 Didn't stay

53 — Magnon

55 Gigi's boyfriend

56 Same old grind

57 Sault — Marie

ACROSS

1 False fronts

5 Host's plea

9 Rainbow

12 Persian leader

13 Kind of rug

14 Corp. biggie

15 Toll road

16 Chicken —

17 Molecular bio topic

18 Dirty politics

20 Disney site

22 Gung-ho

23 Before, to Blake

24 Sharpened

27 In stitches

31 Not Dem. or Rep.

34 Munro's pen name

35 Jump over

36 "Hi" or "bye"

38 Faction

40 Word of disgust

41 Former Montreal athlete

42 Fall flower

44 Film producer — Roach

46 Verdi heroine

49 Actor — Tyler Ferguson

52 Hinder

54 Thurman of "The Golden Bowl"

55 Regretted

58 Racetrack shape

59 Excavate

60 — of Wight

61 Brownish fruits

62 Source of iron

63 Morays and congers

64 Kind of collar

DOWN

1 Venomous serpents

2 — con carne

3 Spoken for

4 Slinky dress

5 Do a fall chore

6 Title of respect, in India

7 Chevron shape

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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8 Patio stone

9 "Who Made Who" rockers

10 Gambler's town

11 Winter wear

19 Where monkeys swing

21 Tijuana dollar

23 Decree

25 Twangy

26 Really skimps

28 Big bird

29 Hairpiece

30 Extreme degree

31 Chill

32 Veto

33 Fish, in a way

37 Appreciative sighs

39 Ball club

43 Swindle (2 wds.)

45 Falcon's home

47 Fix eggs

48 Old saying

49 Karate cousin

50 Mideast title

51 Philosopher

52 "Et tu" time

53 "Frozen" queen

56 Manipulate

57 Building extension

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