

**PETITION TO PLACE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. CI-125 ON THE ELECTION BALLOT**

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

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

**Statement of Purpose and Implication:**

Currently, under the Montana Constitution, only a district court judge may convene a grand jury. CI-125 amends Article II, Section 20 of the Montana Constitution to also allow 100 plus one-half of one percent of a county's electors to convene a grand jury by complaint and petition.

The average cost for a two-day jury trial is \$2,130. However, it is unknown how many grand juries would be convened under CI-125 so the fiscal impact is unknown.

- YES on Constitutional Initiative CI-125
- NO on Constitutional Initiative CI-125

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

Voters are advised that either an interim committee or an administrative committee of the legislature in accordance with 5-5-215 or 5-11-105 reviewed the content of this initiative and [did] or [did not] support the placement of the proposed text of this initiative on the ballot. The outcome of the vote was [x] in favor of placing the measure on the ballot and [x] against placing the measure on the ballot.

**WARNING**

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

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

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**Section 1.** Article II, section 20, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

**"Section 20. Initiation of proceedings.** (1) Criminal offenses within the jurisdiction of any court inferior to the district court shall be prosecuted by complaint. All criminal actions in district court, except those on appeal, shall be prosecuted either by information, after examination and commitment by a magistrate or after leave granted by the court, or by indictment without such examination, commitment or leave.

(2) A grand jury shall consist of eleven persons, of whom eight must concur to find an indictment. A grand jury shall be drawn and summoned ~~only~~ either at the discretion and order of ~~the~~ a district judge or on a complaint and petition signed by 100 plus 1/2 of 1% of a county's electors."

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