



## Preserve Local Elections

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Now that the election campaign is nearing its end, we can say definitively:

Advocates for Amendment 7 have no campaign committee registered with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

We could find no newspaper endorsements for them. We could find no opinion pieces published in any newspapers for them. As can be seen on our [Media Coverage](#) page, we opponents have both.

When interviewing both sides, the proponents have almost entirely been state officials or candidates for state office, as befits a measure put on the ballot by the legislature. Opponents have been ordinary citizens, plus a couple of third-party candidates.

Throughout this entire time, there has been no public debate in which each side was able to engage the other and answer their points. Talk shows that tried to arrange it were unable to find proponents willing to do it. Proponents have only been willing to give interviews, not engage in debate.

Here are pdfs of all our press releases, showing different topics of interest:

[How Amendment 7 Would Hurt Republicans](#) - see documentation at [For Republicans – vote-no-ranking-ban](#). Most races in the August 2024 primary had no majority winners, and the Secretary of State had less than a quarter. If we define the best candidate as the one with majority support from party voters, then Republicans are deliberately not sending their best candidates to the general election. Ranked choice voting would fix this problem.

[MO Amendment 7 this November – its real purpose](#) - see documentation on our [Ballot Candy](#) page. Though including a provision to encourage a yes vote, the real purpose is to ban ranked choice voting.

[Amendment 7 – how it would hurt military personnel](#) - 6 states let overseas military use ranking so they don't have to vote twice and don't have their vote wasted if the candidate they voted for drops out. If Amendment 7 passes, they'll be blocked from even asking for it.

[Amendment 7 – Zombie Votes and Dropouts](#) - a "zombie" vote means a vote for someone who has already dropped out, meaning the vote was wasted. Ranked choice voting solves this problem.

[Amendment 7 – Anti-7 Response to a pro-7 Spokesperson](#) - responding to Jay Ashcroft's reasoning, especially pointing out that ranked choice voting won't happen unless voters decide to use it in an election asking them if they want it.

[The Amendment 7 Push Poll](#) This explains the Public Opinion Strategies poll of September 4-9. We have screenshots of the poll to illustrate how it was pushing for a "yes" response rather than being a legitimate poll.

[Amendment 7 Fiscal Note is Incorrect – it could cost Missouri taxpayers money](#) - the required fiscal note on the ballot says it has no impact, but any locality that uses two elections (such as Kansas City for city races) would be able to skip the second election if it uses this instant run-off system. The race would be settled at the first election. Therefore, Amendment 7 will cost taxpayers in those places the continued cost of that second election.

[Amendment 7 and out-of-state big money – wrong strategy](#) - though proponents decry out-of-state big money influencing elections, the organizations they fear have plans to do the same thing they would if there were no Amendment 7. Their campaign would over-ride the amendment. Only the campaigns of low-budget Missouri citizens are curtailed.

[Amendment 7 and Mudslinging](#) - anyone who trashes an opponent won't get the second and third rankings of those choosing that opponent first, so the incentives change and the races become more civil.