***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Initiative Petition Reform**

Missouri senators could spend time on one of the more controversial proposals for this session.

[Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=209) would, upon voter approval, modify provisions relating to constitutional amendments.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the upper chamber’s version of initiative petition, or ratification, reform contains multiple ideas…

 **Rowden :06 Q: priority for now.**

Lawmakers have been moving toward changes to how certain questions get on the ballot for several years.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he believes this proposal would keep people from having a check and balance on the Legislature…

 **Rizzo :03 Q: the ballot box.**

If Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83 become law, it could go on the August ballot.

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