***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Initiative Petition Reform**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the latest on initiative petition reform…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Resolution 74, 48….**

[Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=209) would make changes to constitutional amendments in our state. A lengthy committee hearing led to combining five of the 12 resolutions relating to this topic into a single proposal.

Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman of Arnold is the sponsor…

 **Coleman 1 :08 Q: do not support.**

During discussion on Monday afternoon and evening, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis told his colleagues he believes these proposed changes would take power away from voters…

 **Beck :10 Q: of the legislators.**

Following nearly five and a half hours of discussion, Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83 was set aside for future talks.

Then, the following day…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: move that SJR….**

…Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83 was brought back to the floor.

Senator Coleman says she believes it should be more of a detailed process to amend the state constitution…

 **Coleman 2 :07 Q: into a book.**

During Tuesday’s discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City says there is a growing need for quality health care, no matter where in Missouri someone lives…

 **Arthur :10 Q: northlanders as well.**

After another five and a half hours, the resolution was set aside for continued dialogue…

 **Nat Snd 3 :10 Q: one-person, one-vote process.**

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe says he hopes to see this resolution make it to the Missouri House of Representatives…

 **Black :08 Q: in elected office.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says she believes the current version of initiative petition reform would set up a scenario where 20 percent of voters could overrule the other 80 percent…

 **McCreery :08 Q: see get approved.**

Discussion could resume next week…

**Nat Snd 4 :05 Q: against IP vehemently.**

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.**

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.**

Following an abbreviated week, session will resume on Monday…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: those in favor….**

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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