

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 124 (CI-124)

CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 124

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Under the 1972 Constitution, the requirements for a person seeking admission to the practice of law in Montana are determined by the Montana Supreme Court under Article VII, section 2, of the Montana Constitution. CI-124 amends the Montana Constitution to remove jurisdiction from the Supreme Court to govern admission to the Bar and the conduct of its members.

YES on Constitutional Amendment CI-124

NO on Constitutional Amendment CI-124

THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 124 (CI-124)

Article VII, section 2, of the Montana Constitution is amended to read:

Section 1. Article VII, section 2, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 2. Supreme court jurisdiction. (1) The supreme court has appellate jurisdiction and may

issue, hear, and determine writs appropriate thereto. It has original jurisdiction to issue, hear, and determine writs of habeas corpus and such other writs as may be provided by law.

(2) It has general supervisory control over all other courts.

(3) It may make rules governing appellate procedure, and practice and procedure for all other courts, ~~admission to the bar and the conduct of its members~~. Rules of procedure shall be subject to disapproval by the legislature in either of the two sessions following promulgation.

(4) Supreme court process shall extend to all parts of the state."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective Date. [This act] is effective on approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Applicability. [This act] applies to court proceedings, bar admissions, and bar member conduct after October 1, 2025.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Submission to electorate. [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2024 by printing on the ballot the full title of [this act] and the following:

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