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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HEGEMAN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 116, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the petition process for amending the law, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 116, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 116.045, to read as follows:

**116.045. 1. Initiative and referendum petition signature pages
2 shall be printed on a form as prescribed by the secretary of state,
3 which shall include all of the information and statements set forth in
4 sections 116.030 and 116.040, as applicable, and comply with section
5 116.050. The form shall be made available in electronic format for
6 printing and circulating petitions.**

**7 2. Signatures gathered after the effective date of this section
8 shall not be counted as valid unless such signatures are submitted on
9 a petition sheet form prescribed by the secretary of state pursuant to
10 subsection 1 of this section and submitted as part of the sample sheet
11 required pursuant to section 116.332.**

**12 3. Notwithstanding subsection 2 of this section to the contrary,
13 sample sheets submitted and approved prior to the effective date of this
14 section may still be submitted to the secretary of state with an
15 originally-submitted sample sheet signature page that solely contains
16 signatures gathered prior to the effective date of this section, provided
17 that the contact designee shall notify the secretary of state that such
18 signature page will be submitted. Failure to so notify shall result in
19 such signatures being invalid.**

Section B. Because immediate action is needed to provide the secretary
2 of state the requisite time to apply a consistent process to all petitions submitted,

3 section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the
4 public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an
5 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act
6 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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