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**FOR A GREATER
MISSOURI**

VOTE
Feb 27



**THE NEW
CONSTITUTION**

20 GOOD REASONS

Why You Should Vote **FOR**

The Proposed **NEW STATE CONSTITUTION**

THE NEW CONSTITUTION . . .

1. Brings government closer to people, making it more representative, responsible, economical and efficient.
2. Consolidates ten tax-collecting agencies into a single department of revenue—increasing efficiency, eliminating duplication and saving millions of dollars over the years.
3. Takes the State Department of Education out of partisan politics.
4. Extends educational opportunities by providing for kindergartens, adult education and area trade and vocational schools.
5. Provides a modern, just and adequate system of taxation.
6. Enables Missouri to give proper assistance to its underprivileged.
7. Requires the Governor to eliminate overlapping jurisdiction of 70 boards and bureaus, putting them under 14 departments.
8. Gives constitutional recognition to agriculture, the State's basic industry.
9. Recognizes right of employees to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.
10. Removes discrimination against women, assuring them equal civil and political rights.
11. Abolishes the fee system for payment of law-enforcement officers, thereby eliminating many evils.
12. Requires a merit system in state hospitals and penal institutions.
13. Aids in the rehabilitation of wayward boys and girls by converting reformatories into industrial training schools, removing them from the penal department.
14. Vastly improves system of courts and provides stronger guarantees of equal justice for all the people.
15. Improves legislative procedures.
16. Allows all voters temporarily absent from their homes to vote an absentee ballot whether within or without the state.
17. Provides for wider use of home rule principle; in general increases power of citizens in determining their own local affairs.
18. Stimulates rehabilitation of blighted areas in cities, farms and forests under individual enterprise.
19. Facilitates state planning for postwar problems.
20. Is briefer . . . more flexible . . . has some 11,000 fewer words. Present Constitution has been amended 60 times and no longer has a definite and logical organization.

Vigorous Campaign Urgently Needed To GET OUT THE VOTE FOR the NEW CONSTITUTION Tuesday, February 27

Missourians Face Most Important Issue Since 1875

At the Special Election, Tuesday, Feb. 27, Missourians face the most important issue in seventy years.

On that day you will go to the polls to vote on the proposed New Constitution and a Greater Missouri.

Times Have Changed!

Much of the present Constitution is still good—still valuable to the state. *Those parts have been retained!* But, unfortunately certain parts of it are outmoded. After all, the present Constitution was born 70 years ago—in stagecoach days! It has been amended 60 times. The result is a crazy-quilt, patched-up affair.

The New Constitution makes it possible for Missouri to have government in keeping with its greatness as a State. The New Constitution is a well organized, entirely practical document. It is geared to today. It brings the flexibility to state and local government that is absolutely essential to Missouri's functioning as a great state in the postwar era.

It is designed to bring a better, happier life to you and yours. It is written in the interest of the state as a whole. This Constitution is

NOT one of special privilege, but one *against* special privilege.

Build a Greater Missouri

You and all of us want our boys and girls in the service to come home to a strong, sound Missouri—one better equipped to stand the rigors of any depression or other changes the postwar period may bring.

You have a tremendous stake in this New Constitution. You and other Missouri citizens have invested approximately \$1,000,000 to secure its numerous benefits. *Its savings will many times offset the cost.* Its benefits are now within your grasp. It would be tragic to lose them. Indifference and complacency on the part of voters can deprive Missouri of the great future the New Constitution will give our state.

Get Out the Vote!

It is essential... more, it is urgent... that Missouri voters know how they... and how the state as a whole... will benefit so tremendously from this fine new document. This must be brought home to Missouri voters so emphatically that they will flock to the polls on Tuesday, February 27.

This won't "just happen." A vigorous campaign is necessary to inform the voters and to *get them out to the polls.*

You can play a most important roll in this great effort to make our state a better place in which to live. We most earnestly invite you to join with us in the campaign to attain this worth-while objective.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Your help is urgently needed in the campaign for the proposed New Constitution and a greater Missouri. Here are some things you can do:

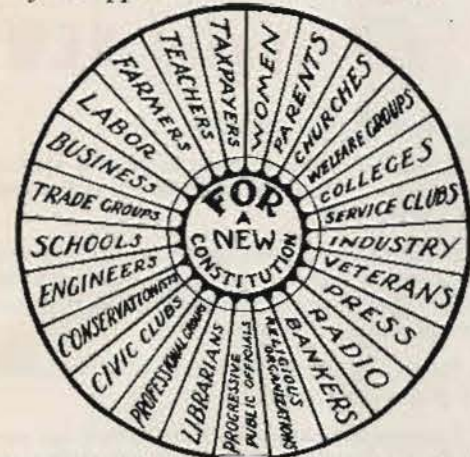
- Line up your friends, neighbors and associates.
- Supply them with educational literature.
- Have them sign and mail pledge cards. No postage required.

(If your local or county campaign committee cannot supply pledge cards and literature, notify Missouri Committee FOR the New Constitution, Room 300, 511 Locust Street, St. Louis 1, Mo.)

- Offer your services to the local organization being formed in your community to support the proposed New Constitution. If none is being formed, get in touch with State Headquarters and help will be forthcoming.
- Get organizations to which you belong to endorse the New Constitution and notify State Headquarters. Distribute pledge cards and literature to their members.
- On election day, Tuesday, February 27, be sure to remind those with whom you have talked to vote FOR the proposed New Constitution.
- Remember—service men and women can vote in this election. If you are next of kin to a service man or woman, apply to your County Clerk or Election Board for a ballot to be sent to your relative in the service.

Wheel of Progress

You travel in fine company when you support the New Constitution



A partial list of organizations that already have endorsed the New Constitution...

MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
MISSOURI FARMERS' ASSOCIATION
MISSOURI FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
MISSOURI CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS
LABOR ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING A. F. OF L., C. I. O., AND RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS
ASSOCIATE INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI
MISSOURI LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, Mo. Div.
MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
MISSOURI SAVINGS AND LOAN LEAGUE
MISSOURI STATE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MISSOURI SOCIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL WELFARE
MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT AMERICAN LEGION
MISSOURI STATE LIFE INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS
THE CRUSADERS OF MISSOURI
MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MISSOURI PUBLIC EXPENDITURE SURVEY
MISSOURI STATE ALLIED PRINTING TRADES ASSOCIATION
WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

Service Clubs, Civic Clubs, fraternal and other organizations, with more coming in daily.

REMEMBER

THIS IS A

Special Election

It is hard to get people out to vote in a special election. It will require intensive effort by you and every loyal Missourian who is FOR the New Constitution to get out the big favorable vote that will be needed.

To vote FOR the New Constitution place an X in front of the word, FOR.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Special Election, Tuesday,
February 27, 1945



FOR the proposed Constitution



AGAINST the proposed Constitution

(Place an "X" in the square opposite the one for which you wish to vote.)

MISSOURI COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION

JACOB M. LASHLY, Chairman

MRS. FRANK E. ATWOOD, Secretary

Room 300, 511 Locust St., St. Louis 1, Mo.