

Voters Win in Missouri

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The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, as giddy as a coke fiend in a locked DEA evidence room, is egging on rogue politicians. Missouri's have threatened to sue . . . to undo a citizen initiative passed to prevent politicians from easily undoing citizen initiatives.

"I could see lawsuits being filed against Amendment 6, saying that it is unconstitutional," says Missouri Secretary of State Denny Hoskins. "It takes too much power away from the elected state reps [and] state senators."

"Go for it," the *Dispatch* responds.

Missouri's Pulitzer-founded paper supports the incumbent-hated measure but thinks that politicians pondering litigation would be doing the equivalent of running on banana peels. The *Dispatch* looks forward to watching them slip on those banana peels.

Unfortunately, seemingly hopeless attempts at political sabotage sometimes succeed. So I can't be as eager as the *Dispatch* to see an actual lawsuit.

Missouri voters passed the measure in question, Amendment 6, by a 60-40 majority. It prohibits the legislature "from repealing or amending a citizen initiative unless at least 80% of both the House and Senate vote to refer a proposed change to the ballot, and voters then approve the change."

The new law also prohibits the state legislature from making changes to weaken the citizen initiative — just like those sought in August by incumbent-referred, voter-trounced Amendment 4. It would have required a Yes from a majority of voters *in every one of the state's eight congressional districts*, not just statewide, to pass a citizen initiative.

By passing Amendment 6, Missouri voters have won a great victory. And I don't *think* that a lawsuit against it can succeed.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.