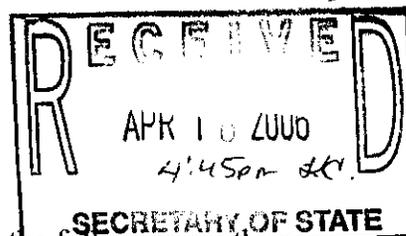


SWORN STATEMENT



The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states under oath that the following are the names and street addresses of ever person, corporation or association sponsoring the initiative Petition for a Constitutional Amendment providing for a limit on the growth of state spending. The full text and statement of the object of the initiative is attached and is also on file with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

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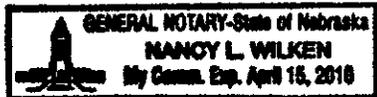
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Mike Groene

STATE OF NEBRASKA )
) ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER )

On this 18th day of April, 2006, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally came Mike Groene, to me known to be the identical person whose name is affixed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed and the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date above written.

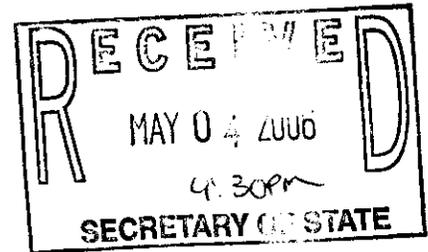


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Notary Public

*Final Language for Census Review*

**INITIATIVE PETITION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**



**Object Clause:**

A measure to establish a limit on the growth of state spending only to be exceeded with voter approval.

**To amend Article III, Section 22 of the Constitution of Nebraska.**

Article III

§ 22. Appropriations for state; deficiencies; bills for pay of members and officials

(1) Each Legislature shall make appropriations for the expenses of the Government. And whenever it is deemed necessary to make further appropriations for deficiencies, the same shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature. Bills making appropriations for the pay of members and officers of the Legislature, and for the salaries of the officers of the Government, shall contain no provision on any other subject.

(2) **For any state fiscal year that commences on or after January 1, 2007, the Legislature shall be subject to a state spending limit that is the greater of:**

- (a) **the total amount appropriated in the preceding fiscal year increased by a percentage amount equal to the result obtained by adding the inflation rate plus the percentage change in state population for the calendar year in which the immediately preceding fiscal year began; or,**
- (b) **the state spending limit for the previous fiscal year.**

(3) **A total fiscal year appropriation may only exceed the state spending limit under the following circumstances:**

- (a) **Two-thirds of the members of the Legislature must first approve the total appropriations budget and its referral to the voters,**
- (b) **A majority of voters casting ballots at a statewide election vote affirmatively to authorize the Legislature to exceed the state spending limit, and,**
- (c) **the ballot question provides the voters the following options:**
  - (i) **I authorize the Legislature to exceed the State Spending Limit for [insert fiscal year] by [insert total amount of proposed fiscal year spending above the state spending limit].**
  - (ii) **I do not authorize the Legislature to exceed the State Spending Limit.**

**The Legislature is empowered to refer a voter authorization question to the ballot at any statewide election in compliance with this subdivision.**

**(4) For purposes of this section:**

- (a) "Inflation rate" means the change during a calendar year, expressed as a percentage, in the consumer price index for the Midwest region, incorporating all goods and services for all urban consumers, as officially reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, or its successor index.**
- (b) Percentage change in state population a calendar year shall be determined by measuring the percentage change in the annual federal census estimate of Nebraska for a calendar from the annual federal census estimate for the immediately preceding year, and such number shall be adjusted every decade to match the federal census.**

**(5) A total fiscal year appropriation shall include every legislative appropriation authorizing an expenditure of funds from the state treasury within a specific fiscal year, with the following exceptions:**

- (a) Money received directly or indirectly from the federal government;**
- (b) Money awarded or donated to a state agency or institution by a nongovernmental entity;**
- (c) Proceeds from the sale of property at real market value to non-governmental entities.**
- (d) Moneys dedicated to pro-rata taxpayer relief or refunds.**
- (e) Appropriations funded by user charges or fees to the extent that such charges or fees do not exceed the approximate cost to the state of providing such goods or services, and the purchase by the user is wholly discretionary.**
- (f) Moneys that are income earned on moneys in permanent endowment funds, trust funds, deferred compensation funds or pension funds and that are credited to such funds.**
- (g) Surplus funds may be designated by the Legislature to be held in a budget reserve fund to provide funding when state revenues fall below the state spending limit. Appropriations from any such fund shall remain subject to the state spending limit and no such monetary designation may cause the total amount of funds available for this purpose to exceed twelve percent of the allowable state spending limit for the fiscal year in which the designation is made;**
- (h) Appropriations made subject to an emergency declared by a three-fourths vote of all the members of the Legislature and**

**the declared emergency stems from an unexpected, immediate and significant threat to public health or safety may exceed the state spending limit. A shortfall in anticipated revenue shall not constitute an emergency. If a court of competent jurisdiction in a final order rules that any emergency appropriation violates this section, the state spending limit under subdivision (2)(a) of this section shall be reduced by that amount in the next fiscal year;**

**(6) Any taxpaying resident of Nebraska shall have standing to enforce the provisions of this section. It is the intent of the voters in amending this section that legal interpretations that restrain growth in government spending are favored over interpretations that do not restrain such spending. If a court of competent jurisdiction in a final order shall adjudge any category of legislative appropriation exempt from this Article, the state spending limit shall be reduced accordingly and the remaining provisions shall be in full force and effect.**