

Amendment 7

Show-Me Prosperity Fund

VOTE NO

Creates a permanent state investment fund in the Constitution, with the long-term goal of replacing state taxes with investment earnings.

What a YES vote does

- Creates the Show-Me Prosperity Fund, invested in S&P 500 index funds, with permanent principal that cannot be spent, pledged, or borrowed against.
- Leaves deposits to future legislatures; no amount is required.
- Allows no money to leave the fund until the prior year's earnings, after fees, can replace **all** listed state taxes at once.
- Caps annual spending from the fund at 3% of its five-year average value.

What a NO vote does

- No fund is created.
- Tax cuts and tax policy continue through the normal legislative process.
- The legislature remains free to create a savings or investment fund by statute.

What Act for Missouri Thinks, and Why

Vote No. A permanent, potentially \$267 billion commitment written into the Constitution before anyone answers how it is funded, who manages it, or what it costs.

Amendment 7 does not eliminate taxes one at a time. Nothing leaves the fund until earnings can replace the individual income tax, the sales and use tax, the corporate income tax, and all other state taxes together. Combined with the 3% cap, replacing an illustrative \$8 billion a year would require a fund of roughly **\$266.7 billion**. Missouri could contribute for generations before a single tax goes away.

Management fees come out before the trigger is tested, yet the amendment sets no fee cap, requires no competitive bidding, and has no conflict-of-interest protections for choosing investment firms. At a 0.06% fee, a fund that size would pay about \$160 million a year.

The ballot says the measure has no costs or savings. That is because deposits are left to future legislatures, not because it is free. And it arrives during a budget squeeze: the State Auditor warned the FY2027 budget spends more than \$1.7 billion above ongoing revenue.

The bottom line

A sound constitutional amendment should settle funding, fees, procurement, conflicts of interest, and the tax-replacement math before asking voters for permanent authority. Amendment 7 settles none of them.