

# August 3, 2010 – Primary Election

## Confused about Proposition C?

### What is Proposition C?

The Missouri Legislature placed a health insurance issue on the August 3<sup>rd</sup> primary election ballot. The language below is what will appear on the August 3rd Ballot.

*Shall the Missouri Statutes be amended to:*

- *Deny the government authority to penalize citizens for refusing to purchase private health insurance or infringe upon the right to offer or accept direct payment for lawful healthcare services?*
- *Modify laws regarding the liquidation of certain domestic insurance companies?*

### Who is behind Proposition C?

A huge force behind these efforts and the “model legislation” is ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council (see [www.alec.org](http://www.alec.org)), Americans for Prosperity and Tea Party Groups. Proposition C is based on “model legislation” coming out of these corporate-funded groups.

### How can I vote against reform when I don't even understand it?

Right now, people are very confused about what's in the Affordable Care Act passed by Congress. It's important for voters to get informed before. **A few things included in the Affordable Care Act:**

This Year	In Future Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with Medicare will get help paying for prescriptions if they hit the “donut hole”.</li> <li>• Young adults up to age 26 can stay on their parent's insurance, even if they are not in school or are not a dependent.</li> <li>• Individuals with pre-existing conditions may get insurance through a new high risk pool.</li> <li>• Small businesses with 25 or fewer employees may be eligible for tax credits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance companies will have limits on what they can charge in premiums, copays and deductibles.</li> <li>• Insurance companies will not be able to deny us for pre-existing medical conditions.</li> <li>• Insurance companies will not be able to charge higher premiums if we have health problems, or because we are women.</li> <li>• 500,000 Missourians will gain access to affordable health insurance!</li> </ul>

### What Does My Vote on Proposition C Mean?

A NO VOTE MEANS	A YES VOTE MEANS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missouri voters reject playing politics with health care</li> <li>• Missouri will move on to the important work of implementing health reform.</li> <li>• There will be accountable public processes that let us influence what happens next</li> <li>• We can learn what the Affordable Care Act does and repair what we don't like.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because federal law trumps state law Proposition C is likely to have no effect on Missourians, or our health insurance.</li> <li>• Politicians will keep playing politics with health care.</li> <li>• Special interests and insurance companies will use the “rejection” to attack the new law.</li> </ul>