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Missouri Supreme Court Affirms Farming and Firearm Amendments

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Missouri's Supreme Court has upheld two constitutional amendments guaranteeing the right to farm and the right to bear arms.

The judges on Tuesday issued an opinion saying that summaries of the proposals on ballots last year were fair.

Critics complained that the measures misled voters and would have unintended consequences. For example, some said they could be interpreted to allow convicted felons to own weapons or grant more rights to foreign agriculture companies.

The judges also said that ballot language can be challenged even after an election is over, setting precedent in Missouri.

Attorneys representing the state of Missouri had argued that opponents of the measures brought them to court too late.

Voters approved both measures in August.

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