



DELBERT HOSEMAN  
*Secretary of State*

April 4, 2017

Honorable Jim Hood  
Office of the Attorney General  
Attn: Beebe Gerrard  
Post Office Box 220  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Re: Initiative – Proposed Amendment to the MS Constitution

Dear General Hood:

Enclosed for your review is a copy of an initiative measure proposed by sponsor Damien Fairconetue, a registered voter of Hinds County, Mississippi, filed with our office today, April 4, 2017.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 23-17-5 and by copy of this correspondence, we are providing notice to Mr. Fairconetue of the transmittal of his proposed initiative measure to your office.

If you should have any questions or require further action on the part of the office of the Secretary of State, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kim.turner@sos.ms.gov](mailto:kim.turner@sos.ms.gov) or (601) 359-5137.

Sincerely,

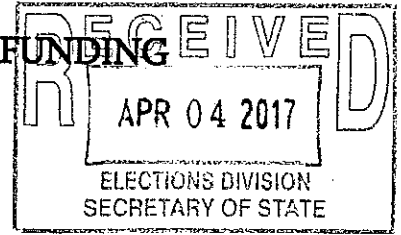
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim P. Turner".

Kim P. Turner  
Assistant Secretary of State, Elections Division

Enclosures

cc w/o encl.: Daniel Fairconetue

# SEMI-PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM FUNDING



**Subject Matter:**

Semi-professional women's soccer team funding

**Original Filing:**

**Should the State be required to provide for the support of a semi-professional women's soccer team?**

**Summary:** The semi-professional women's soccer team will give the state's lawmakers another way to receive tax revenue, cut taxes on other means of tax revenues, create jobs, bring more businesses into the primary city of the team's stadium and in adjacent cities and generally boost our economy more. In addition, the team will give women the same opportunities that men have in professional soccer in Mississippi.

**Section: 198-A. Right to work; labor unions.**

It is hereby declared to be the public policy of Mississippi that the right of a person or persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or nonmembership in any labor union or labor organization. Any agreement or combination between any employer and any labor union or labor organization whereby any person not a member of such union or organization shall be denied the right to work for an employer, or whereby such membership is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or whereby any such union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any enterprise, is hereby declared to be an illegal combination or conspiracy and against public policy. No person shall be required by an employer to become or remain a member of any labor union or labor organization as a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer. No person shall be required by an employer to abstain or refrain from corporations membership in any labor union or labor organization as a condition of employment or continuation of employment. No employer shall require any person, as a condition of employment or continuation of employment, to pay any dues, fees or other charges of any kind to any labor union or labor organization. Any person who may be denied employment or be deprived of continuation of his employment in violation of any paragraph of this section shall be entitled to recover from such employer and from any other person, firm, corporation or association acting in concert with him by appropriate action in the courts of this state such actual damages as he may have sustained by reason of such denial or deprivation of employment.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any lawful contract in force on the effective date of this section, but they shall apply to all contracts thereafter entered into and to any renewal or extension of an existing contract thereafter occurring. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any employer or employee under the jurisdiction of the Federal Railway Labor Act.

**Amount and Source of Revenue Required to Implement the Initiative:**

I am proposing a ballot initiative to allocate approximately \$1,801,326 annually from the State's tax revenues in order to start and operate a semi-professional women's soccer team of Mississippi in the Women's Premier Soccer League. The requested amount shall be for the league's entrance fee, annual league fee, bond for each home game, team members' insurance deductibles, lodging and travel accommodations for visiting teams during championship tournaments, team bus, game shirts, game shorts, game socks, cleats, shinguards, soccer balls, corner flags, cans of field marking spray, cooling towels, water bottles, 3-gallon Gatorade coolers, soccer goals, team benches, ice, referee's table, ice packs, first aid kits, players' soccer backpacks, sports ball bag, mini disc cones, scrimmage pinnies, goalkeeper's gloves, portable toilets, scoreboard, deluxe aluminum bleachers, coaches' salaries, team physician's salary and players' salaries. In addition, according to the Fiscal Year 2018 Joint Legislative Budget Committee Recommendations for total State support, I propose to cut no more than \$26,490 annually from every agency except the Judicial Performance Commission, Ethics Commission, State Property Insurance, Status of Women, Tort Claims Board, Board of Tax Appeals, State Treasurer's Office-Support, MS Adequate Ed Program, Vocational and Technical Education, Local Governments and Rural Water, Health Information Network, Fair Commission-County Livestock Shows, Grand Gulf Military, Pearl River Basin Development District, Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Tenn-Tom Waterway Development Authority, Emergency Mgmt-Disaster Relief-Cons, Council on Aging, County Jail Officer Standards and Training Bd., Crime Lab-Medical Examiner, Homeland Security Office, Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit, Law Enforcement Training Academy, Office of Public Safety Planning, Public Employees Retirement-Admin/Bldg., PSC-No Call Telephone Solicitation, Department of Transportation-Mississippi and Treasury-Debt Service-Bank Service Charge. On the other hand, of the other agencies that shall contribute funds to the team's operation, no one agency shall contribute more than 3% capital.

**Proposed Ballot Title:**

Should the State be required to provide for the support for a semi-professional women's soccer team?

**Proposed Ballot Summary:** The initiative will give women the same opportunities to succeed in professional soccer that men have in Mississippi.

**Initiative Petition:**

**Sponsor:**

Damien Fairconetue  
712 Tanglewood Drive  
Clinton, Mississippi 39056

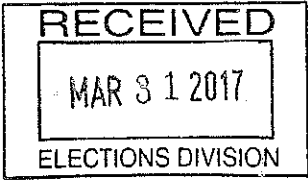
**Status:**

**Town Meeting Location:**

Edwards Attendance Center Gymnasium

**Initiative Information:** *The official ballot title and ballot summary for an initiative measure are prepared by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. Initiative measures are valid for one year. During this one-year period, a petition may be circulated to place the measure on the next statewide general election ballot to allow the voters of Mississippi to determine whether the measure should become a part of the Mississippi Constitution. According to Mississippi law, for an initiative measure to be placed on the ballot, a minimum of 107,216 certified signatures must be gathered, with at least 21,443 certified signatures from each of the five congressional districts as they existed in the year 2000. This required number of signatures represents twelve percent (12%) of the total number of votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial general election. Signatures must be certified by county circuit clerks as belonging to registered voters in Mississippi. A completed petition should be filed with Secretary of State, together with a filing fee of \$500.00. For more information on the initiative process in Mississippi, consult the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, Section 273, and Mississippi Code Annotated §§ 23-17-1 through 23-17-61 (1972).*

**Comments:**



AFFIDAVIT

Date 3-31-2017 County: Hinds

Purpose: Requirement to propose a ballot initiative

PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within name Damien Fairconetue, who is a resident of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, and makes this his statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts and things set forth are true and correct to the best of his knowledge:

*I affirm that I am a qualified elector (registered voter) of the State of Mississippi according to Miss. Code Ann. 23-17-1.*

(Insert Statement)

DATED this 31 day of March, 20 17

Damien Fairconetue

Signature of Affiant

SWORN to subscribe before me, this 31<sup>st</sup> day March, 20 17

Eleese S. Anderson

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:  
17 July 2019

