



# 2026 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

**A LOOK AT BILLS PASSED  
BY THE MISSOURI  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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## Introduction & Disclaimer

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This report provides a comprehensive overview of legislation passed by the Missouri General Assembly during the 2026 legislative session. It is intended to serve as an informative summary of newly enacted laws that may impact individuals, businesses, and communities across the state.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This document is for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy and clarity, the summaries provided herein are not exhaustive and may omit certain provisions or nuances found in the full legislative text.

For official language and legal interpretation, readers are encouraged to consult the final enrolled bills and statutes as published by the Missouri Revisor of Statutes or seek guidance from legal counsel.

**-Ben Peters, House Communications**

### **Bills Passed in 2025**

**Total Bills Passed: 67**

**Total Appropriation Bills  
Passed: 16**

**Total Non-Appropriation Bills  
Passed: 51**

- **House Bills: 23**
- **Senate Bills: 28**

### **Bills Passed in 2026**

**Total Bills Passed: 100**

**Total Appropriation Bills  
Passed: 17**

**Total Non-Appropriation Bills  
Passed: 83**

- **House Bills: 42**
- **Senate Bills: 41**

## Appropriations Bills for Fiscal Year 2027 And Supplemental Bills

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### **Total Amount: Approximately \$50.7 billion**

- **HB 2002:** Appropriates money for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- **HB 2003:** Appropriates money for the Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development
- **HB 2004:** Appropriates money for the Department of Revenue and the Department of Transportation
- **HB 2005:** Appropriates money for the Office of Administration
- **HB 2006:** Appropriates money for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Conservation
- **HB 2007:** Appropriates money for the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Commerce & Insurance and the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations
- **HB 2008:** Appropriates money for the Department of Public Safety and the Department of National Guard
- **HB 2009:** Appropriates money for the Department of Corrections
- **HB 2010:** Appropriates money for the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health & Senior Services
- **HB 2011:** Appropriates money for the Department of Social Services
- **HB 2012:** Appropriates money for Elected Officials, the Judiciary, the Office of Public Defender and the General Assembly
- **HB 2013:** Appropriates money for statewide leasing
- **HB 2014:** Appropriates money for supplemental purposes
- **HB 2017:** Appropriates money for capital improvements
- **HB 2018:** Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the several departments and offices of state government
- **HB 2019:** Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the several departments and offices of state government
- **HB 2020:** Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the several departments and offices of state government

## Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed - 2026 Regular Session

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### House Bills

- **HB 1696** (Christensen) – Modifies provisions relating to the right of sepulcher.
- **HB 1740** (Griffith) – Modifies provisions relating to driving while intoxicated.
- **HB 1786** (Voss) – Modifies provisions relating to Highway Patrol vehicle and equipment purchases.
- **HB 1825** (Busick) – Removes the prosecuting attorney and sheriff from the county salary commission.
- **HB 1827** (Violet) – Adds occupational therapists as authorized providers for disabled license plate and placard certifications.
- **HB 1839** (Gallick) – Establishes civil liability provisions for distributing material harmful to minors online.
- **HB 1840** (Gallick) – Establishes an alert system to locate missing persons with developmental disabilities.
- **HB 1866** (Roberts) – Allows denial of peace officer licenses based on citizenship status or prior permanent revocation/suspension.
- **HB 1867** (Roberts) – Authorizes Joplin to increase transient guest tax for tourism upon voter approval.
- **HB 1870** (Roberts) – Modifies provisions relating to garnishments.
- **HB 1871** (McGaugh) – Modifies provisions relating to elections.
- **HB 1908** (Williams) – Allows courts to grant dissolution or legal separation when a party is pregnant.
- **HB 1940** (McGaugh) – Changes laws relating to newspaper advertisements and publication orders.
- **HB 2057** (Verneti) – Establishes provisions relating to entertainment districts.
- **HB 2061** (Hruza) – Establishes protections against discrimination and antisemitism in public education.
- **HB 2108** (Griffith) – Authorizes conveyance of state property in Cole County.
- **HB 2180** (Griffith) – Modifies provisions relating to state agency mail.
- **HB 2273** (Lewis) – Modifies and establishes protections for children and vulnerable persons.
- **HB 2292** (Jones) – Modifies provisions relating to abuse and neglect reporting, including animal abuse reporting.
- **HB 2366** (Verneti) – Modifies provisions relating to employment of unauthorized aliens.
- **HB 2372** (Peters) – Modifies provisions relating to health care.
- **HB 2397** (Bromley) – Modifies requirements for dissolution of public water supply districts.
- **HB 2423** (Oehlerking) – Creates a fund for licensing fee revenues in the Division of Finance.

- **HB 2474** (Voss) – Modifies provisions governing design-build contracts.
- **HB 2508** (Brown) – Allows business entity search and good standing certificates for series LLCs.
- **HB 2576** (Black) – Creates several new state designations.
- **HB 2586** (Casteel) – Revises membership share values and allows remote participation in meetings.
- **HB 2593** (Hardwick) – Modifies provisions relating to military affairs.
- **HB 2596** (McGaugh) – Modifies provisions relating to health benefit plans.
- **HB 2636** (Owen) – Establishes the Uniform Mortgage Modification Act.
- **HB 2637** (Black) – Modifies and establishes provisions relating to public safety.
- **HB 2641** (Hinman) – Establishes provisions relating to cannabis.
- **HB 2818** (Shields) – Modifies provisions relating to municipal annexation.
- **HB 2819** (Shields) – Modifies provisions relating to cash transaction rounding to five cents.
- **HB 2885** (Hovis) – Directs boating registration proceeds to the Water Patrol Division Fund.
- **HB 2896** (Brown) – Modifies governance of public higher education institutions.
- **HB 2934** (Christ) – Modifies governance of St. Louis regional convention and sports authorities.
- **HB 2974** (Stinnett) – Modifies provisions relating to licensure reciprocity.
- **HB 3080** (Riggs) – Modifies historic preservation tax credit and adds emergency clause.
- **HB 3231** (Christ) – Establishes the Missouri Innovation, Public Safety, and Accountability Act.
- **HB 3279** (Shields) – Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri Community Service Commission.
- **HJR 173** (Davidson) – Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to taxation.

## Senate Bills

- **SB 834** (Crawford) – Modifies provisions relating to mortgage modifications.
- **SB 835** (Crawford) – Modifies provisions relating to attachment, execution, and garnishments.
- **SB 863** (Bean) – Establishes the Interscholastic Athletic Oversight Commission.
- **SB 878** (Fitzwater) – Modifies provisions relating to pharmaceutical drugs and devices.
- **SB 888** (Schroer) – Modifies provisions relating to the criminal justice system.
- **SB 890** (Coleman) – Repeals obsolete administrative entities and updates state reporting requirements.
- **SB 903** (Henderson) – Modifies and creates provisions relating to telecommunications infrastructure.
- **SB 905** (Gregory) – Modifies provisions relating to school protection officers and Missouri Rangers program.

- **SB 907** (Hudson) – Establishes the Act Against Abusive Website Access Litigation.
- **SB 913** (Gregory) – Modifies provisions relating to tax credits.
- **SB 914** (Gregory) – Modifies provisions relating to sewage regulation.
- **SB 916** (Burger) – Modifies provisions relating to sovereign immunity.
- **SB 937** (Bernskoetter) – Conveys certain state property.
- **SB 938** (Bernskoetter) – Modifies provisions relating to land surveying.
- **SB 953** (Bean) – Modifies water quality and permitting regulations.
- **SB 959** (Roberts) – Creates the Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council.
- **SB 973** (Trent) – Creates disclosure requirements for real estate wholesalers.
- **SB 975** (Black) – Modifies provisions relating to ambulance districts.
- **SB 977** (Schroer) – Establishes the No Foreign Laws Act.
- **SB 982** (Coleman) – Modifies provisions relating to sexual offenses.
- **SB 999** (Hudson) – Modifies provisions relating to vulnerable persons.
- **SB 1000** (Hudson) – Modifies the Tourism Supplemental Revenue Fund.
- **SB 1002** (Schnelting) – Modifies provisions relating to school board election submissions.
- **SB 1019** (Crawford) – Modifies provisions relating to health care.
- **SB 1033** (Bean) – Creates provisions relating to air quality regulation.
- **SB 1067** (Henderson) – Establishes the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act.
- **SB 1119** (Trent) – Establishes procedures for Article V convention commissioner appointments.
- **SB 1135** (Henderson) – Creates “Bentley and Mason’s Law” relating to DWI-related child maintenance orders.
- **SB 1142** (Hudson) – Modifies provisions relating to series limited liability companies.
- **SB 1233** (Trent) – Modifies provisions relating to licensure requirements.
- **SB 1408** (Burger) – Modifies provisions relating to transportation.
- **SB 1421** (Schroer) – Modifies provisions relating to unmanned aircraft use restrictions.
- **SB 1470** (Bernskoetter) – Modifies duties of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.
- **SB 1544** (Nurrenbern) – Establishes new state designations.
- **SB 1553** (Gregory) – Authorizes incentives for critical materials and pharmaceuticals production.
- **SB 1572** (Henderson) – Modifies provisions relating to public employee retirement systems.
- **SB 1576** (Fitzwater) – Establishes the Missouri Ireland Trade Commission.
- **SB 1629** (Fitzwater) – Modifies provisions relating to underground facilities.
- **SCR 21** (Bernskoetter) – Encourages patriotic observance of Show-Me America 250.
- **SJR 87** (Carter) – Modifies provisions relating to sheriffs.
- **SJR 95** (Schnelting) – Establishes the Show-Me Prosperity Fund

## House Bills Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

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### **HB 1696: Rights of Sepulcher**

This bill clarifies and expands Missouri’s “right of sepulcher” law by addressing who has authority over the disposition of a deceased minor’s remains and how those decisions should be made. It provides that if a minor had a court-appointed guardian at the time of death, that guardian is considered next of kin for purposes of making funeral and burial decisions. The bill also requires that, in carrying out those decisions, the next of kin take into account the deceased person’s known religious, cultural, family, and personal beliefs when determining how remains are handled.

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### **HB 1740: Driving While Intoxicated**

This act strengthens Missouri’s laws related to driving while intoxicated by expanding ignition interlock requirements for offenders with qualifying blood alcohol levels, prior alcohol-related offenses, or convictions involving injury or property damage, and requires proof of installation as a condition of license reinstatement or restricted driving privileges, with income-based assistance available for low-income offenders. It also establishes a provision requiring court-ordered child maintenance payments when a DWI offense results in the death of a parent or guardian, with payment timing tied to incarceration and release conditions. The act further increases penalties for DWI offenses by revising felony classifications based on prior offenses, level of impairment, and whether injury or death occurs, while also imposing stricter mandatory minimum prison terms and limiting eligibility for parole or probation for more serious or repeat offenders.

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### **HB 1786: Certain Highway Patrol Purchases**

This bill modifies purchasing requirements for the Missouri State Highway Patrol by raising the threshold at which legislative approval is required for large equipment purchases. Currently, any individual purchase over \$100,000 from the Highway Patrol’s Motor Vehicle, Aircraft, and Watercraft Revolving Fund must receive a specific appropriation from the General Assembly. The bill increases that threshold to \$500,000, allowing the Patrol greater flexibility to acquire vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft without seeking separate legislative approval for mid-range purchases.

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### **HB 1825: County Salary Commissions**

This legislation modifies county government compensation and classification laws by delaying the reclassification of certain fourth class counties, increasing salary schedules for various county officials, and restructuring prosecuting attorney pay based on judicial salary levels. The bill also changes membership of county salary commissions and allows neighboring counties to temporarily share prosecuting attorney services when a vacancy remains unfilled for more than 60 days.

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### **HB 1827: Disabled License Plates and Placards**

This bill expands eligibility for disabled parking placards and plates by allowing occupational therapists, in addition to other licensed professionals, to certify a patient's need. It also extends the renewal period for permanent removable disability placards from four years to eight years and directs the Department of Revenue to transition existing valid placards to the longer renewal cycle, aligning renewals with the expiration of a medical professional's certification.

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### **HBs 1839, 2921 & 3015: Age Verification on Adult Websites**

This legislation requires websites in which at least one-third of the content is considered harmful to minors to verify that users are at least 18 years old before granting access. The bill prohibits companies from retaining identifying information after verification, exempts news and public-interest media organizations, and authorizes the Attorney General to enforce the law through civil actions and penalties.

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### **HB 1840: Alert System for Certain Missing Persons**

This bill creates the "Purple Alert System" to help locate missing persons with developmental disabilities who may be in danger and unable to return safely without assistance. The bill also establishes "Mason's Law," allowing certain individuals with communication-related disabilities or health conditions to request a law enforcement designation tied to their vehicle registration to improve interactions with officers during traffic stops. Additionally, the legislation expands communication access services for deaf and hard-of-hearing Missourians through statewide coordination, training, and support programs.

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### **HB 1866: Peace Officers Licenses**

This bill provides cause for the Director of Public Safety to deny an application for a peace officer license or to deny entrance into a basic training course when the applicant had a peace officer license or certification that was revoked or surrendered or when the applicant is not a United States citizen.

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### **HB 1867: Transient Guest Taxes**

Current law authorizes certain cities and counties to impose a transient guest tax at a rate not to exceed 5%. This act authorizes the city of Joplin to increase such rate to 6% if approved by the voters. The revenue derived from the additional one percent rate authorized by the act shall be used by the city solely to provide moneys for the construction and maintenance of new capital projects to promote tourism in the city.

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### **HB 1870: Garnishments**

This legislation updates Missouri's garnishment laws by making it easier for judgment creditors to seek financial examinations and enforce collections, while also increasing exemptions for personal property like homes, vehicles, and household goods. It raises exemption limits and ties future increases to inflation, and it modernizes bank garnishment procedures with clearer notice requirements, timelines, and dispute rights for account holders. The bill also limits repeated garnishments and provides liability protections for financial institutions acting in good faith, with different provisions taking effect in 2027 and 2028.

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### **HB 1871: Elections**

This legislation makes a wide range of changes to Missouri election law, including creating "Election Worker Appreciation Day," allowing election notices to be sent by email or mail, revising candidate filing deadlines, expanding the use of provisional ballots, and updating absentee voting procedures. The bill also protects the confidentiality of absentee ballot applications for voters with permanent disabilities, limits when write-in votes are counted, expands restrictions on electioneering near polling places, and prohibits special districts from using public funds to support or oppose ballot measures or candidates. Additional provisions revise campaign finance rules by requiring greater transparency in fundraising solicitations, regulating recurring political donations, and allowing campaign funds to be used for childcare and personal security expenses related to public office or campaigning.

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### **HBs 1908 & 2337: Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation**

This legislation ensures that pregnancy cannot be used as a barrier to finalizing a divorce or legal separation. Under the bill, courts are explicitly permitted to enter a judgment of dissolution of marriage or legal separation regardless of whether one party is pregnant, removing uncertainty and delays that could arise in such cases.

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### **HB 1940: Newspapers**

This legislation modifies election notice and publication requirements by allowing election notices to be sent by email or mailed directly to voters instead of being published in newspapers, revising publication timelines, and changing candidate filing deadlines for certain local offices. The bill also updates requirements for newspapers to qualify for publishing legal notices by reducing the required publication history from three years to one year and expanding eligibility for successor or newly acquired newspapers.

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### **HB 2057: Establishment of Certain Entertainment Districts**

This legislation authorizes the creation of certain entertainment districts in Osage Beach and Chesterfield meeting specified geographic and development requirements. The bill allows businesses within approved entertainment districts to obtain special liquor licenses permitting alcoholic beverages to be sold and carried between licensed establishments and designated common areas within district boundaries during authorized hours. The measure also establishes licensing requirements, annual fees, container marking standards, and local authority for cities to regulate the approval, conduct, and enforcement of entertainment district operations.

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### **HB 2061: Prohibiting Antisemitic Actions**

This bill establishes a statutory framework for addressing antisemitism in Missouri's public schools and higher education institutions. It defines antisemitism, requires schools to adopt policies addressing it within their codes of conduct, and treats antisemitic discrimination similarly to race-based discrimination. The legislation mandates monitoring and reporting of antisemitic incidents by designated Title VI coordinators, while also safeguarding First Amendment protections and prohibiting institutions from tracking individuals based on protected political or religious views.

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### **HB 2108: Conveyance of Certain State Property**

HB 2108 authorizes the sale or transfer of certain state-owned properties in Cole and Nodaway Counties, with terms set by the Office of Administration and final approval from the Attorney General.

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### **HB 2180: Mail Sent by State Departments**

This bill modernizes how state agencies send official notices by allowing the Department of Revenue and other agencies to use first-class mail or electronic delivery instead of requiring certified or registered mail in many cases. It permits electronic notices of deficiency and other communications, especially for businesses or when requested by individuals, and updates similar mailing requirements for programs like the blind pension and Ethics Commission notices. The bill is aimed at reducing mailing costs and increasing flexibility by expanding the use of email and encrypted electronic delivery while maintaining certified mail only for certain adverse actions.

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### **HBs 2273, 1946, 1814 & 2551: Sexual Offenses Assistance from the Attorney General**

This comprehensive bill strengthens Missouri law on sexual offenses, human trafficking, and online exploitation. It allows the Attorney General to assist local prosecutors in complex, multi-jurisdictional cases and creates new criminal offenses such as grooming or enticement of a minor, disclosure of intimate digital depictions, and sadistic online exploitation. The bill updates terminology to “child sexual abuse material,” expands penalties for existing crimes, enhances restitution for victims, and increases training requirements for law enforcement and certain professionals. It also establishes a new statewide anti-trafficking council, creates dedicated funding for victim support and awareness efforts, expands civil remedies for trafficking victims, and broadens enforcement tools including property seizure and sex offender registration requirements.

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### **HB 2292: Reporting of Abuse and Neglect**

This act expands mandatory reporting requirements and training related to abuse and neglect for both humans and animals. It requires animal control officers and humane investigators to report suspected abuse or neglect of children, the elderly, and other vulnerable persons, and establishes training requirements to help those professionals recognize signs of abuse. The bill also creates a parallel requirement for certain mandated reporters in mental health, education, protective services, and law enforcement to report suspected animal abuse or neglect through a centralized hotline, with reports forwarded to appropriate authorities for investigation. It further requires training for protective services employees on identifying animal abuse and adds accountability measures for failure to report, including employer notification and potential disciplinary action by licensing boards, along with a reporting requirement to state leadership on implementation and outcomes.

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### **HB 2366: Employment**

This legislation strengthens Missouri’s enforcement of laws prohibiting the employment of unauthorized aliens by increasing liability for contractors who knowingly hire or continue to employ such workers. The bill allows the Attorney General to investigate violations, including employee classification issues on public works projects, and expands enforcement tools under the Merchandising Practices Act. It authorizes injunctions, license suspensions, and monetary penalties, including damages tied to wages paid to unauthorized workers, while also providing an affirmative defense for employers who participate in federal work authorization programs. The measure further requires cooperation with investigations and offers liability protection for employers who report violations.

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### **HB 2372: Health Care**

This omnibus health care bill makes a wide range of changes to Missouri health policy, including expanding telehealth flexibility, adding MO HealthNet coverage for doula services and childbirth education, creating new maternal and pediatric health initiatives, strengthening hospital price transparency requirements, updating pharmacy and PBM regulations, expanding community paramedic services, and modifying insurance coverage requirements for contraceptives, anesthesia, non-opioid pain treatment, blood pressure monitoring, and other medical services. The bill also creates several health awareness designations and establishes new advisory committees and reporting requirements related to diseases and public health.

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### **HB 2397: Public Water Supply Districts**

This legislation creates changes to the dissolution process for public water supply districts by lowering the voter approval threshold from two-thirds to four-sevenths and adding requirements that dissolution petitions include evidence of an asset sale agreement capable of satisfying all district debts and ensuring continued water service. It also provides that petitions may be dismissed at the petitioners' cost if these conditions are not met and clarifies that dissolution decrees must address disposition of district property, including potential application of remaining assets toward property tax bills of residents and property owners.

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### **HB 2423: Division of Finance**

This bill revises regulatory oversight of certain financial service providers by requiring licensure instead of registration for industries such as earned wage access services, small loan companies, and credit service organizations. It establishes the "Consumer Licensing Fund" to support the Division of Finance's operations and authorizes the Director to set licensing fees within specified limits. The bill also increases certain fees and creates a more structured funding mechanism for regulatory enforcement and administration.

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### **HB 2474: Design-Build Contracts**

This legislation expands and modernizes Missouri's public contracting framework by broadening the use of cooperative purchasing agreements and revising design-build project rules for state and local governments. It authorizes the Commissioner of Administration to participate in or facilitate cooperative purchasing agreements through qualified nonprofit governmental purchasing organizations and allows political subdivisions to join those agreements for infrastructure and other public procurement needs. The bill also lowers the cost threshold for non-civil works design-build projects and establishes a new "progressive design-build" process that streamlines project delivery into a two-phase selection and development structure for both civil and building projects.

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### **HB 2508: Limited Liability Companies**

This legislation modifies Missouri laws governing limited liability companies (LLCs) by allowing the Secretary of State to issue certificates of good standing for LLCs and requiring LLC series entities to be individually searchable online. The bill also creates new property management disclosure requirements for certain LLC-owned properties in St. Louis County after repeated ordinance violations and expands the circumstances under which a court can order the dissolution of an LLC, including cases involving deadlock, abandonment, fraud, or mismanagement.

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### **HB 2576: State Designations**

This bill creates a wide range of state designations, including awareness months, commemorative days, official state symbols, and community recognitions tied to cultural, historical, medical, and recreational observances. It also designates multiple memorial highways and bridges across Missouri, establishes official regional and festival recognitions, and creates a “Missouri Rock Island Trail Community” designation for municipalities along the Rock Island Trail corridor to promote outdoor recreation, heritage tourism, and economic development.

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### **HB 2586: Credit Unions**

This legislation updates Missouri’s credit union laws by lowering the minimum membership share requirement from \$25 to \$1 and allowing board members to participate in meetings remotely, increasing flexibility for both institutions and members.

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### **HB 2593: Military Affairs**

This bill creates “The Supporting Missouri Servicemen and Women Act,” expanding state-level protections and benefits for Missouri National Guard members on extended state active duty, including application of Servicemembers Civil Relief Act-style protections, continued pay, and coverage of certain insurance premiums. It also establishes a new organ donation support program that places qualifying Guard members on paid duty status during the donation and recovery process. The bill increases military leave for public employees, expands financial assistance authority for Guard-related relief funds, and enhances education and benefit programs while adjusting tuition waiver rules. It further creates new ribbons, medals, and veteran recognition programs, establishes cybersecurity and counterdrug initiatives with dedicated funds, and expands veteran-owned business preferences in state contracting, while also restructuring administrative oversight by removing the Military Council.

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### **HB 2596: Multiple Employer Self-Insured Health Plans**

This legislation expands Missouri law governing multiple employer self-insured health plans by allowing certain groups of self-employed individuals with employees to participate together in shared health coverage plans. The bill also increases financial reporting and reserve requirements for these plans, including additional reporting to the Department of Commerce and Insurance and higher minimum surplus requirements to help ensure the plans remain financially stable.

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### **HB 2636: Mortgage Modifications**

This legislation creates the “Uniform Mortgage Modification Act,” establishing procedures governing mortgage modifications and clarifying that modified mortgages continue to secure the original obligation while retaining their priority status regardless of whether the modification is recorded in public land records. It further specifies that such modifications do not constitute a novation and applies with certain exceptions, including provisions addressing the interaction with federal electronic signature law.

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### **HB 2637: Public Safety**

This legislation makes broad changes to Missouri criminal justice laws relating to juvenile proceedings, sentencing standards, cybercrime offenses, sex offender registration, victim protections, mental health treatment procedures, and unmanned aircraft restrictions. The bill expands prosecutorial authority in multi-jurisdictional and cybercrime cases, revises juvenile detention and certification standards, creates new offenses for cyber harassment and cyberstalking, restructures the state’s sex offender registry system, updates parole eligibility requirements, and increases penalties for certain violent and sexual offenses. Additional provisions revise mental health treatment procedures, strengthen protections for victims, and expand restrictions on unmanned aircraft operations near critical infrastructure and public venues.

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### **HB 2641: Cannabis**

This bill makes significant changes to Missouri’s cannabis and hemp laws by creating the “Intoxicating Cannabinoid Control Act” and bringing hemp-derived cannabinoid products under the same regulatory structure as marijuana. It limits the production and sale of these products to licensed entities and strengthens enforcement authority across state agencies. The bill also enhances privacy protections for medical marijuana cardholders, restricts dispensaries from collecting consumer data without consent, and imposes penalties for misuse. Additionally, it clarifies labor rights for cannabis industry workers and sets delayed effective dates for key regulatory changes.

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### **HB 2818: Annexation Procedures for Cities**

This legislation modifies annexation procedures for certain Missouri cities by redefining what qualifies as “contiguous and compact” territory in St. Charles and Jefferson counties, limiting how quickly cities in Jefferson County can annex adjacent unincorporated areas, and allowing the City of St. Joseph to annex an airport it owns outside its city limits. The bill also repeals a petition-based annexation process previously available to certain cities and counties.

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### **HB 2819: Sales Transaction Rounding**

This legislation allows businesses to round cash transaction totals to the nearest five cents while prohibiting the practice for non-cash payments. The bill also protects vendors from liability under state or local laws if the rounding is done in good faith and in compliance with the law.

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### **HB 2885: Workers’ Compensation**

This act makes targeted updates to Missouri workers’ compensation law by allowing the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission to formally recognize changes in claimant legal representation when jointly agreed to by the claimant and attorneys involved. It also refines how workers’ compensation surcharge rates are calculated, requiring them to be rounded more precisely to the nearest one-tenth of a percent rather than one-half percent, improving accuracy in rate-setting for program funding and administration.

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### **HB 2896: Education**

This bill makes a series of changes to Missouri education policy focused on workforce training, higher education governance, and elementary agricultural education. It removes the sunset on the Workforce Diploma Program, making it a permanent option for adult learners completing high school equivalency requirements. The bill also revises residency and geographic requirements for governing boards at several public universities to broaden representation and reduce concentration of members from a single county or congressional district. Additionally, it replaces a discontinued agricultural education pilot program with a statewide elementary school agriculture education initiative beginning in the 2027–28 school year, directing DESE to develop instructional models, oversee participation, and report on program outcomes in coordination with agricultural groups.

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### **HB 2934: Governance and Funding of Certain Sports Complex Authorities**

This bill restructures the St. Louis-area sports and convention governance system by replacing the Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority with an expanded Regional Convention and Visitors Commission. The commission's membership increases and its authority is broadened to include funding and development of sports and entertainment projects, as well as new taxing and assessment powers subject to voter or property owner approval. The bill also updates funding mechanisms, allows longer-term state appropriations for tourism-related projects, and expands the definition of eligible tourism infrastructure to include existing facilities, with the goal of supporting regional economic development and major venue investments.

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### **HB 2974: Licensure Reciprocity**

This bill specifies that a health care provider who has received his or her licenses to practice in Missouri via our license reciprocity law can provide telehealth services within the profession's scope of practice.

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### **HB 3080: Facilities of Historic Significance**

This act makes several technical changes to provisions of law relating to facilities of historic significance. This act contains an emergency clause.

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### **HBs 3231 & 2531: Missouri Innovation, Public Safety, And Accountability Act**

This legislation expands Missouri's redevelopment and economic incentive programs to support downtown revitalization, business investment, housing development, and job growth. The bill broadens the Missouri Downtown and Rural Economic Stimulus Act (MODESA), allowing more tax revenues and financing tools to support redevelopment projects for up to 30 years. It also creates "Missouri Innovation Zones," allowing cities to establish special development districts with streamlined permitting and incentives for major business investments, job retention, office-to-housing conversions, startup investment, and infrastructure improvements. The bill also creates dedicated funds for public safety, infrastructure, and rural community development tied to economic growth generated within innovation zones.

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### **HB 3279: Missouri Community Service Commission**

This legislation reorganizes the Missouri Community Service Commission by moving it to the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development to better align with workforce and education goals, while allowing departmental staff to support its operations.

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## **HJR 173 & 174: Taxation**

This resolution is a proposed constitutional amendment that would be placed before Missouri voters and would create a long-term framework for gradually reducing and potentially eliminating the state individual income tax over time. Rather than cutting taxes on a fixed schedule, it ties future income tax reductions to growth in state revenues, meaning the tax would phase down only as overall collections increase. To offset lost revenue, the proposal allows expansion of the sales tax base to additional goods and services but requires those changes to be paired with equivalent income tax reductions. It also includes provisions to adjust local tax structures to offset new sales tax authority, while protecting school funding, and sets up ongoing fiscal reviews to maintain balance during the transition.

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## **Senate Bills Truly Agreed and Finally Passed**

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### **SB 834: Mortgage Modifications**

This measure puts stronger guardrails in place for certain real estate transactions, with a focus on protecting homeowners and improving transparency. It creates the "Missouri Residential Sale Leaseback Protection Act", which regulates sale leaseback agreements—arrangements where a homeowner sells their property but continues living in it as a renter. Under this measure, buyers must clearly disclose key details of the transaction in advance, helping ensure sellers understand the terms before moving forward. Both the Attorney General and affected individuals are given authority to act if violations occur. The measure also establishes consistent standards for mortgage modifications, ensuring that changes to a mortgage do not disrupt its legal standing or priority. These updates are intended to provide clarity and stability for both borrowers and lenders.

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### **SBs 835 & 1111: Garnishments and Court Procedures**

This legislation makes broad changes to Missouri court procedures, garnishments, judicial administration, and insurance claims practices. The bill prohibits most assignments of post-loss property insurance benefits and clarifies that insurers automatically obtain legal title to claims they pay. It updates the Statewide Court Automation Committee, requires treatment court administrators in certain divisions, establishes a third circuit judge in the 25th Judicial Circuit, and authorizes an increased filing surcharge in St. Louis City circuit court. The legislation also significantly revises Missouri garnishment law by increasing exemption amounts, raising the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$40,000, and creating detailed procedures and protections for financial institution garnishments and account holders. Finally, the act establishes the “Uniform Public Expression Protection Act,” creating stronger legal protections against lawsuits targeting constitutionally protected speech and public participation activities, including expedited dismissal procedures and attorney fee recovery provisions.

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### **SB 863: Interscholastic Athletic Oversight**

This bill establishes new state oversight of organizations that govern interscholastic athletic activities for Missouri public and charter school students by defining “activities associations” and creating an appeal process for certain eligibility and competition-related decisions. It creates the Interscholastic Athletic Oversight Commission within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to hear appeals after association processes are exhausted or in specified cases and allows the commission to recommend rule changes. The bill requires annual reporting to the General Assembly, provides state legal representation for the commission, and makes its decisions final and binding on activities associations while setting up administrative support and procedures through DESE.

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### **SB 878: Pharmaceutical Drugs and Devices**

This legislation makes several changes to Missouri laws governing pharmaceutical drugs, pharmacy practice, and health coverage requirements. The bill increases limits on over-the-counter methamphetamine precursor purchases and establishes manufacturer fees supporting the state’s real-time pseudoephedrine tracking system. It expands pharmacists’ authority to administer vaccines, provide medication therapy services, prescribe certain medical devices, and dispense ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine without a prescription under approved protocols. The measure also authorizes pharmacy emergency waivers during declared disasters, prohibits discrimination against 340B drug providers by health carriers and pharmacy benefit managers, and adds new health insurance coverage requirements for certain nonopioid medications and home blood pressure monitoring devices.

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### **SB 888: Modifying Criminal System Provisions**

This legislation is a wide-ranging criminal justice bill that strengthens penalties for serious offenses, particularly violent and sexual crimes, while also making significant changes to juvenile justice procedures. It expands when juveniles can be fingerprinted or certified as adults, updates detention and court processes, and creates a juvenile criminal history database for law enforcement use. The bill also revises sentencing and parole eligibility by setting clear minimum percentages of sentences that must be served, expands the list of “dangerous felonies” subject to stricter rules, and limits early release options for certain offenders. Additionally, it increases penalties for crimes like rape, trafficking, and child endangerment, while clarifying procedures for jail time credit and providing new guidelines for courts, prosecutors, and correctional institutions.

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### **SB 890: Expired, Terminated, Sunset, And Obsolete Statutes**

This bill streamlines and restructures several Missouri state administrative boards, commissions, and task forces by eliminating or consolidating entities deemed inactive, expired, or redundant. It transfers certain responsibilities to existing agencies—for example, moving workforce development functions into the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development and shifting interpreter certification duties to the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing—while repealing a wide range of advisory boards and commissions across health, education, cybersecurity, agriculture, and economic development. The bill also requires state departments to report annually to the General Assembly on administrative entities that have not met or conducted public business for at least three years, increasing oversight of dormant boards.

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### **SB 903: Telecommunications Infrastructure**

This legislation expands Missouri’s critical infrastructure protections to include wireline telecommunications networks and fiber infrastructure in addition to existing wireless systems. The bill increases penalties for damaging, destroying, or tampering with critical infrastructure facilities, including reckless damage and theft of facility components, with penalties tied to the value of damages. It also creates the offense of unauthorized possession of certain copper, brass, aluminum, fiber, or telecommunications materials, making such possession a felony under specified circumstances. The measure is intended to address rising copper and telecommunications infrastructure thefts that can disrupt internet access, business operations, and emergency response communications.

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### **SB 905: Training Program for the Missouri Rangers**

The legislation establishes the Missouri Rangers program and directs the POST Commission to create a training program for individuals serving in school settings to respond to emergency or violent crisis situations. It sets training standards, including instruction in law, firearms, defensive tactics, and active threat response, and limits arrest authority for program graduates who are not active law enforcement officers to weapons offenses and trespass on school property. The bill also establishes uniform and equipment requirements, assigns employment and liability status to schools hiring Rangers, and allows participating schools to authorize armed carry under specified conditions.

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### **SB 907: Abusive Website Access Litigation**

This bill creates the “Act Against Abusive Website Access Litigation,” allowing defendants—and the Missouri Attorney General—to challenge lawsuits alleging website accessibility violations if they are primarily filed to extract quick settlements rather than address real issues. The bill establishes a 90-day window for businesses to fix alleged accessibility problems, creating a presumption that lawsuits filed after good-faith corrections are abusive. Courts can award attorney fees, damages, and sanctions against those bringing abusive claims, while still preserving legitimate accessibility enforcement. The law also includes a sunset provision if federal ADA website standards are formally adopted.

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### **SB 913: Tax Credits**

This act extends several existing agricultural, energy, and economic development tax credits from 2028 to 2033, including credits related to wood energy, biodiesel, ethanol, meat processing, urban farms, rolling stock, and specialty agricultural crops. The act also creates a new Railroad Infrastructure Tax Credit beginning in 2027 for qualified railroad maintenance and expansion projects, authorizing transferable tax credits for eligible infrastructure expenditures subject to annual caps and a sunset date of December 31, 2032.

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### **SB 914: Sewage Regulation**

This bill updates Missouri sewage regulation standards by shifting from soil “percolation” testing requirements to broader soil property and morphology evaluations conducted by registered on-site wastewater professionals. It creates a new state registration and continuing education requirement for those performing soil evaluations and establishes a construction permit process for installing or significantly modifying septic systems, including related fees tied to administrative costs. The bill also removes several existing provisions related to contractor-performed testing and prior county review requirements, with certain transitional rules in place through the end of 2026 as the new system is implemented.

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### **SB 916: Sovereign Immunity**

This legislation modifies Missouri sovereign immunity laws by expanding limited waivers of immunity for the Missouri Department of Transportation to allow certain negligence-based claims involving vehicle operation and dangerous property conditions, and by creating a statutory cause of action for injuries tied to Department projects while shifting primary liability to the Department during specific pre-construction and post-approval phases. It also limits common law claims against private contractors and restricts indemnification requirements in highway construction contracts, while clarifying that political subdivisions’ “purchase” of liability insurance refers only to directly obtained coverage rather than indirect contractual arrangements.

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### **SB 937: State Property Conveyance**

This legislation authorizes the conveyance of multiple parcels of state-owned property across several Missouri counties and cities, including locations such as Jefferson City, Springfield, Joplin, Kirksville, and others. The bill allows these properties to be transferred out of state ownership under terms established through the appropriate state processes

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### **SB 938: Land Surveying**

This bill updates fees tied to recording documents with local Recorders of Deeds by increasing the existing user fee from \$4 to \$6 and directs additional funding toward Missouri's Land Survey Program, which maintains important property records used by surveyors and local governments. A portion of the fee will also continue to support preservation of local records. These updates are intended to help ensure the long-term sustainability and accuracy of critical land and record-keeping systems.

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### **SB 953: Environmental Programs**

This act makes changes to Missouri environmental and water law, including altering how certain Natural Resources Protection Fund balances are handled, adjusting transfer mechanisms tied to sales tax revenue, and revising provisions governing the Clean Water Commission, including membership requirements, conflict-of-interest rules, and fee authority. It also updates water permitting rules by clarifying exemptions for agricultural stormwater and nonpoint source runoff, and it establishes rights related to return flows for entities storing water in federal reservoirs, subject to state regulation. Additionally, it removes or revises several existing restrictions and administrative provisions to streamline environmental program operations within the Department of Natural Resources.

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### **SB 959: Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council**

This establishes the Missouri GIS Advisory Council within the Office of Administration to guide development of a statewide geospatial data system used by state and local governments. The council is responsible for improving data standards, coordination, and the use of mapping and location-based technology to support public services like emergency response and planning, while being prohibited from collecting personally identifiable information. The measure also sets membership terms and duties for appointed members.

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### **SB 973: Real Estate Transactions**

This legislation creates new consumer protections and disclosure requirements for certain real estate transactions while modifying provisions relating to delinquent property taxes, land banks, land tax collection, and residential sale leaseback agreements. The act repeals the two-year delinquent tax requirement before certain counties may pursue judicial foreclosure, updates provisions governing land bank operations and appointments, and makes technical changes related to land tax collection and public sewer districts. The legislation also requires real estate wholesalers to provide written disclosures to residential property owners before entering into certain contracts and establishes enforcement mechanisms through the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act. Additionally, the act creates the "Missouri Residential Sale Leaseback Protection Act," establishing disclosure requirements, waiting periods, and civil penalties for certain residential sale leaseback transactions to protect homeowners.

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### **SB 975: Ambulance Districts**

This bill modifies provisions governing ambulance districts by giving county commissions more flexibility in structuring election districts, allowing for at-large board elections in some cases, and providing new procedures for adjusting board size, filling vacancies, and reorganizing subdistricts. It also streamlines annexation and consolidation processes by requiring detailed consolidation plans, setting timelines for hearings and objections, and allowing consolidation to proceed without a vote if no qualifying objection is filed, while preserving voter-approved tax limits and transferring all assets and obligations to the newly consolidated district. Additionally, it makes changes to the Critical Incident Stress Management Program by expanding alternative ways for first responders to meet mental health check-in requirements and allowing additional officials to be notified of compliance.

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### **SBs 977 & 1011: Application of Foreign Law**

This legislation provides that certain international organizations, including the World Health Organization, United Nations, and World Economic Forum, shall have no jurisdiction or authority within Missouri, and prohibits state or local public bodies from enforcing or implementing rules, policies, or mandates issued by those organizations. The bill also establishes the “No Foreign Laws Act,” prohibiting Missouri courts and agencies from enforcing foreign laws, judgments, arbitration decisions, or contractual provisions that would violate rights protected under the United States or Missouri Constitutions. Additional provisions restrict the transfer of civil actions to jurisdictions where prohibited foreign law could be applied, while preserving existing constitutional protections, religious adjudications, voluntary contractual agreements involving foreign law, and areas where federal law preempts state law.

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### **SB 982: Sex Offender Registry**

This act overhauls Missouri’s sex offender registry by replacing offense-by-offense listing with a tiered system (Tier I, II, and III) based on the severity of the offense and requiring registration for a broader range of convictions, including those from other jurisdictions. It establishes new rules for classification, reporting frequency, and registration requirements for residents, nonresidents, students, and workers, while increasing the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s role in verifying and maintaining registry data. The bill also updates removal and exemption processes, shifting more cases into a structured petition-based system with specific legal standards and burdens of proof. Additionally, it expands reporting requirements, strengthens in-person check-in schedules based on tier level, and modernizes registry administration and data sharing across law enforcement systems.

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### **SB 999: Vulnerable Persons**

This legislation creates and modifies a wide range of protections relating to vulnerable persons, victims, and public safety. The bill establishes the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” expands penalties and definitions for assault, harassment, stalking, and domestic violence offenses, and creates new crimes including cyber harassment, cyberstalking, disclosure of intimate digital depictions, and sadistic online exploitation. It also strengthens victim protections for no-contact bond violations, allows prosecutors to seek assistance from the Attorney General in certain sexual offense cases, and expands the duties and reporting requirements of Missouri’s Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board.

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### **SB 1000: Tourism Supplemental Revenue Fund**

This legislation updates the Missouri Division of Tourism Supplemental Revenue Fund by removing an expired tax-transfer funding mechanism and replacing it with a structure based on annual legislative appropriations along with grants, gifts, and other outside contributions. The bill also modernizes statutory references by updating the legislative committees involved in reviewing tourism marketing strategies before funding decisions. The measure maintains support for statewide tourism promotion while aligning oversight language with current committee structure.

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### **SS SB 1002: Elections Submitted to the People by A School Board**

This act requires school board elections in school districts located primarily in St. Charles County to be held during the November general election, establishes four-year terms for school board members, and allows candidates to optionally list a party affiliation on the ballot. The act also requires school tax levy and bond issue proposals in those districts to be submitted to voters only during the November general election.

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### **SB 1019: Health Care**

This bill updates multiple areas of Missouri health care law, including expanding hospital investment authority and allowing broader overlap in hospital service areas, modernizing telehealth standards to permit more flexible patient evaluations and questionnaires, and strengthening hospital workplace safety signage requirements. It also adjusts Medicaid reimbursement for hospital-based pathology services, expands health care license reciprocity, updates licensure rules for speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and adds new protections in insurance and pharmacy benefit rules, including non-opioid drug coverage and 340B drug reimbursement protections. The bill further restricts companies from marketing AI as providing mental health care, revises procedures for mental health detention and assisted outpatient treatment, and makes additional changes to insurance plans, public health contracting, and related regulatory oversight.

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### **SB 1033: Regulation of Air Quality**

This act modifies Missouri air quality regulation and related environmental funding rules by changing how unspent balances in the Natural Resources Protection Fund are handled, including adjustments to when excess funds revert to General Revenue and how certain revenue estimates are calculated beginning in 2027. The bill also exempts certain farm-related commercial vehicles from emissions inspection requirements and reduces permitting burdens for cotton gins by removing the requirement for air dispersion modeling in specified construction permit applications.

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### **SB 1067: Civil Jurisprudence**

This act establishes the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act, which creates a streamlined process for quickly dismissing lawsuits that target a person’s speech or participation in governmental proceedings or other matters of public concern. It replaces an existing Missouri provision with broader protections covering speech in legislative, executive, judicial, and administrative contexts, as well as the exercise of constitutional rights such as free speech, petition, and association. The bill allows defendants to file an expedited “special motion to dismiss,” pauses most court proceedings while the motion is considered, and requires courts to rule within set timeframes, including on appeal. If the motion is successful, the case is dismissed with prejudice and the prevailing party may recover legal costs and fees, with limited exceptions for government actions and commercial disputes.

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### **SB 1119: Article V Convention Procedures**

This bill establishes procedures for Missouri participation in a potential Article V constitutional convention by setting how delegates would be selected and supervised if one is called. It provides that commissioners be appointed by the General Assembly, with recommendations and instructions first reviewed through a newly created joint legislative committee before full legislative approval. The bill also sets qualifications for the commissioners.

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### **SB 1135: Child Maintenance Orders For Certain Persons**

This act establishes “Bentley and Mason’s Law,” requiring individuals convicted of certain intoxication-related driving offenses that result in the death of a parent or guardian to pay court-ordered child maintenance to surviving children upon petition by a surviving parent or guardian. The act outlines how maintenance obligations interact with incarceration, civil judgments, insurance payments, and crime victim compensation funds.

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### **SB 1142: Limited Liability Companies**

This act modernizes Missouri's limited liability company laws by allowing the Secretary of State to issue certificates of good standing for LLCs and LLC series, which serve as official proof of a company's legal existence or authorization to do business in the state. It also requires that, beginning in 2027, each series within a series LLC be individually listed, searchable, and maintained on the Secretary of State's business services website, similar to standard business entities, improving transparency and public access to business records.

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### **SB 1233: Professional Licensing Reform**

This professional licensing reform package updates regulations across numerous licensed professions, including health care, accounting, interior design, and social work, while modernizing education, supervision, and continuing education requirements. It establishes and expands several interstate licensure compacts to allow greater workforce mobility and streamlined recognition of out-of-state licenses under shared standards. The bill also revises pharmacy and emergency practice rules, creates temporary licensing pathways in certain fields, and adjusts regulatory authority for multiple boards. An amendment removes or modifies several compact and reciprocity provisions, and the overall measure is intended to modernize Missouri's licensing system and reduce barriers to professional practice.

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### **SB 1408: Transportation**

Currently, the maximum speed limit on rural interstates and freeways of this state is seventy miles per hour. This act increases the maximum speed limit on such roads to seventy-five miles per hour.

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### **SB 1421: Public Safety**

This legislation modifies and creates numerous public safety provisions relating to law enforcement authority, prosecuting attorney compensation, school bus safety, unmanned aircraft restrictions, drug trafficking penalties, criminal record expungement, and critical infrastructure protections. The act authorizes the Attorney General to appoint investigators with peace officer powers, increases penalties for illegally passing stopped school buses, expands restrictions on unmanned aircraft near critical infrastructure and public venues, and creates new criminal offenses for gift card fraud, masked intimidation, and damage to telecommunications infrastructure. The legislation also establishes "Mason's Law" to allow voluntary law enforcement communication designations for individuals with certain disabilities, creates the "Missouri Rangers" school safety training program, and establishes "Bentley and Mason's Law" requiring certain impaired drivers responsible for the death of a parent or guardian to pay child maintenance. Additionally, the act modifies drug trafficking thresholds for fentanyl and carfentanil offenses, creates automatic expungement procedures for eligible offenses, updates fire and life safety standards for state-inspected facilities, and revises licensing and oversight provisions for professional surety bail bond agents.

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**SB 1470: Functions of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research**

This legislation revises the structure, duties, and funding of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research, requiring electronic publication of state laws alongside printed copies and shifting printed statute sales into a dedicated Statutory Revision Fund. It alters how and when the General Assembly authorizes republication of revised statutes, changes committee membership and meeting requirements, expands the committee's oversight and agency information-gathering authority, and establishes post-implementation fiscal note reviews comparing projected and actual costs of enacted legislation. The bill also modifies or removes several existing oversight and program evaluation provisions, adjusts rules governing access to certain confidential revenue information for fiscal note preparation, and eliminates the requirement for public hearings on programs scheduled to sunset.

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**SB 1544: State Designations**

The legislation modifies Missouri state designation laws by establishing a series of memorial highways, bridges, and other roadway designations across multiple counties, with funding for signage and related costs split between the Department of Transportation and private donations depending on the designation. It also includes a provision stating that if the Kansas City Chiefs relocate out of Missouri, they would no longer be recognized as the state's official professional football team. Additional provisions designate April 27 as Ulysses S. Grant Day and include technical updates to statutory sections governing state designations and memorial naming authority.

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**SB 1553: Incentives for Producing Certain Critical Materials**

This legislation creates incentives to support the production of critical materials and pharmaceuticals in Missouri by expanding manufacturing sales tax exemptions and establishing the "Missouri Defense and Energy Independence Act." The legislation authorizes tax credits for companies making significant investments in facilities and equipment used to produce critical materials or pharmaceuticals, creates a grant program to support qualifying projects, and includes workforce, bidding, and clawback requirements tied to the incentives.

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### **SB 1572: Public Employee Retirement Systems**

This bill makes several changes to Missouri public employee retirement systems, with a focus on police pensions and retirement administration. It updates retirement timing rules for Kansas City police officers by requiring separation from service at the earlier of age 65 or 35 years of service, and adjusts governance of the St. Louis Police Retirement System by revising board appointments and shifting elected membership to active officers. The bill also allows MOSERS and MPERS to recover overpayments through lump sum or installment repayment, reinstates a limited lump-sum payout option for certain legacy plan members, and clarifies procedures for small refund distributions to inactive members. In addition, it restricts the use of public pension system funds for political activity and adjusts quorum and voting requirements for the St. Louis public school retirement board.

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### **SB 1576: A Commission for The Study of Trade with Ireland**

This act establishes the Missouri Ireland Trade Commission within the Department of Economic Development to study and promote trade, investment, business partnerships, academic exchanges, and economic cooperation between Missouri and Ireland. The nine-member commission will include legislative and gubernatorial appointees and will provide annual reports to the Governor and General Assembly outlining its findings and recommendations, with administrative expenses supported through a dedicated fund.

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### **SB 1629: Storm Water Sewer Exemptions**

This act clarifies Missouri law governing underground utility marking requirements by explicitly exempting all storm water sewers from the requirement to include detectable location devices, regardless of installation depth. It resolves inconsistencies in how existing law has been interpreted by local governments and utility operators, while maintaining other requirements for detectable markers on underground facilities installed after August 28, 2025. The bill is intended to provide uniform statewide standards.

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### **SCR 21: Show-Me America 250**

This concurrent resolution encourages all Missouri citizens to engage in appropriate patriotic programs and events in observance of Show-Me America 250 on July 4, 2026, and throughout the year.

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### **SJR 87: Sheriffs**

This constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, provides that each county shall elect a sheriff for a term of four years by a majority of the qualified voters of the county. This constitutional amendment shall not apply to St. Louis City, St. Louis County, or St. Charles County. Additionally, the sheriff shall commit to jail all felons and traitors as well as other duties as provided in the act. The sheriff may be removed from office by a quo warranto petition brought by the Attorney General.

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### **SJR 95: Creation of A Sovereign Wealth Fund for The State**

This proposed constitutional amendment creates the “Show-Me Prosperity Fund,” a permanent state investment fund intended to provide long-term fiscal stability and eventually eliminate state-imposed taxes using investment earnings without reducing the fund’s principal. The fund would be managed by the State Treasurer through investments tied to the S&P 500, with annual withdrawals capped and subject to conditions ensuring the fund can sustain state obligations, while preserving the General Assembly’s authority to reinstate taxes if necessary.