

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

The 96th General Assembly – Second Regular Session



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Elections:

SB 437 – Crowell – Requires the joint election of the governor and lieutenant governor

SB 442 – Stouffer – Establishes photo identification requirements for voting

SB 475 – Lamping – Requires the joint election of the governor and lieutenant governor

SB 486 – Wright-Jones – Modifies law relating to voter registration and election offenses

SB 525 – Engler – Provides for nonpartisan elections of judicial candidates and forbids certain judges and candidates from engaging in political activities

SB 542 – Chappelle-Nadal – Establishes a paper ballot as the official ballot

SB 546 – Purgason – Imposes campaign contribution limits

SB 603 – Green – Creates an advance voting system for elections

SB 605 – Green – Eliminates duplicate filing of campaign finance disclosure reports

SB 569 – Kraus – Removes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February and June as dates available for public elections

SJR 30 – Lamping -- Requires the joint election of the gover-

nor and lieutenant governor beginning in the year 2016

SJR 24 – Crowell – Requires the joint election of the governor and lieutenant governor beginning in the year 2016

SJR 41 – Lembke – Provides for election of certain judges and appointment by the governor of a Supreme Court judge

Taxation & Assessment:

SB 480 – Stouffer – Expands a sales and use tax exemption on certain motor vehicles and modifies the definition of the term "common carrier"

SB 493 – Stouffer – Allows the governing body of Macon County to grant tax relief to certain properties to alleviate blight

SB 510 – Cunningham – Requires county assessors to consider market factors in determining value of real property for tax purposes

SB 551 – Brown – Exempts feed for captive wildlife and seed, limestone, and fertilizer used for crops to be fed to captive wildlife from state and local sales tax

SB 584 – Richard – Creates state and local sales and use tax exemptions for data storage centers and allows municipalities to enter into loan agreements, or sell, lease, or mortgage municipal property

for a technology business facility project

SB 591 – Parson – Allows county assessors to use any nationally recognized motor vehicle valuation guide to value motor vehicles for personal property tax purposes

SB 598 – Dempsey – Modifies provisions relating to tax increment financing so that school districts and library districts are reimbursed for tax revenue the districts would have received

SB 659 – Dempsey – Requires collectors in all counties, except for counties under township organization, to mail property tax bills 30 days before the taxes are delinquent and allows for a waiver of penalties and interest when bills are mailed late

SJR 34 – Purgason – Replaces all taxes on income with a sales and use tax

SJR 35 – Ridgeway – Replaces all taxes on income with a sales and use tax that is capped at certain rates

SJR 36 – Ridgeway – Caps the tax on real property and freezes the property taxes on individuals 62 years old or older

SJR 38 – Kraus – Requires refunds to taxpayers when state revenues grow by 7.5 percent or more

Judiciary, Corrections & Law Enforcement:

SB 445 – Goodman – Establishes the “Joint Committee on the Missouri Criminal Code”

SB 446 – Goodman – Specifies that drug courts may be funded by the county law enforcement restitution fund

SB 559 – Curls – Allows petitions for expungement of certain criminal records

SB 573 – Dixon -- Authorizes a \$20 civil court filing surcharge for certain circuits

SB 574 – Dixon – Allows associate circuit judges in Green and Cass counties to hear and determine county ordinance violations

SB 589 – Kraus – Requires political subdivision using automated traffic enforcement systems to distribute fines to local school districts

SB 600 – Lembke – Requires federal agents to personally notify the sheriff in the county where a federal warrant is to be served

SB 610 – Lembke – Prohibits political subdivisions from using automated photo red light enforcement systems to enforce red light violations

SB 628 – Schaefer – Changes the “Inmate Security Fund” to the “Inmate Prisoner Detainee Security Fund” and allows the use of funds to include the purchase of information sharing equipment to allow inmates, detainees or prisoners in a shorter term detention facility to be identified upon booking and tracking within certain law enforcement or criminal justice systems

SB 637 – Brown – Specifies that certain training requirements only apply to applications for new concealed carry endorsements

SJR 42 – Lembke – Provides for appointment by the gover-

nor of certain judges with Senate approval

Labor, Wages, & Workers’ Comp:

SB 439 – Mayer – Suspends the prevailing wage laws in areas declared by the governor to be natural disasters for five years following such a declaration

SB 459 – Wright-Jones – Requires those engaging in public works projects to employ individuals from the locality in which the project is being constructed

SB 468 – Munzlinger – Modifies the law relating to project labor agreements and the prevailing wage

SB 541 – Chappelle-Nadal – Prohibits a workforce development agency from knowingly omitting from any bidding process an entity with whom it has a contract

SB 572 – Dempsey – Modifies the law relating to workers’ compensation Among the provisions, it establishes that employers be released from liability for all workplace injuries and death beyond those covered under the system, suspends benefits to incarcerated individuals and those not entitled to legally work in the United States, and modifies provisions regarding the Second Injury Fund

SB 596 – Brown – Suspends the prevailing wage laws in areas declared by the Governor to be natural disasters for five years following such a declaration

Local Ordinances & Authority:

SB 465 – Schaaf – Allows Buchanan County and cities, towns, or villages within the county to establish a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district

SB 575 – Dixon – Allows Greene County to enact nuisance abatement ordinances

SB 597 – Dempsey – Changes the governance of the St. Louis International Airport

SB 607 – Stouffer – Establishes procedure for resetting billboards during periods of highway construction

SB 652 – Lager – Prohibits a political subdivision from restricting a firefighter from engaging in certain political activities

SJR 31 – Chappelle-Nadal – Makes St. Louis City a part of St. Louis County

SJR 32 – Chappelle-Nadal – Proposes a constitutional amendment to require the St. Louis Board of Freeholders to meet monthly and authorizes the people of St. Louis City and County to modify the Missouri Constitution regarding the Board

Legislature & Elected Officials:

SB 502 – Wright-Jones – Allows elected officials to be excused from jury duty during their term of office

SJR 23 – Crowell – Proposes a constitutional amendment to create term limits for all statewide elected officials

SJR 25 – Crowell – Lowers the number of state representatives from 163 to 101

SJR 26 – Lager – Proposes a constitutional amendment to create term limits for all statewide elected officials

SJR 29 – Lamping – Requires the legislative session to end in late March rather than mid-May, beginning with the 98th General Assembly

SJR 43 – Green – Limits the total service in the General Assembly to 16 years in any proportion between the Senate and the House of Representatives

SJR 44 – Green – Creates a two year budget cycle

HOUSE BILL SUMMARY

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Elections:

HB 1036 – Dugger – Repeals the provision that requires a political party's emblem to be printed on an election ballot above the party caption

HB 1052 – Allen – Establishes a closed primary election system

HB 1059 – Dugger – Changes the required percentage necessary to initiate a recount of the votes cast in an election

HB 1060 – Dugger – Changes the laws regarding elections. Among its many provisions it establishes requirements for county collectors and collector-treasurers; establishes December dates for candidates' filing; repeals the requirement that a political party's emblem be printed on ballots; and modifies provisions related to absentee ballots, recounts, candidate filing requirements, and election offenses.

HB 1104 – Schoeller – Changes the laws regarding elections by requiring a voter to provide photo identification

HB 1183 – Parkinson – Excludes the year 2012 from the requirement that a statewide presidential preference primary be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February of each presidential election year

HB 1235 – Berry – Allows election authorities to conduct records checks on persons filing a declaration of candidacy to determine the person's eligibility to file the declaration of candidacy

HB 1236 – Entlicher – Changes the laws regarding the Fair Ballot Access Act by repealing the provision which requires a petition to form a new political party to contain the name of a resident of each Congressional district

HB 1250 – Ruzicka – Allows certain 3rd-class cities to cancel any primary election for the office of mayor and councilman

HB 1263 – Fallert – Requires anyone requesting 10 or more voter registration applications to provide certain information to the Secretary of State's Office

HB 1275 – Koenig – Prohibits resubmission of ballot issues in certain instances

HJR 39 – Schoeller – Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting any change by the General Assembly to a statute as approved by voters through the initiative petition process without a certain percentage of votes

HJR 40 – Schoeller – Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the establishment of a Fair Ballot

Commission to determent the propriety and correctness of

proposed ballot language submitted by initiative or referendum

HJR 47 – Dugger – Proposes a constitutional amendment changing the number of voter signatures that are required to place an initiative petition or a referendum on a ballot

Taxation & Assessment:

HB 1038 – Leara – Phases out the current distribution method of the St. Louis County sales tax over 10 years until all the tax revenue is distributed based upon the location in which the sales were deemed consummated

HB 1092 – White – Changes the laws regarding the assessment of commercial real property destroyed by a natural disaster

HB 1101 – Brattin – Authorizes Missouri to enter into the multi-state Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, eliminates all state tax credits, phases in a flat income tax rate, and increases the sales and use tax by .25 percent

HB 1114 – Weter – Requires Taney County, upon voter approval of a county sales tax, to appoint an emergency services board to administer the central dispatching of emergency services

HB 1170 – Franz – Allows any county collector to add and collect a special property tax as-

assessment to the property's annual real estate tax bill

HB 1197 – Kelly – Requires the Dept. of Revenue to establish the necessary rules to implement the compliance provisions of the multistate Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement

HB 1215 – Ellinger – Requires the director of the MO Dept. of Revenue to enter into the multistate Streamlined Sales and Use Tax agreement and the department to implement the compliance provisions

HB 1239 – Nance – Exempts the residential property of individuals 70 years of age or older from increases in assessed valuation that are not from new construction or improvements and from rate increases

HB 1249 – Franz – Adds to the definition of real property and modifies several provisions regarding property taxation

HB 1300 – Franz – Allows county assessors to use any nationally recognized motor vehicle valuation guide to value motor vehicles for personal property tax purposes

HB 1313 – Nolte – Limits the increase in assessed valuation of residential property by the percentage of increase in the federal Social Security benefits for the elderly and disabled who own and live in their principal residence

HB 1314 – Still – Requires the Director of the Dept. of Revenue to enter into the multistate Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement and the department to implement the compliance provisions

Judiciary, Corrections & Law Enforcement:

HB 1110 – Barnes – Allows a circuit court to establish a veterans treatment court to dispose of criminal cases which stem from substance abuse or mental illness of military veterans or current military personnel

HB 1171 – Franz – Changes the age when the juvenile court will have jurisdiction over a child involving a state or local traffic violation from a child up to 15.5 years of age to a child up to 15 years of age

HB 1202 – Franz – Removes the limitation on juvenile court employees salaries by allowing them to receive funding from the county in addition to their state salaries

HB 1203 – Franz – Allows money from the county law enforcement restitution fund to be used for county inmate work and service programs and limits the amount a county can assess an individual for certain offenses to \$10

HB 1211 – Dieckhaus – Authorizes Franklin County to establish a county municipal court and specifies four year terms for the judges

HB 1256 – Diehl – Removes the provision specifying that the \$4 surcharge assessed in certain criminal cases will not be collected from any person who has pled guilty and paid a fine through the central violations bureau

HB 1272 – Kelley – Specifies that gross negligence will be the standard of proof in actions for damages brought against a public or private correctional or detention facility as a result of a death by suicide of any inmate

HB 1284 – Smith – Adds an elected official or his/her staff to the list of persons protected by enhanced penalties for assault in the first, second, and third degrees

HB 1292 – Kelley – Creates the crime of false identification to a law enforcement officer

HJR 44 – Cox – Proposes a constitutional amendment changing the composition of nonpartisan judicial commissions and increasing the number of candidates nominated to

the governor for certain judicial vacancies

Labor, Wages, & Workers' Comp:

HB 1053 – Lant – Establishes the Disaster Area Construction Act which exempts certain construction work done for a school district or a county, city, town, or village from the prevailing wage if it is in a disaster area

HB 1089 – White – Repeals the provisions regarding the prevailing hourly wage requirements and specifies that no person will be paid a prevailing wage with specified exceptions

HB 1090 – White – Prohibits the Missouri Housing Development Commission from requiring a prevailing wage on a project eligible for a housing tax credit

HB 1113 -- Gosen – Changes the laws regarding contracts for public or private construction work

HB 1173 – Franz – Specifies that an employer, or his or her employee, will not be liable for any injury or death for which compensation is recoverable under provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law

HB 1176 – Schoeller – Allows a school district or a county, city, town, or village to exempt itself from the prevailing hourly wage for certain work if it is in a disaster area

HB 1177 – Phillips – Requires compensation paid by a municipality certain services performed by a county officer to be paid directly to the county as provided in the contract

HB 1198 – Fisher – Changes the laws regarding prevailing wages by revising the definition of "construction," revising the definition of "maintenance work," further defining "major alterations" to structures, and abrogating the ruling in Utility Service Co. Inc. v. the Dept. of

Labor and Industrial Relations and the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission of Missouri

HB 1224 – Brattin – Requires all employers and business entities to enroll and actively participate in a federal work authorization program and imposes stricter penalties for employee unauthorized aliens

HB 1244 – Lauer – Establishes provisions relating to municipal technology business facility projects

HB 1246 – Lauer – Creates and changes provisions relating to job development

Local Statutes, Ordinances & Authority:

HB 1037 – Dugger – Authorizes commissioners of certain road districts, upon majority vote, to be compensated up to \$100 per month for their services

HB 1045 – Day – Specifies that the amendments to the requirements for obtaining a concealed carry endorsement enacted in 2011 do not apply to renewals of unexpired endorsements issued prior to Aug. 28, 2011

HB 1056 – Lant – Authorizes McDonald County to impose, upon voter approval, a surcharge on the rental of rooms and certain recreational equipment to offset the costs of providing emergency services in the county

HB 1096 – Wieland – Allows a county health center to make authorized payments through an electronic funds transfer system

HB 1106 – Dugger – Changes the laws regarding county collectors and collector-treasurers

HB 1140 – Smith – Requires the Office of Administration to maintain public school and county and municipal government accountability information

on the Missouri Accountability Portal

HB 1162 – Solon – Requires a city or political subdivision which intends to expand solid waste collection services into certain areas to put the intent to a vote of the people in the expanded area

HB 1255 – Lant – Authorizes McDonald County to impose, upon voter approval, a surcharge on the rental of rooms and certain recreational equipment to offset the costs of providing emergency services in the county

HB 1277 – Long – Allows the Highways and Transportation Commission to enter into infrastructure improvement agreements

HB 1304 – Kelly – Requires all bond issuances by political subdivisions to be approved by voters and not dependent upon appropriations for repayment unless approved by the voters

HB 1307 – Wells – Authorizes a county to amend its budget to reflect any increases or decreases in revenues that could not have been estimated or anticipated when the budget was adopted

Legislature & Elected Officials:

HB 1039 – Leara – Allows a retiree of the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System to have health insurance or long-term care insurance premiums deducted from his or her retirement allowance

HB 1080 – Kander – Changes the laws regarding ethics, lobbying, and campaign finance

HB 1109 – Brattin – Prohibits any state or local governmental entity or public building, place, or setting from banning or restricting the practice, mention, celebration, or discussion of any federal holiday

HB 1121 – Kander – Changes the laws regarding the filing of a financial interest statement with the Missouri Ethics Commission

HB 1200 – Sifton – Reauthorizes the provisions regarding the Missouri Homestead Preservation Act until Dec. 31, 2017

HJR 42 – Sater – Proposes a constitutional amendment changing the dates that specified actions can take place on bills filed in a legislative session

HJR 43 – Burlison – Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting state appropriations any fiscal year from exceeding certain limits

HJR 53 – Neth – Proposes a constitutional amendment allowing a person to serve any portion of the 16-year limit between the House of Representatives and the Senate.

HJR 55 – Dugger – Proposes a constitutional amendment requiring both a majority of voters statewide and a majority of voters in a majority of the congressional districts to approve constitutional amendments