
****CALL TO ACTION ARCHIVE BELOW****

THIS WEEK'S MO LEGISLATION CALL TO ACTION GUIDE FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS KC - MAY 4

URGING YOU TO TAKE ACTION ON ONE OR MORE BILLS!

- **Oppose HCS#2 HBS 567, 546, 758 & 958** - (House bill now in the Senate) - Modifies schedule of minimum wage increases and provisions related to paid sick leave as approved by voters in November with Proposition A. Repeals the provisions of Proposition A that took effect May 1, 2025, repeals the schedule of min wage increases or decreases scheduled for Jan 1, 2027 and January 1 of successive years, repeals provisions of paid sick leave requirements, contains an emergency clause for the provisions that are being repealed for paid sick leave.
- **Oppose SCS SJRs 47, 30, & 10** - (Senate Bill) - Would require concurrent initiative petition passage, meaning passage would be dependent on both a statewide majority and a majority of state House districts. Unnecessarily restricts foreign involvement. Currently measures must pass by a statewide majority which fairly reflects will of ALL Missourians. Requirements to have a constitutional amendment pass by both a statewide majority and a majority of state representative districts will create a rule by minority, undermining the will of all Missourians.
- **Oppose SCS/SB 62** - (Senate Bill) - Requires documentary proof of US citizenship in order to register to vote; requires the clerk of each circuit court to provide a monthly list of all persons who identify themselves as not being citizens when called to jury duty.
- **Oppose HCS for HJR 73** - (House bill now in the Senate) - Proposes a Constitutional Amendment that would prohibit abortion except in cases of medical emergency, rape or incest, no later than 12 weeks gestational age. Also contains possible prosecution of medical professionals and "ballot candy" language regarding gender transition. Repeals Amendment 3 / the Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative approved by voters last Nov
- **Oppose HCS HB 1175** (House bill now in the Senate) - Reestablishes the "Second Amendment Preservation Act" (SAPA), which would invalidate Federal laws and regulations that infringe upon the Second Amendment, and prohibit their enforcement in Missouri.
- **Oppose SB 100 - (Senate Bill)** - Prohibits amending a birth certificate of an

individual where that person's chooses to identify as a gender different than the birth certificate designation, and further prohibits the amendment of any certificate of birth related to the person's gender if the gender of the individual was changed for reasons other than a medically-verifiable disorder.

FIND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND STATE SENATOR HERE: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default>

ALL LWVKC CALL TO ACTION DETAILS HERE:

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THIS WEEK'S MO LEGISLATION CALL TO ACTION GUIDE FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS KC - APRIL 27

URGING YOU TO TAKE ACTION ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE BILLS!

- Overturning Proposition A minimum wage increase and paid sick leave
- Attacking citizen initiative petitions (multiple bills)
- Attacking reproductive rights, overturning voter approved Amendment 3 abortion ban (multiple bills)
- Allowing guns on public transportation, lowering the age of concealed carry permit to 18, other provisions
- Attacking LGBTQ rights, transgender medical care
- Reinstating the Presidential Primary, extending no-excuse absentee voting, adding clean up language from county clerks

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**ADDITIONAL MOLEG CALLS TO ACTION FOR WEEK OF APRIL 27!**

**THANK THESE MO SENATE DEMOCRATS FOR PROTECTING PROP A AND TO**

## **URGE THEIR COLLEAGUES TO REJECT HB 567 ATTACKS ON MINIMUM WAGES AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS!!**

For a SECOND TIME, Prop A champions in the Missouri Senate filibustered against HB567, a bill that would gut the paid sick days and minimum wage increases we won at the ballot box. These MO Senate Democrats are fighting to make sure MO workers no longer have to choose between going to work sick or missing pay:

Sen. Doug Beck 573-751-0220  
Sen. Tracy McCreery 573-751-9762  
Sen. Patty Lewis 573-751-6607  
Sen. Karla May 573-751-3599  
Sen. Angela Mosley 573-751-2420  
'Sen. Maggie Nurrenburn 573-751-5282  
Sen. Steven Roberts 573-751-4415  
Sen. Barbara Washington 573-751-3158  
Sen. Stephen Webber 573-751-3931  
Sen. Brian Williams 573-751-4106

Call or use this link to thank these senators and urge their colleagues to reject any attacks on worker wages and benefits: <https://bit.ly/PropAChampions>

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MISSOURI JOBS WITH JUSTICE DEFEND PROP A PHONE BANK TUES APRIL 29

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Sign up here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/kxFfAbipFUqZwIXXI29MZw2>

Details and additional phone bank dates: <https://mojwj.org/phonebank/>

We know our work is having the intended impact to Defend Prop A – our Senate Champions are doing their jobs and feeling the statewide support. Their staff members were busy keeping track of all the supportive messages throughout the day and night. Let's keep up the buzz!!!

We expect debate to continue on this issue when they return, and we have our power hour Tuesday 12-1 phone banks scheduled through the end of session. Please take a second to RSVP to those phone banks so we can continue to make sure that Missouri voters can make their voices heard with their elected officials.

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## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

### URGENT CALL TO ACTION: TELL SENATORS HAWLEY AND SCHMITT TO VOTE NO ON THE SAVE ACT! HAWLEY: 202-224-6154 SCHMITT: 202-224-5721

The U.S. House passed [HR 22](#) the SAVE Act that would require citizenship documentation to register to vote in federal elections and making voting harder for millions of citizens. **We must tell our Senators to vote NO on this bill!**

Link to the summary of the bill: [HR 22](#)

LWVUS OPPOSES this bill

Talking points:

- It is already illegal for non citizens to register and vote in federal and state elections
- Many communities of eligible voters would be unnecessarily burdened by the requirements of the SAVE Act
- Citizens of color are three times more likely to lack documents such as birth certificates, passports, naturalization certificates, or certificates of citizenship or face difficulties accessing them

The SAVE Act isn't about safeguarding elections. It's about **silencing voters**, and **we need you to tell your MO Senators to vote NO on this bill**. Congress should be expanding our voting rights, not rolling them back.

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## THIS WEEK'S MO LEGISLATION CALL TO ACTION GUIDE FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS KC - April 20

This week's LWVKC [MOLeg calls to action](#) include bills:

- Attacking citizen initiative petitions
- Overturning voter approved Amendment 3 abortion ban
- Overturning Proposition A minimum wage increase and paid sick leave
- Allowing guns on public transportation, lowering the age of concealed carry permit to 18
- Attacking LGBTQ rights, placing restrictions on transgender Missourians amending their birth certificates
- Amending the constitution to require Jackson County assessor to be elected.

**ALL LWVKC CALL TO ACTION DETAILS HERE:**

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**LWVKC LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN HERE:**

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**URGENT!**

Contact Governor Mike Kehoe [HERE](#) OR CALL 573-751-3222 and tell him to stand up for Missouri voters and DO NOT SIGN [SB22](#) "Let Politicians Lie Act"!

- SB22 "restricts the courts' right to ensure truthful and accurate language in petitions to be voted on".
- Find all LWVKC talking points on SB 22 here:  
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**URGENT!**

Call your [State Senator](#) and tell them to vote NO on [HCS HJR 73](#) abortion ban! [HCS HJR 73](#) would prohibit abortion and repeal voter approved Amendment 3.

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FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS KC - April 13

- **ALL CALL TO ACTION DETAILS HERE:**
https://lwvkc.org/content.aspx?page_id=722&club_id=477430&emtid=278302976841&mtid=580132257397&ht=0
- **URGENT!** Tell [U.S. Senators Hawley and Schmitt](#) to vote NO on [HR 22](#) The SAVE Act, requiring citizenship documentation to register to vote in federal elections

- **URGENT!** Call your [State Representative](#) and tell them to vote NO on [HCS HJR 73](#) abortion ban!
- **URGENT!** Call your [State Representative](#) and tell them to protect direct democracy and vote NO on [SB22](#) "Let Politicians Lie Act"!

Additional calls to action:

- [Submit witness testimony](#) for MO House Elections Committee to vote yes on [HB1055](#) creating a process for voters to provide missing information on an absentee ballot envelope
- Oppose [HCS HBs 195 & 1119](#) "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act"
- Oppose [SB 326](#) Prohibits state colleges, universities, and proprietary schools from enforcing Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) statements
- Oppose [SB 681](#) tax credit for contributions made to pregnancy resource centers
- Oppose [HB 1175](#) reenacting the "Second Amendment Preservation Act"
- Support [SS/SB 38](#) the "Missouri Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (Missouri CROWN) Act" to prohibit certain discriminatory practices as such practices relate to hairstyles in elementary and secondary educational institutions
- Support [SS#2/SB 79](#) modifying multiple provisions relating to health care

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URGENT! TELL YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE NO ON [HCS HJR 73](#) ABORTION BAN!

[HCS HJR 73](#) proposes a Constitutional Amendment that would prohibit abortion except in cases of medical emergency, rape or incest, no later than 12 weeks gestational age and only if reported to law enforcement within at least 48 hours of the procedure. Also contains language regarding gender transition.

Bil Status: Placed on the House Formal Perfection Calendar for Monday, April 14 at 8:00 AM.

Link to bill summary: [HCS HJR 73](#)

LWVMO OPPOSES this bill

Talking points:

- Missourians voted for The Reproductive Freedom amendment on November 5, 2024 to allow abortion up to fetal viability.
- This bill dismisses majority rule and imposes the will of a minority

- Two of every three sexual assaults are not reported to police (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network and the Bureau of Justice Statistics)
- Research (JAMA Internal Medicine) estimates that since the overturning of Roe v. Wade, thousands of women and girls in the 14 states with abortion bans in place became pregnant after being raped
- This bill is in conflict with protections for medical professionals embedded in the Reproductive Freedom Amendment that voters approved by majority vote on November 5, 2024 (HB195)
- Contains “ballot candy” by adding in language about gender transition surgeries, hormones or drugs

Call your State Representative and tell them to vote NO on [HCS HJR 73](#)! Find your legislator using the look-up HERE: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default>

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**URGENT! Call your [State Representative](#) and tell them to protect direct democracy and vote NO on [SB22](#) "Let Politicians Lie Act"!**

**From Missouri Jobs with Justice** — SB22 the “Let Politicians Lie Act” is set for a debate/vote before the entire MO House and can come up at any time. You can make your voice heard against this misleading bill which would give politicians many more chances to push dishonest language on voters regarding important issues. The goal of the bill is to allow partisan elected officials to trick voters by using unfair and dishonest ballot language on citizen-initiatives.

Together we participated in direct democracy by raising the minimum wage, bringing paid sick days and protecting abortion and birth control through the Initiative Petition process.

Special interests and industry lobbyists upset about how Missourians used the Initiative Petition process in 2024 to secure wins for us all are trying to rig the rules with a bill, SB22, that could come to a vote in the Missouri House any day.

**PROTECT DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN MO - URGE YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE NO ON SB22 TODAY! Take action here:**

<https://secure.everyaction.com/REUjUTfPpE6DanJbYFRK0w2>

**Letter Writing Tips:**

SB22 would politicize the Initiative Petition process by creating a lengthy, unnecessary and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure proposed by the General Assembly or via citizen initiative.

Voters deserve to have fair summaries as they are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

SB22 could also create impossible delays that would harm the ability to educate voters about a ballot measure. If SB22 became law when courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court would have to send it back to the Secretary of State or state legislature to rewrite MANY times, causing unnecessary delays.

Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years. The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly.

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**THIS WEEK'S MOLEG CALLS TO ACTION - Week of April 6**

**Find this week's MOLEG calls to action and talking points details HERE:**

- **League of Women Voters KC weekly MOLeg action guide:**  
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**VOTING RIGHTS**

Bill #: SB 485 (Schroer)  
LWVMO OPPOSES this bill

Short Description: Moves school board elections to the November general election.  
Status of the Bill: Placed on the Senate Formal Perfection Calendar for Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM.

Talking points:

- Moves school board elections to the November general election making school board elections potentially partisan and more expensive
- Could potentially discourage citizens from running due to the added cost and difficulty in communicating to voters in a busy election season
- The school board election would appear at the bottom of long ballots and many people don't vote all the way down the ballot

Link to the summary of the bill: [SB 485](#)

Call to action: Contact your State Senator using the Legislative Lookup [HERE](#) and tell them you OPPOSE this bill.

LWV Position: LWV supports public schools that have accountability and transparency in matters of governance, accreditation, and funding (LWVMO Guide to State Action 2023-2025, p. 54).

Bill #: SB 606 (McCreery)  
LWVMO SUPPORTS this bill

Short Description: Modifies provisions relating to absentee ballots.

Status of the Bill: Scheduled for a Hearing on Monday, April 7 at 2:00 PM in the Senate Local Government, Elections and Pensions Committee.

Talking points:

- Currently if an absentee ballot has a clerical error, it is rejected
- Allows the ballot to be cured
- Repeals the five-day limitation for election authorities to prepare absentee ballots for

tabulation and permits preparation of absentee ballots for tabulation upon receipt

Link to the summary of the bill: [SB 606](#)

Call to action: Only in-person testimony is allowed at Senate hearings. Contact the members of the Senate Local Government, Elections and Pensions Committee [HERE](#) and tell them you SUPPORT this bill. Click on the member's picture to get to their home page and contact information.

LWV Position: Support no-excuse absentee voting either by mail or in person, advance voting and measures that facilitate participation in the election process and expand all forms of early voting and work to reduce election administration stress. (LWVMO Guide to State Action 2023-2025, p. 7)

## CITIZEN INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Bill #: SS/SB 152 (Ben Brown)  
LWVMO OPPOSES this bill

Short Description: This bill creates restrictions and mandates compliance regarding contributions of foreign nationals to Missouri Statewide ballot measures.

Status of the Bill: Scheduled for Hearing on Tuesday, April 8 at 12:00 PM in the House Government Efficiency Committee.

Talking points:

- Makes ballot measure campaigns more expensive (and more susceptible to the influence of money) by increasing compliance costs
- Includes language about foreign nationals ""indirectly"" influencing a campaign. The term ""indirectly"" seems vague and subject to abuse
- Grants the Attorney General vague discretion that could enable the Attorney General to create arbitrary obstacles to ballot initiatives
- There is no evidence of foreign contributions having a material impact on Missouri ballot measures. Why is this bill necessary?

Link to the summary of the bill: [SB 152](#)

**Call to action:** Submit testimony to **OPPOSE** this bill SS/SB 152 [HERE](#). Make sure you choose a position: oppose or support.

LWV Position: The League believes responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people. (LWVUS Impact on Issues 2024 - 2026, p.11)

## **PROPOSITION A**

The Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee will meet on Monday, April 7 at 3:15 p.m. The following bill that could be heard in this committee and approved for further action is: HCS #2 HBs 567, 546, 758, & 958 (Gallick) which change the minimum wage and sick leave provisions in Proposition A passed by the citizens in November. It repeals the adjustment of minimum wage increases and makes it apply to public employees as well, eliminates the paid sick leave, and contains an emergency clause which would make it effective upon the signature of the Governor.

LWVMO OPPOSES.

CALL TO ACTION: Contact your state senator to OPPOSE this bill. Here is a link to the list of state senators: [Legislator Lookup](#)

## **EDUCATION**

HB 77 (Loy). Tax credit for home school, private school, parochial school, etc.  
LWVMO OPPOSES

HB 77 Bill Summary here:

<https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/sumpdf/HB00771.pdf>

The House Emerging Issues Committee will meet on Monday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. to Exec on this bill.

HB 77 establishes the “Missouri Parental Choice Tax Credit Act” and provides a tax credit to parents or guardians of any “qualified student” enrolling in a home school, family paced education school, private school, private virtual school, parochial school, or parish school. The tax credit can be claimed for eligible expenses which are outlined in the bill and include the cost of tuition and fees, textbooks, and tutoring services. The tax credit cannot exceed the lesser of the eligible qualified expenses paid by the taxpayer or the State adequacy target for the tax year.

Call to action: Contact the House Emerging Issues Committee [HERE](#) and tell them

you OPPOSE this bill.

## **GUN POLICY**

Bill #: HCS HB 328 (Taylor)  
LWVMO OPPOSES this bill

Short Description: Would allow concealed carry permit holders to carry firearms on public transportation and lowers the age requirement for concealed carry permits.

Status of the Bill: Placed on the House Formal Perfection Calendar for Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM.

Talking points:

- Allows guns on public transportation including buses
- Lowers the age of a concealed carry permit to 18
- Public transportation riders do not want more guns on public transportation (see article below)

Link to the summary of the bill: [HB 328](#)

Call to action: Contact your Representative using the [Legislative Lookup HERE](#) and tell them you OPPOSE this bill.

Links to further reading:

[Missouri House Committee hears legislation expanding gun access](#)

LWV Position: Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility of guns. Support regulation of firearms and ammunition for consumer safety. (LWVMO Guide to State Action 2023-2025, p. 60)

## **HEALTH CARE**

Bill #: HB 177  
LWVMO SUPPORTS this bill

Short Description: Provides MO HealthNet coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants.

Status of the Bill: Hearing scheduled Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 AM in the Senate Families, Seniors and Health Committee.

Talking points:

- Currently MO HealthNet payments for eligible needy children, pregnant women, and blind persons includes hearing aids
- This bill authorizes coverage for cochlear implants

Link to the summary of the bill: [HB 177](#)

Call to action:

Only in-person testimony is allowed at Senate hearings. Contact the members of the Senate Families, Seniors and Health Committee [HERE](#) and tell them you SUPPORT this bill. Click on the member's picture to get to their home page and contact information.

LWV Position: Every US resident should have access to basic level of care (LWVUC Impact on Issues 2024-2026, p. 157)

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **LGBTQ Rights**

Bill #: SS#10/SC/SB 10

LWVMO OPPOSES this bill

Short Description:

The full act repeals dates for many different bills, including the August 28, 2027, expiration date of the "Missouri Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act" (Section 191.1720).

Status of the Bill: Scheduled for Executive Session on Tuesday, April 8 at 12:00 PM in the House Government Efficiency Committee.

Talking points:

- Repeals a previously agreed upon expiration date
- Interferes with the medical decisions made by parents, their children and medical

professionals

- Prevents medically necessary care established by professional medical organizations\*,

(\*The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Psychiatric Assoc., The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)

Link to the summary of the bill: [SS#10/SC/SB10](#)

Call to action: Contact the House Government Efficiency Committee [HERE](#) and tell them you OPPOSE Section 191.1720 of this bill.

Links to further reading:

LWV Position: LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice to all persons, regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability. (LWVMO Guide to State Action 2023-2025, p. 53.)

Bill #: HB 1362 (Phelps)

LWVMO OPPOSES this bill

Short Description:

The bill requires a person seeking to obtain a driver's license, nondriver's license, or instruction permit denoting a sex other than an applicant's biological sex assigned at birth to provide an amended birth certificate that reflects the sex designation requested.

Status of the Bill: Scheduled for Executive Session on Monday, April 7 at 4:30 PM in the House Emerging Issues Committee.

Talking points:

- Amending a birth certificate in Missouri requires a court order stating that your sex has been changed by surgical procedure and that your name has been changed
- Requiring proof of surgery is too restrictive; transgender people without gender-reassignment surgery should qualify to change their markers
- Many Missourians will be unable to obtain, renew, or replace their identification because they have not and do not plan to obtain the now-required surgical interventions and do not want an ID that does not have a marker that aligns with their identity

- This policy is discriminatory, adding that discrimination has severe negative impacts to mental and physical wellbeing

Link to the summary of the bill: [HB 1362](#)

Call to action: Contact the House Emerging Issues Committee [HERE](#) and tell them you OPPOSE this bill.

Links to further reading:

[Lawmakers seek permanent restrictions on transgender Missourians' IDs](#)

[Letter Re: Removal of Dept. of Revenue Form 5532](#)

LWV Position: Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans. (LWVUS Impact on Issues 2024-2026, p.15)

## **TAXES**

Bill #: SS#2 HCS HBs 594 & 508 (Perkins)

LWVMO OPPOSES this bill

Short Description: Authorizes an income tax deduction for capital gains.

Status of the Bill: Scheduled for Executive Session on Monday, April 7 at 3:15 PM in the Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee.

Talking points:

- This bill would significantly reduce the state revenue
- This bill would benefit a small portion of Missourians, the majority of whom can best afford to pay the tax
- The loss of revenue would reduce the state's ability to provide services to those who need them the most

Link to the summary of the bill: [SS#2 HCS HBS 594 & 508](#)

Call to action:

Contact the members of the Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee [HERE](#) and tell them you OPPOSE this bill.

LWVMO Position:

League of Women Voters of Missouri supports a balanced and progressive tax system to finance necessary governmental services. Support of an adequate, balanced, and progressive tax system to finance necessary governmental services, which emphasizes equity and fair sharing of the tax burden. Financial stability should be one goal of fiscal policy. (LWVMO Guide to State Action 2023 - 2025, p. 27)

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## **THIS WEEK'S MOLEG CALLS TO ACTION - Week of March 30**

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## **HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

The House Budget Committee met on March 24 to conduct an executive session on proposed HCS versions of the House budget bills for FY 26, HBs 2-14 passing all of them. The House is expected to take up and pass the budget bills early next week. The total is \$42.1 billion less than Governor Kehoe's recommendation so you can expect changes in the Senate. The House Committee version does not fully fund the school aid formula, nor does it remove the \$50 million General Revenue appropriation for the state's tax credit voucher. LWVMO supports full funding of the formula and opposes using general revenue for tax credits for private schools.

**Now is the time to TELL YOUR STATE REP to SUPPORT FUNDING FOR EDUCATION!** If no changes are made the attention will turn to the Senate to fix these issues. Find your state legislator here: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default>

## **CITIZEN INITIATIVE PETITIONS**

The House Elections Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 8 a.m. to hear [SS#2 SCS SB 22](#) (Brattin) which LWVMO OPPOSES. It removes the ability of the courts to rewrite ballot titles and summaries that might be challenged for inaccuracy or misleading statements.

**TELL HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VOTE NO ON SB 22!** You can enter witness testimony online before midnight, April 1 on [SB 22](#) here: <https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10599>

## **VOTING RIGHTS**

The House Corrections and Public Institutions Committee will meet on April 2 at 4:30 to hear [HB 847](#) (Anderson) and Exec on that bill and HB 617 (Stinnett) which would restore voting rights to persons who are on probation or parole. LWVMO SUPPORTS.

**TELL THE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO VOTE YES ON HB847!** Enter witness testimony online for [HB 847](#) at this link before midnight, April 2: <https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?bill=HB847&noticeid=10608>

## **TAXES**

### **Tax Credit Vouchers- Non-Public Schools**

The House Emerging Issues Committee heard HB 77 (Cathy Jo Loy) on March 24. The bill would create an individual tax credit voucher for non-public school expenses.

LWVMO OPPOSES

The bill which is expected to reduce state general revenues by \$1 billion within three years. Such state mandated parental option plans compromise free, equitable, universal, and quality public education for every student. It is scheduled to be exceed on Monday, March 31. **Contact your state representative to OPPOSE this bill:**  
**Legislator Lookup here:** <https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default>

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POSSIBLE FLOOR ACTION COMING WEEK

HB 567 (Gallick) is on the Senate calendar for third read, which will gut provisions of Proposition A, the minimum wage/sick leave measure passed by citizens in November. The emergency clause which would put it into effect upon the Governor's signature did NOT pass, so it would not go into effect until August 28. It will allow the minimum wage to go to \$15 in 2026 with no inflation protection and eliminates sick leave. The bill is IN EFFECT now, however, and as of May 1 workers affected will start accumulating sick leave.

**Prop A CALL TO ACTION! - MO Jobs with Justice
Tell Your MO Senator to Protect Our Pay & Sick Time!**

Last November, over 1.6 million of us (over 57% of voters across Missouri) voted YES on Proposition A to raise minimum wage to \$15/hr by 2026 and bring earned paid sick days to Missouri workers. Now, the legislature must listen to the will of the people and stand with Missouri families.

We voted yes because no one should have to choose between their own or their children's health and their paycheck. But for as many as 1 in 3 Missouri workers who don't have access to earned paid sick days, that is the choice we faced. We either go to work sick, or leave a sick child at home alone, or risk losing necessary income to keep food on the table. No one should make this choice.

HB 567 will make workers decide between their health and their paycheck. It is wrong and risks all of our health. Tell your State Senator to vote NO!

<https://secure.everyaction.com/RAIbrXiWL0qQA3JqiUQCNg2>

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**Find more MOLeg calls to action from the League of Women Voters KC here:**

**[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10r9ZTiLTpTdceNEa6EI42\\_5xbf72Inp/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10r9ZTiLTpTdceNEa6EI42_5xbf72Inp/view)**

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**THIS WEEK'S MOLEG CALLS TO ACTION - Week of March 24**

Missouri lawmakers return to Jefferson City for the final 8 weeks of the 2025 Legislative session and are moving fast on a number of very concerning bills.

Before the break the [MO House passes repeal of sick leave provision in voter approved Proposition A](#) and “removes any minimum wage increase slated to go in effect in January 2027 and beyond.” The bill is now in the Senate.

As reported in [Missouri Independent](#), the legislature has already sent Governor Kehoe two “high-profile bills that have historically faced fierce resistance”. “One is a sweeping [utilities bill that repeals a consumer protection](#) law passed by voters almost 50 years ago. The other is a [state takeover of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department](#), a key piece of the governor’s public safety agenda.”

Bills moving through the legislature this week include creating a “pregnant women database” under the guise of an adoption bill, much needed protections for election officials, attacks on LGBTQ rights and the citizens initiative process, repeal of sick leave provisions in voter approved Proposition A, create restrictions on voting rights, and more.

**Find this week’s MOLEG calls to action and talking points details [HERE](#):**

- **League of Women Voters KC weekly MOLeg action guide:**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pamutRZCPybaRDdwuXm8jpqlA0zaJN8Q/view>
- **League of Women Voters KC weekly Legislative Bulletin:**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EDeZSSNnEEDclpOsVa7qyl7Xt0JW2EOn/view>

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**Call to action details for House Bill [HB 1579](#) the “Pregnant Women Database” Bill**

**TELL THE MO HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE TO VOTE NO ON HB1579! NO PREGNANT WOMEN DATABASE!**

**House Hearing on [HB 1579](#)  
[House Children and Families Committee](#)**

**Tuesday, March 25**

**8AM**

**House Hearing Room 6**

**State Capitol**

**Jefferson City**

**HB 1579 Bill Summary here:**

<https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/sumpdf/HB1579I.pdf>

“This bill establishes within the Department of Social Services the Division of Maternal and Child Resources, which has the purpose of coordinating and applying for services for expecting mothers who wish to place their baby for adoption and placing such babies for adoption with fit and proper adoptive parents.”

“The Division is required to make and **maintain a central registry** of each expecting mother who has voluntarily decided to place the unborn child for adoption and a central registry of each prospective adoptive parent who has successfully completed certain screenings, background checks, home studies, and other investigations to ensure the fit of the prospective parent to adopt a child. The registries must be made available to the party or parties of the other registry.”

**CALL THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE AND TELL THEM TO VOTE NO ON HB1579! NO PREGNANT WOMEN DATABASE!**

Find Committee member phone numbers here:

<https://house.mo.gov/Committees.aspx?cluster=true&category=all&committee=3032&year=2025&code=R>

Submit witness testimony here:

<https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1579&year=2025&code=R>

**Call to Action on [HB 1579](#) from MO House Democratic Caucus**

“The part of this bill that's really offensive to Missourians is the idea that the state government is going to classify certain individuals as being "AT RISK" of exercising a constitutional right. We have to imagine that idea sends chills up the spine of anyone who claims to support constitutional rights and individual liberties.

Meanwhile, it's clear the bill sponsors are bending over backward to dress this bill up as a simple adoption program. If this was actually about child welfare and streamlining the adoption process, the sponsors would REMOVE THE "CENTRAL REGISTRY" part of it. They would LEAVE 'EXPECTING MOTHERS' ALONE to make their own decisions, a freedom Missourians [unfortunately] had to work HARD to secure for themselves through the ballot box.”

### **3 WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION:**

#### **1) SHARE THIS POST:**

The more Missourians who see this will be exposed to the actual intent of this bill. More people knowing about it, will lead to more people taking steps #2 and #3.

#### **2) MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:**

Here is the link to submit public testimony about "HB 1579 - Amato - ADOPTION":  
<https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1579&year=2025&code=R>

3) WATCH THE HEARING LIVE -- Tuesday Morning (3/25) 8:00 a.m.:  
<https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00325/Harmony/en/View/NoEvent>

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## **MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION (MOVPC) MOLEG ACTION**

### **THIS WEEK'S MOVPC Calls to Action - Week of March 3**

Please join our next Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) online meeting Monday March 3 at 10am. We will discuss this week's opportunities to advocate on legislation that would advance democracy in Missouri. **See details below for taking action on legislation this week!**

Register here to join the meeting: [bit.ly/protectmovoters](https://bit.ly/protectmovoters)

**Thanks for taking action to protect the right to vote in Missouri!**

### **NEW TAX DEDUCTIBLE LINK!**

Make a tax deductible donation to MOVPC and support our work protecting the right to vote in Missouri: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/missouri-voter-protection-coalition-1>

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Missouri Voter Protection Advocates:

Lawmakers are taking aim at voters - last Thursday, the Missouri Senate approved [SB22](#), a dangerous measure that would block courts from rewriting illegal, biased or deceptive ballot language. It eliminates the checks and balances that guarantees voters have accurate and unbiased language on their ballots. The bill gives politicians the power to re-write deceptive ballot language up to four times before the court could step in - delaying the process and opening the door to inaccurate and misleading language. An emergency clause would allow it to take effect immediately. [SJR22](#) is now

on it's way to the MO House. Stay tuned for more action opportunities as [SJR22](#) moves through the House.

CALL TO THANK STATE SENATORS MAGGIE NURRENBERN AND STEPHEN WEBBER FOR OPPOSING SB 22 ON THE SENATE FLOOR!

Special thanks to Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern and Sen. Stephen Webber for standing up on the Floor of the Senate to oppose SB 22 and offer amendments addressing the bill's harmful impacts. Take a moment to leave a short message thanking them for standing up for checks and balances in the IP process.

Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern 573-751-5282

Sen. Stephen Webber 573-751-3931

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## **MAJORITY RULE UNDER ATTACK IN MO SENATE MON. MARCH 3**

**What: Public Hearing on SJR 10, SJR 11, SJR 30, SJR 47**

**[Missouri Senate Local Government, Elections and Pensions Committee](#)**

**When: Mon. March 3 at 1pm (note earlier start time)**

**Where: Senate Lounge, 3rd Floor**

**\*Note: only in-person testimony allowed\* TESTIFY IN PERSON IF POSSIBLE**

**URGENT! BEFORE 1PM CALL [THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS](#) AND TELL THEM TO VOTE NO ON [SJR 10](#), [SJR 11](#), [SJR 30](#), [SJR 47](#)**

**All MOVPC bill talking points below and pdf here:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YaRFGUjOHS39sfNX2O3UT2gVd76-2EXG/view>

## **[SJR 10](#) (Moon) - Concurrent Majority**

- SJR10 Bill summary here:  
[https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=514](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=514)
- Increases threshold for passage of a proposed constitutional measure to be approved by both a simple majority of the votes cast on the measure statewide

and a simple majority of the votes cast in a majority of the state representative districts. (Concurrent majority) - **Note: Currently, measures must be approved by a simple majority of the votes cast on the measure.**

- Requires voter to be a Missouri resident and US citizen. **Note: Voters already required to be Missouri residents and US citizens.**

### **SJR 10 Talking Points**

- Upends majority rule and one-person one-vote.
- Concurrent majority schemes cause some votes to weigh more than others. Those in smaller house districts would have their votes count more. **An analysis by The Independent shows that requiring a concurrent majority of House Districts would make it mathematically possible for as few as 20% of voters to determine the outcome of statewide ballot measures.**
- A minority of 20% could veto the will of 80% of Missouri's voters. Why should voters in smaller districts get more votes than others?
- Includes "ballot candy" requiring residency and citizenship to vote when this is already required -- intended to distract voters from what the measure would really do.

### **SJR 11 (Bean) - Doubles Signature Requirements and Imposes Impossible Passage Threshold**

- **SJR11 Bill Summary:**  
[https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=318](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=318)
- **Makes it harder to get a measure on the ballot: Dramatically increases number of signatures required to get a measure on the ballot.** For constitutional amendments - would require signatures of 15% of voters in all 8 Missouri congressional districts - (currently initiative petitions seeking to amend the constitution require signatures 8% of voters in 6 of the Congressional districts); and for statutory proposals - would require signatures of 10% of voters in all 8 Congressional districts (currently statutory IPs require signatures of 5% of

voters in 6 Congressional districts). This would more than double the number of signatures necessary to get measures on the ballot.

- **The process is already onerous and mandates a significant showing of voter approval to get on the ballot.** This would make it impossible for any but the most well-funded proposals to meet that threshold - keeping grass roots and citizen-fueled initiatives from getting on the ballot.
- **Dramatically increases the number of required signatures without expanding timeframe for collecting them.** Recent elections have seen proposed initiatives tied up in court for months after filing them challenging insufficient ballot titles, summary statements or fiscal notes.
- **Makes it harder to Pass:** Passage of initiatives would require not only a majority of votes cast on the measure, but at least 35% of total ballots cast in the election. This leads to absurd and even impossible results. This could prevent passage of measure supported of 100% of all votes on the measure if the total people who voted on the measure is less than 35% of votes cast in that election. This clearly upends one-person one vote.
- **It is not uncommon for voters to undervote on down-ballot measures**
- **No one would know the threshold for passage until after Election Day - when we learn how many people came out to vote.** This would render citizen IPs impossible to manage and nearly impossible to pass.
- **Measures that receive a majority of votes by those who voted for the measure deserve to pass** - that is what reflects the will of the people.

### **SJR 30 - (Ben Brown) Concurrent Majority Requirement**

- **SJR 30 Bill Summary:**  
[https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=347](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=347)
- **Would increase the threshold for passage of a proposed constitutional measure** to be approved by both a majority of the votes cast on the measure statewide as well as a majority of the votes cast in a majority of the state's 8 Congressional districts.

- **Prohibit foreign activity in initiative petitions. Note: It is already illegal for there to be foreign sponsorship or funding of a ballot measure**
- **Public Comment Requirement** - Requires that citizens in all 8 congressional districts have opportunity to review and comment on all proposed constitutional citizen initiative petitions at least 15 days before the election.
- **Secretary of State to oversee public comment at a public hearing.**
- **Doesn't mandate public comment period for legislatively referred resolutions.**

#### **SJR 47** (Carter)

- **SJR 47 Bill Summary:**  
[https://senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=131](https://senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=131)
  - **Concurrent Majority Requirement**
  - **Would increase threshold for passage of a proposed constitutional measure** to be approved by both a majority of the votes cast on the measure statewide as well as by a majority of the votes cast in 3/4 of the state's 8 Congressional districts.
  - **Upends one person one vote.**
  - **Allows some votes to weigh more than others.**
  - **Upends will of the majority requiring more than majority of votes to pass.**
  - **Majority rule should rule the day.**
  - **Prohibits Foreign Funding** - Prohibits knowingly accepting contributions from foreign governments, foreign political parties, or foreign nationals. **Note: This is already prohibited in Missouri law - this is ballot candy to divert attention from the increased threshold for passage.**
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## **LAST WEEK'S MOVPC Calls to Action - Week of Feb 17**

### **MONDAY FEB 17 MOVPC MEETING 10AM (ONLINE)**

Please join our next Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) online meeting at 10am. We will discuss this week's opportunities to advocate on legislation that would advance democracy in Missouri ([HB 126](#), [HB 507](#) & [HB 367](#)). Meanwhile, legislation to prohibit courts from rewriting deceptive or misleading ballot language was brought up for perfection on the Floor of the Senate last week ([SCS/SB 22](#)), and similar legislation is likely to be voted out of committee in the House this week ([HB 414](#), [HB 684](#)).

**See details below for taking action on legislation this week!**

**Register here to join the meeting:**

<https://wustl.zoom.us/join/registration/tJYoceyuqTsqGN1NIXOMKb88rSExYr-kWjbt#/registration>

**Thanks for taking action to protect the right to vote in Missouri!**

### **NEW TAX DEDUCTIBLE LINK!**

Make a tax deductible donation to MOVPC and support our work protecting the right to vote in Missouri: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/missouri-voter-protection-coalition-1>

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**TELL THE MO HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE TO VOTE YES ON [HB 126](#)
RESTORING THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY IN MISSOURI!**

HB 126 - Background

In 2022, the legislature eliminated the presidential preference primaries, returning Missouri to a caucus system which results in limited participation. House Bill HB 126 would restore the Presidential Preference Primary in Missouri.

HB 126:

- Would expand opportunities to participate by allowing all Missouri voters to vote in the presidential primary
- Would provide voters with greater opportunities to participate in presidential primary elections, promoting a more inclusive and representative democracy.

- HB 126 - Bill Summary:
<https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/sumpdf/HB0126I.pdf>
- HB 126 - Bill Status/Latest Actions:
<https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB126&year=2025&code=R>

TAKE ACTION ON HB 126!

The House Elections Committee will hold a public hearing on HB 126 on Tuesday, Feb 18 at 8:00am at the State Capitol, Jefferson City, MO in House Hearing Room 5.

- **Before Tuesday Feb 18, submit testimony online in support of HB 126 here:**
<https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10287>
- **Testify in person in support of HB 126. Submit your witness form here:**
<https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10287>

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## **TELL THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE TO VOTE YES ON HOUSE BILL [HB507](#) TO PROVIDE LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR ELECTION WORKERS!**

House Bill HB 507 (Sponsor: Peggy McGaugh)

- Provides legal protections for election workers against harassment and intimidation.
- Creates offense of tampering with an election official as a class one election offense, prohibiting harassment, threats or doxing of election workers and their families.
- Expands ability to cast a provisional ballot to all public elections, including local elections, rather than only in federal elections.
- Makes permanent absentee list confidential.

- HB 507 Summary:  
<https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/sumpdf/HB0507I.pdf>
- HB Bill Status/Latest Action:  
<https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB507&year=2025&code=R>

### **TAKE ACTION ON HB 507!**

The House Elections Committee will hold a public hearing on HB 507 on Tuesday, Feb 18 at 8:00am at the State Capitol, Jefferson City, MO in House Hearing Room 5.

- **Before Tuesday Feb 18, submit testimony online in support of HB 507 here:**  
<https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10287>
- **Testify in person in support of HB 507. Submit your witness form here:**  
<https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10287>

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TELL THE MO HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE TO VOTE YES ON HB 367 TO EXTEND NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING TO ALL 6 WEEKS OF THE ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD AND ALSO REINSTATE THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION!

House Bill HB 367 (Sponsor: Brad Banderma)

- Extends no-excuse absentee voting to all six weeks of the absentee voting period rather than just the last two weeks. Currently, during the first four weeks of absentee voting, voters must attest to one of several reasons they expect to be unable to appear at the polls on Election Day.
- Reinstates presidential preference primary
- HB 367 Bill Summary:
<https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/sumpdf/HB0367I.pdf>
- HB 367 Bill Status/Latest Action:
<https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB367&year=2025&code=R>

TAKE ACTION ON HB 367!

The House Elections Committee will hold a public hearing on HB 367 on Tuesday, Feb 18 at 8:00am at the State Capitol, Jefferson City, MO in House Hearing Room 5.

- **Before Tuesday Feb 18, submit testimony online in support of HB 367 here:**
<https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10287>
 - **Testify in person in support of HB 367. Submit your witness form here:**
<https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10287>
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LAST WEEK'S MOVPC Calls to Action - Week of Feb 10

Missouri Senate

Committee on Local Government, Elections and Pensions

What: Public Hearing on [SB 182](#)

When: Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, 2pm

Where: Senate Lounge, 3rd Floor

note: only in-person testimony allowed

[SB 182](#) (Crawford) - Election Worker Protections

Provides needed protections for election workers from harassment and intimidation.

- provides protections for election workers amid a growing spate of harassment, intimidation and threats to election workers leading to a loss of needed election workers across the nation A 2023 study of election workers by the Brennan Center found that:
- nearly 1/3 of election officials have been harassed, abused, or threatened because of their jobs;
- More than 1/5 are concerned about being physically assaulted on the job in future elections
- Some 45 percent reported concerns for the safety of other election officials and workers in future elections.
- More than half expressed concern that the attacks will make it more difficult to retain or recruit election workers in future elections.

Allows interstate former residents and new residents to register using the federal registration form and vote at their election office on election day as well as by absentee.

- Missouri law already allows existing registered voters to update their registrations at their local election office on election day; this measure would incorporate new and former residents into this program.

Makes HAVA provisional ballots available at local elections as well as statewide and federal elections.

- would provide a critically needed fix to a gap in provisional ballot access in Missouri.
- Currently, federal law requires that voters whose eligibility cannot be immediately established can cast a provisional ballot during federal elections, in which their eligibility is determined after election day. This would extend that to local elections as well, preventing inadvertent administrative errors from stopping an otherwise eligible vote from counting.

MOVPC Position: Support.

See [MOVPC Testimony in Support of SB 182](#) here.

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### **Missouri Senate**

Perfection vote on [SCS/SB 22](#)

Monday, Feb. 10

8:00am

**TELL YOUR SENATOR TO REJECT ATTACKS ON INITIATIVE PETITIONS AND VOTE NO ON [SB22](#)!**

Find your senator here: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default>

[SCS/SB 22](#) (Brattin) - Initiative Petition Wording

- The original bill would prohibit courts from re-writing summary statements on legislatively referred constitutional amendments.
- The Committee Substitute (SCS SB 22) would include citizen initiative petitions as well.

- If the summary statement (the language voters see on their ballot) is found to be deceptive, biased or misleading by a court, it can only be rewritten by the Secretary of State, unless the General Assembly, by passage of a concurrent resolution, passes a new summary statement prior to 8 weeks before the election.
- Also increases word limit from 50 to 100 words.

### Talking Points:

- Increases politicization of ballot measure language.
- Allows SOS and legislature to stall signature gathering and certification of measures.
- Including citizen initiatives allows political actors to indefinitely draft biased or confusing language and block movement of citizen initiatives, which would give political actors near veto power to indefinitely draft biased or confusing language and block movement of citizen initiatives, indefinitely delaying the ability of citizens to gather signatures to get their measure on the ballot.
- Violates separation of powers. Courts should have the ability to stop misleading language that violates Missouri law.

**MOVPC Position: Oppose.** MOVPC and partners testified against SB 22 when it was heard in Committee.

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MISSOURI HOUSE

House Elections Committee

What: Public Hearing on [HB 414](#), [HB 684](#) (testimony allowed)

Executive Session on [HB 575](#), [HB 551](#) (no further testimony allowed)

When: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, 8am

Where: House Hearing Room 5

in-person and online testimony allowed

HB 414 (Murphy) and HB 684 (Simmons) - prohibit courts from re-writing summary statements on legislatively referred constitutional amendments that a court has found deceptive or misleading.

- If the official summary statement or ballot language approved by the General Assembly is challenged in court and the court determines that it is legally flawed, the General Assembly must rewrite the language.

- If the General Assembly is not in Session at the time of the ruling, the Secretary of State will rewrite the language.

Talking Points:

- Increases politicization of ballot measure language and increases delays, preventing discussion on ballot measures.
- Allows SOS and legislature to stall signature gathering and certification of measures.
- While these versions apply only to legislatively referred referendums, an amendment to the senate version of the bill would include citizen-lead initiatives, which would give political actors near veto power to indefinitely draft biased or confusing language and block movement of citizen initiatives, indefinitely delaying the ability of citizens to gather signatures to get their measure on the ballot.
- Violates separation of powers. Courts should have the ability to stop and correct illegal language that violates Missouri law.

MOVPC Position: **Oppose.**

ACTION: Come to the Capitol to testify in person or [SUBMIT TESTIMONY ONLINE here: https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10226](https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=10226) by 11:59 pm on Feb. 11.

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## MISSOURI HOUSE

### House Elections Committee

Executive Session on [HB 575](#), [HB 551](#) (no further testimony allowed)

When: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, 8am

Where: House Hearing Room 5

### [HB 575](#) (Banderman) & [HB 551](#) (Martin)

- require petition circulators to be US Citizens and Missouri residents for at least 30 days -- which is likely unconstitutional
- prohibits circulators from being compensated based on number of signatures obtained;
- prevents legal challenges to ballot title to extend sooner than 8 weeks before election day;

- voids all signatures collected before any court ruling that substantially alters the language of the ballot title;
- repeals a requirement that the Committee on Legislative Research hold a public hearing on initiatives;
- prohibits citizen initiatives that would alter federal law (which is already the case);
- sets pagination page and font requirements for signature sheets, voiding otherwise valid signatures merely because signature sheets do not meet these requirements;
- provides that signature page forms be made available electronically, a positive reform.

**MOVPC Position: OPPOSE**

ACTION: Urge members of the [House Elections Committee](#) to Oppose these measures.

See [MOVPC Testimony Opposing HB 575 and HB 551](#)