

2025 Bills of Interest that Passed

Missouri General Assembly

- <u>SB 2</u> (Crawford) Reduces the outstanding balance a political subdivision may have incurred for submitting late annual financial statements by a minimum of 90% (SUPPORT Priority Bill) (Section 105.145, RSMo).
- <u>SB 98</u> (Crawford) Creates an alternative method for banking institutions to secure deposits from governments through a pool of eligible securities held in custody with one or more other banking institutions (<u>Section 362.490, RSMo</u>).
- SB 105 (Bernskoetter) Bans the sale of certain invasive plants (Section 263.070, RSMo).
- <u>SB 133</u> (Fitzwater) Requires all newly installed underground facilities to be installed with a detectable underground location device unless the facility is capable of being detected from above ground with an electronic locating device (Section 319.019, RSMo).
- <u>SB 145</u> (Coleman) Current law authorizes cities to impose a business license tax upon businesses. This act provides that no city shall require a business license for any enterprise owned by a person aged 18 years or younger (Sections 71.610 & 92.045, RSMo).
- <u>SB271</u> (Black) Previously, fire and ambulance districts in all counties in the state (except those in St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Clay County, Platte County, and Greene County) were authorized to implement a half cent sales tax. Now, fire and ambulance districts in all counties across Missouri are authorized to implement a sales tax rate up to one percent (<u>Section 321.552, RSMo</u>).
- HB 145 (Falkner) Authorizes municipalities to close public records of minors under eighteen years of age
 (unless requested by the Department of Labor), records of customer information for park visitors (except the
 visitor's zip code & municipality of residence), and records with the location of endangered plants/animals
 (Section 610.021, RSMo). Records requests are now considered withdrawn if the requestor fails to remit all fees
 within 90 days (or 150 days if the fees exceed \$1,000). Requests for information are considered withdrawn if the
 requestor does not respond to clarification attempts (Section 610.026). (SUPPORT Priority Bill)
- <u>HB 199</u> (Falkner) Modifies provisions relating to contracts with public entities. Contractors previously had to be bonded when contracted for public works projects with municipalities. Now, mechanic liens may be used in certain situations (<u>Section 513.455, RSMo</u>).
- <u>HB 225</u> (Myers) Law enforcement agencies may request assistance from other jurisdictions, including those outside Missouri (Section 44.087, RSMo). Imposes additional case clearance reporting requirements that municipalities must report to the Department of Public Safety on a monthly basis (Sections <u>43.505</u> & 650.040).
- HB 495 (Christ) Places the municipal police department of St. Louis City under the control of a Board of Police Commissioners primarily comprised of gubernatorial appointments (<u>Section 84.020, RSMo</u>).
- <u>HB 516</u> (Matthiesen) Removes the \$150,000 cap imposed on the Department of Natural Resources for hazardous waste site investigation costs. Requests for investigation may be submitted by local governing bodies, community groups, and individuals located in a specified area of concern (Section 260.558, RSMo).
- <u>HB 594</u> (Perkins) Exempts feminine hygiene products and diapers from state and local sales taxes (Section 144.029, RSMo).
- <u>HB 595</u> (Brown) Bans municipalities from adopting ordinances requiring landlords to accept tenants using federal housing assistance (<u>Section 441.043, RSMo</u>).

St. Louis County

- Sub Bill No. 1 for Bill No. 57 (Webb & Days) Establishes the St. Louis County Land Bank
- Gateway Regional Law Enforcement Training Center \$50M from state being put to use

Major Issues that Failed to Pass

- Legislation regulating video lottery terminals
- Elimination of the state and local sales tax on food
- Legislation preempting local governments from regulating tobacco sales
- A bill seeking to phase out the personal property tax
- Property tax reform
- Economic incentives for the Chiefs and Royals
- Second Amendment Preservation Act
- Requiring taxpayers to pay private companies to relocate broadband and other telecommunications infrastructure located in the right of way

103rd General Assembly, First Regular Session By the Numbers

- 2,684 bills filed
- Hundreds of bills tracked by the Municipal League
- 67 bills truly agreed to and finally passed (full listing <u>HERE</u>)
- 16 appropriations bills
- 7 bills signed by governor so far (full up-to-date listing HERE)