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Topic: [Elections](#) (in order as introduced)

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| HB508 | Tony Lovasco | 1125H.01I- Modifies provisions relating to elections | 1/10/19 Introduced, Read First Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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| HB508 | Bruce Franks Jr. | 0276H.01I – Modifies provisions for qualification of voters | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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| HB26 | Dan Stacy | 0330H.02I - Changes the law regarding primary elections “Elections” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This bill would allow political parties to use a state-funded, closed political primary system locally starting January 1, 2021. This will allow registering primary voters as members of a certain party, put time limits on registering and limit the ability to change political parties. The Secretary of State would maintain these registration and affiliation records and provide that information to local election authorities. Registered voters would be notified of this change with mailed notices. Affiliation changes would be noted starting January 1, 2020. Voter registration application forms would allow initial choices of party affiliation. This does not modify current registration procedures and only applies to parties using the state funded closed primary system to choose candidates.

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| HB27 | Dan Stacy | 0344H.02I - Requires all state and federal offices to use an instant runoff voting method<br>“Every Vote Counts Act” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This requires federal, state and local elections to use the instant runoff ranked choice voting method. Voters rank candidates by preference. The lowest total is eliminated, and the process is repeated until a certain result (specified in bill) is reached. Tie votes may be resolved by overall preference rankings, then coin toss. Limits on number of candidates if the ballots cannot accommodate. Write-in votes still allowed. Current voting equipment would be replaced with equipment compatible to this method. This method would be implemented when an adequate amount of equipment has been purchased.

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| HB28 | Dan Stacy | 0345H.02I - Requires all local elections to use an instant runoff voting method<br>“Ranked choice voting for local elections” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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| HB29 | Dan Stacy | 0334H.01I - Modifies provisions relating to absentee voting<br>“Absentee voting” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This requires the use of a copy of photographic identification with any application for an absentee ballot not made in person to the election authority. Only the election authority will process these applications. Each authority shall establish a numbering system for these ballots to ensure proper tracking and compliance.

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| HB30 | Dan Stacy | 0343H.01I - Modifies provisions regarding transportation development district elections<br>“Transportation district elections” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This requires the circuit court to conduct transportation development district director elections similarly to mail-in elections for registered voters in a district. They would be sent a mail-in ballot with affidavit by the court after it receives voter information from an election authority. The court may conduct elections where landowners are also eligible to vote under current law without the use of a mandatory mail-in ballot. Election days are specified. Voter eligibility is by land ownership or registration to vote 45 days prior to the election.

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| HJR5 | Peter Merideth | 0436H.01I - Modifies voter eligibility and creates provisions for early voting and automatic voter registration<br>“Voting” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment creates an early voting period and regulations for additional satellite voting sites based on population size. Voting may be conducted in person or by mail during this period. Procedures are specified. The period begins the sixth Tuesday prior to election day. This amendment allows automatic voter registration based on information provided by the Missouri Department of Revenue to the Secretary of State’s office. Local election authorities retain authority to verify voter registration and remove voters from lists based on general law.

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| HJR7 | Chrissy Sommer | 0539H.01I - Modifies provisions for initiative petitions and referendums<br>“Constitutional amendments” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment would require an amendment referred to the people by the General Assembly to achieve a majority vote for passage. An amendment referred to the people by initiative petition would need a two-thirds supermajority vote for passage. Amendments would take effect 30 days after the election if approved.

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| HJR6 | Chrissy Sommer | 0540H.01I - Modifies provisions for initiative petitions and referendums<br>"Effective date for constitutional amendments" | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment would set the effective date for an amendment proposed by the General Assembly at the end of 30 days after the election at which voters approved the amendment.

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| HB202 | Noel J Shull | 0612H.01I - Allows individuals age 60 and over to vote absentee without providing a reason<br>"Absentee ballots" | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This bill allows any person 60 years or older to vote by absentee ballot without giving a reason.

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| HB209 | Greg Razer | 0818H.01I - Modifies provisions regarding absentee voting.<br>"Absentee ballots" | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This bill allows any eligible voter to vote by absentee ballot without stating a reason.

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| HB276 | Barbara Washington | 0641H.01I - Modifies provisions for voter registration<br>“Voter registration lists” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State to wait five years before removing voters from the registration list for reasons of inactivity. Notice to renew voter registration will be sent to the last known address of the voter prior to their list removal.

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| HB284 | Bruce Franks Jr. | 1022H.01I - Modifies provisions for absentee voting<br>“Absentee ballots” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This removes an exception to the authority of election authorities in St. Louis County and cities located in more than one county with over 300,000 people to conduct team inspections of addresses where 10 or more absentee ballot requests originate. Apartment buildings and other individual living unit buildings will now be subject to election authority team delivery of ballots and witness of the voting and return ballots.

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| HJR11 | Ron Hicks | 0658H.01I - Requires initiative petitions to obtain the required percentage of signatures from all U.S. Congressional districts<br>“Initiative petition” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment requires signature collection in each congressional district in the state to place a measure on the ballot. Currently, signatures are only required by two-thirds of the congressional districts.

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| HJR12 | Ron Hicks | 0660H.01I - Requires 60% of the vote in order for constitutional amendments by the people or referred to the people by the General Assembly to pass<br>“Constitutional amendments” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment increases the requirement of votes cast to pass a Constitutional amendment of any type from a simple majority to 60% supermajority vote requirement.

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| HB322 | Justin Hill | 0264H.02I - Requires the word count of a referendum bill or constitutional amendment to appear in bold on the ballot with the summary of said initiative or referendum<br>“Word count of certain legislation” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would require that a word count of proposed initiative petition legislation, either statutory or Constitutional amendment, be placed in boldface type at the end of ballot measures to inform voters of the actual length of a particular bill or amendment.

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| HB347 | Tony Lovasco | 1128H.01I - Requires all elections for city and county committees to appear on the ballot, even if only one eligible candidate has filed<br>“Ballot regulations” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would require the names of election candidates to appear on the ballot even if there is only one possible option.

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| HB361 | Rebecca Roeber | 0282H.01I - Changes election procedures for school board members<br>“School board elections” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would allow members of the General Assembly to run for the office of school board member as well as General Assembly member on the same ballot. Beginning in 2022, this bill requires school board elections for seven-director school districts, urban school districts, and school districts with subdistricts to be held during the November general election. For existing school boards, the terms will be staggered. Any member whose term ends in an odd-numbered year will serve until the election in the following year.

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| HB368 | Peggy McGaugh | 0391H.02I - Modifies voting procedures for absentee voting and voter identification<br>“Absentee ballots” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would allow any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot without giving a reason. Exceptions to providing address and personal information on these forms are made for individuals in the Office of the Secretary of State’s address confidentiality program. Additional exceptions to ballot notary requirements are provided for specified physically handicapped individuals and caregivers. Voter identification is required for absentee ballot in person voting and descriptive modifications to the affidavit used in lieu of personal identification.

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| HB413 | Alan Gray | 0670H.01I - Creates subdistricts within certain school districts<br>“School district subdistricts” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would require the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County to establish seven subdistricts for any school district in St. Louis County that is within, or adjoining another school district that is within, a street light maintenance district with a population less than 3,000. The subdistricts will be established for the purpose of electing school district directors. The bill specifies how the boundaries would be drawn.

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| HB426 | Mike Moon | 0838H.01I - Requires United States Senators who represent Missouri to provide the General Assembly with certain information<br>“United States Senator Duties” | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would request that U.S. Senators from Missouri appear from time to time before the General Assembly to answer questions involving federal law and state affairs and take action on the recommendations from the Assembly. The Assembly acting as a committee of the whole may use its power of legislative subpoena to obtain information on the activities of the federal government if a Senator fails to appear for an unreasonable period of time.

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| HB471 | Peter Merideth | 0769H.01I - Specifies that the Secretary of State will create a website and allow citizens of Missouri to electronically sign ballot measures that are approved for circulation | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would require the Secretary of State to administer and be responsible for a website that allows signatures to be submitted for every initiative and referendum petition. This would allow voters to choose to sign petitions electronically. Once a voter has signed, the Secretary of State will notify the voter by mail that they signed. The voter will have 10 days to contact the Secretary of State in case of fraud.

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| HJR19 | Phil Christofanelli | 1246H.01I - Modifies voter turnout thresholds for tax increase elections | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would require that any state, county, municipality, or other political subdivision proposing a new tax or fee or increase in existing tax or fee to get a qualified majority, at least fifty percent of qualified voters, to approve the proposal for it to become effective.

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| HB496 | Peggy McGaugh | 1190H.01I - Modifies provisions for initiative and referendum signature pages | 1/10/19 Read Second Time (H)<br>Next H hearing not scheduled |
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This would require initiative and referendum petition signature pages to be printed on a form as prescribed by the Secretary of State, and be make available in electronic format.

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| HB527 | Martha Stevens | 1209H.01I - Modifies provisions for absentee voting | 1/10/19 Filed. |
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| HB530 | Alan Gray | 1198H.01I - Changes the laws regarding street light maintenance district elections | 1/10/19 Filed |
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