

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF METRO ST. LOUIS

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## PROBABLE ELECTION LEGISLATION MOVING FORWARD IN HOUSE AND SENATE:

Closed Primaries HB26, SB109

Fees to file Initiative Petitions

Election of Governor and Lt. Governor on same ticket

**SB143, SJR8** 

Requirements for Initiative Petitions: from **all** congressional districts, required signatures changes: **HJR11, SJR11** 

For Constitutional Amendments – proposed 5.81% - 15% instead of 8% For Statutes – proposed 3.6% instead of 5%.

Require 2/3 super majority for passage of Initiative Petitions, majority for referendum ballot items.

HJR12, HJR7

Effective date of Initiative Petitions for Constitutional Amendments

HJR6

SJR1

Absentee Voting: Add Age 60 and over as reason, or remove reasons **HB202**, **HB209**, **HB368**, **SB59**, **SB171** 

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SB = Senate Bill SJR = Joint Resolution: Constitutional Amendment

SCR = Concurrent Resolution

MO Senate Bills- Last updated January 14, 2019 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session

Topic: Elections (in order by number)

SB5	Sater	0316S.02I – Modifies the initiative	1/9/19 – S First Read
		and referendum process	
		Contains emergency clause	

This would require the Secretary of State to prescribe forms for initiative and referendum petitions' signature pages (also in electronic form). It specifies formatting and that sample initiative sheets be filed no earlier than 12 weeks after a general election. It specifies fees for petition sample sheets. It would allow summary statements of an initiative petition on a ballot to be no more than 150 words. Both the Attorney General and Secretary of State would review each petition for compliance. It would create two new funds: Secretary of State's Petition Publications Fund and Signature Verification Fund.

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SB59	Arthur	0290S.01I Establishes no-excuse	1/9/19 – S First Read
		absentee voting	

This would allow a person to vote absentee for any/no reason at all.

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2018), middle school teacher.

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SB109	Koenig	0432S.01I Modifies the primary	1/9/19 – S First Read
		election process	

This would stipulate voters may only cast a ballot in the primary of the political party with which they're affiliated according to their voter registration. This would require voters to indicate a party affiliation, or mark unaffiliated, when registering to vote. Voters can change this at any time except in primary election years from the last Tuesday in February through the primary election day. Also, any person who files a declaration of candidacy as a party candidate must be affiliated with that party according to their voter registration.

Koenig: Republican, elected 2016. Serves District 015 (St. Louis County). Also, owner of construction company, licensed insurance adjuster. Previously, Missouri House (2009-2016).

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SB113	Eigel	0522S.01I Modifies provisions	1/9/19 – S First Read
		relating to elections	

This would require all electronic voting systems produce results from paper ballots marked by hand or from paper ballots marked by ballot marking devices. Additionally, such system must record electronically only from human readable ballot selections that can be verified by voters. This would phase out all direct recording electronic voting machines. This would allow a local election authority to appoint a team to deliver and witness voting and return of absentee ballots by voters in an apartment building when the authority has received ten or more applications from voters at such building.

Eigel: Republican, elected 2016. Serves District 023 (St. Charles County). Also, small business owner. Previously U.S. Air Force Captain.

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SB143	Cierpiot	0177S.01I Require the joint election	1/9/19 – S First Read
		of the Governor and Lieutenant	
		Governor	

This would require the joint election of candidates to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. There would be no primary election for Lieutenant Governor. A candidate for Governor, qualified by primary election or other means, would choose their running mate. The choice must be certified no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday before the general election. If the candidate fails to do so, they will be deemed to have withdrawn their candidacy. This is contingent upon voter approval of a constitutional amendment.

Cierpiot: Republican, elected 2017. Serves District 008 (Jackson County). Also, AT&T network engineer.

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SB171	Schupp	0905S.01I Establishes no-excuse	1/9/19 – S First Read
		absentee voting	

This would allow a person to vote absentee for any/no reason at all.

Schupp: Democrat, elected 2014. Serves District 024 (St. Louis County). Previously Ladue School Board President, Creve Coeur City Council, Missouri House (2009-2014), public elementary school teacher, small business executive.

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SI	B193	Schupp	0122S.01I Modifies provisions of law	1/9/19 – S First Read
			relating to campaign finance	
			disclosure	

This would require all non-profit organizations exempt from taxation as a 501(c)4 to make disclosures regarding expenditures for the purpose of electioneering activities by means of covered communications made in the previous calendar year. This imposes a 48-house reporting requirement once expenditures or certain contributions exceed \$5,000. The Ethics Commission is required to assess fees on the board of directors of any covered organization for failure to file any report required by this act.

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SB221	Crawford	0346S.04I Modifies various	1/9/19 – S First Read
		provisions relating to elections	

This stipulates that candidates required to file the declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State to pay the fee directly to the respective political party committee. This also stipulates that only costs associated with providing free identification and documents to obtain identification in accordance with the voter identification law (rather than every requirement) shall be reimbursed from the general revenue. This also would allow the Secretary of State to issue and enforce subpoenas when necessary to investigate certain election offenses.

Crawford: Republican, Majority Caucus Whip, elected 2017. Serves District 028 (Benton, Cedar, Dallas, Hickory, Laclede, Pettis, Polk, St. Clair). Previously, Missouri House (2010-2017), O'Bannon Bank.

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SCR1	Walsh	0847S.01I Opposes any statewide	1/14/19 – S Resolutions Calendar
		vote or legislative mandate to	– to be referred
		reorganize the City of St. Louis and	
		St. Louis County	

This Senate Concurrent Resolution opposes any statewide vote or legislative mandate on governmental reorganization for the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. However, this does not take a position on whether the two should consolidate or otherwise change their structure.

Walsh: Democrat, Minority Floor Leader, elected 2012. Serves District 013 (St. Louis County). Also, president Missouri State Building & Construction Trades Council, executive board member Missouri ALF-CIO. Previously, Missouri House (2004-2012), Riverview Fire Protection District director.

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SJR1	Sater	0319S.02I Modifies the initiative	1/9/19 – S First Read
		petition process	

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment requires initiative petitions for Constitutional Amendments to be signed by 15% of legal voters (instead of 8%) in each Congressional district. This requires the initiatives to receive a two-thirds majority approval (instead of majority) prior to taking effect.

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SJR7	Cierpiot	0173S.01I Modifies signature	1/9/19 – S First Read
		gathering requirements for initiative	
		petitions	

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment would require initiative petitions to amend the Constitution to be signed by 5.8% (instead of 8%) of legal voters in each Congressional district and initiative petitions to amend statute be signed by 3.6% (instead of 5%) of such voters.

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SJR8	Cierpiot	0175S.01I Requires the joint election	1/9/19 – S First Read
		of the Governor and Lt. Governor	

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment would require the joint election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor beginning in 2024.

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SJR9	Cierpiot	0174S.01I Imposes term limitations	1/9/19 – S First Read
		on every elected office	

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment would prohibit any person from being elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State or Auditor more than twice beginning with the 2020 elections for the first three positions, and 2022 for Auditor.

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SJR11	Burlison	0585S.01I Modifies the initiative	1/9/19 – S First Read
		petition process	

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment would require initiative petitions to be signed by 8% of voters in each Congressional district (as opposed to two-thirds). This would also require initiatives to receive a two-thirds majority approval (as opposed to majority).

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SJR12	Eigel	0548S.01I Modifies voter turnout	1/9/19 – S First Read
		thresholds for tax increase elections	

Upon voter approval, this would provide that any proposal by state, county, municipality, or other political subdivision for a new tax or fee or and increase in an existing tax or fee that is submitted to voter approval not be effective unless it receives a qualified majority in favor and at least 50% of qualified voters cast a ballot in the election.

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