



Public Policy

January 08, 2026

Key Dates - 2026

- MO Legislative Session
 - January 7 - First Day
 - March 13 to 23 - Spring Break
 - May 15 - Last Day
 - September 16 - Veto Session
- MO Elections
 - April 7 - General Municipal Elections
 - August 4 - Primary Elections
 - November 3 - General Elections

Ballot Measures 2026

MO Amendment 1

- One-tenth of one percent sales/use tax
- Use monies for soil and water conservation and state parks and historic sites
- Resubmit tax to voters for approval in 10yrs
- Allows continued collection of existing sales/use tax
- Generates approximately \$140 million annually

MO Amendment 2

- Require all charter counties, including Jackson County, to provide for the election of a county assessor; and ,
- Require assessors in all charter counties to comply with any training requirements established by general law

Ballot Measures 2026

MO Amendment 3

- Repeal 2024 voter-approved Amendment providing reproductive healthcare rights, including abortion through Fetal viability
- Allow abortions for rape/incest (under 12-week gestation), emergencies and fetal anomalies
- Allow legislation regulating abortion
- Ensure parental consent for minors' abortions
- Prohibit gender transition procedures for minors

MO Amendment 4

- Stop foreign nationals & foreign adversaries of the US from providing funding to influence ballot measure elections, & allow criminal prosecution of violators
- Punish initiative petition signature fraud as a crime
- Require public hearings be held to get public comment before IP are placed on ballot
- Require majority of voters in each congressional district to approve IP to amend the constitution
- Make available to each voter the full text of IP with their ballot

HR 1 - Redistricting

- 305,968 petition signatures submitted by People Not Politicians
- Implementation of HB 1 is on pause until final court hearings
- Status on Lawsuits
 - Lucas v Hoskins: Ruled in favor of Hoskins –Appealed to MO Supreme Court
 - NAACP v MO: Awaiting ruling
 - PNP v Hoskins: Awaiting ruling – Hoskins has submitted post 10/14 signatures for verification

Take aways: Will not need ruling if enough verified signatures post 10/14

Last day for candidate filing is July 28

What we know so far for 2026 MO Legislative Session:

- 2,000+ bills have been pre-filed
- ~50 pre-filed bills relate to Elections, Initiative Petitions and Petition Circulators
- 2 bills focus on moving to all paper ballots and hand counting votes
- 1 bill would require petition circulators to register as lobbyists
- Major focus on taxes and funding

Sources for Tracking Legislative Bills

SOURCE	URL
MO House	https://house.mo.gov/LegislationSP.aspx
MO Senate	https://www.senate.mo.gov/BTSSearch/default
League of Women Voters	Weekly Newsletter
MO Voter Protection Coalition	bit.ly/movotingbills
LegiScan	https://legiscan.com
FastDemocracy	https://fastdemocracy.com

Voter Rights

- USPS changes on postmark process
 - Postmark now when goes through sorter – not at local post office
 - Voter registration is aligned with postmark – this could be days after enters local post office
 - Does not impact absentee ballot
- Voter Registration in MO
 - Pending at MO Supreme Court
 - Removes ability of organizations to have paid staff doing voter registration
 - Specifies must be a registered MO voter to do voter registration
- Voter ID requirements in MO
 - Pending at MO Supreme Court