

A photograph of a group of people in a meeting or workshop. Several hands are raised in the air, suggesting an interactive session or a vote. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the hands in the foreground. The background shows people sitting and talking, but they are out of focus. The overall tone is professional and collaborative.

# 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

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## 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	<a href="https://house.mo.gov/LegislationSP.aspx">https://house.mo.gov/LegislationSP.aspx</a>
MO Senate	<a href="https://www.senate.mo.gov/BTSSearch/default">https://www.senate.mo.gov/BTSSearch/default</a>
League of Women Voters	Weekly Newsletter
MO Voter Protection Coalition	<a href="https://bit.ly/movotingbills">bit.ly/movotingbills</a>
LegiScan	<a href="https://legiscan.com">https://legiscan.com</a>
FastDemocracy	<a href="https://fastdemocracy.com">https://fastdemocracy.com</a>

# 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