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## Voters Guide: August 5th Primary Ballot Issues

### Questions to Appear Before Voters Statewide

*The measures, all constitutional amendments referred to the ballot by the General Assembly, will take effect if a majority of voters approve.*

**Constitutional Amendment 1 (HJR 11 & 7) - Right to Farm**

**Constitutional Amendment 5 (SJR 36) - Right to keep and bear arms**

**Constitutional Amendment 7 (HJR 68) - Temporary sales tax for transportation**

**Constitutional Amendment 8 (HJR 48) - Veterans Lottery Ticket**

**Constitutional Amendment 9 (SJR 27) - Electronic Data Protection**

**The Missouri Constitution empowers the General Assembly to refer proposed constitutional amendments and general laws to voters.**

**See p. 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8 for Ballot wording, "Fair Ballot Language" from the Secretary of State and Pros/Cons of the issues.**

**Voter Guides** - available online at [www.lwvstl.org/elections](http://www.lwvstl.org/elections) & the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: [www.stltoday.com](http://www.stltoday.com).

Printed copies available late July at area libraries, community centers, businesses and Schnucks throughout the St. Louis area.

### PRIMARY ELECTION

*When you register to vote in Missouri, you do not state your preference of a political party. This is the time when candidates in the same political party vie to be the party candidate in the general election. At a primary voters may choose a political party ballot or a non-partisan ballot that contains only the ballot issue(s).*

### August 5, 2014 Primary Election

\*\*Saturday absentee voting times vary.

Check the websites:

St. Louis: <http://www.stlelections.com/> St. Louis Co.: <http://www.stlouisco.com/elections>

**June 24** - \*\*Absentee opens for the August 5th Primary Election. See 115.279(3)

**July 9** - Last day to register for the August 5th Primary Election. See 115.135(1)

**July 25** - Last day to file as a write-in candidate for the August 5th Primary Election. Write-in candidates must file at the elections boards by 5 pm. See 115.453 (4)

**July 30** - Last day (5:00 p.m.) absentee applications will be accepted through the mail or in person from a guardian or relative of the applicant for the August 5th Primary Election. See 115.279(3)

**Aug. 2** - \*\*Office open (times optional) for absentee voting in the August 5th Primary Election.

**Aug. 4** - Last day (5:00 p.m.) for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Election Board office

**Aug. 5** - ELECTION DAY, Polls open 6 am-7 pm

### CANDIDATES FORUM - ST. LOUIS COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Wednesday, July 16: 7pm - Moderated by the LWVSTL.**

St. Louis County Executive  
Florissant Valley Community College Student Center  
3400 Pershall Rd. Ferguson, MO 63135

**Sponsor:** St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley.

The public will have the opportunity to learn more about the St. Louis County Executive candidates by hearing them speak and answer questions in a public forum. All candidates have been invited. In ballot order, they are: Charlie A. Dooley (Dem.), Steve Stenger (Dem.), Ronald E. Levy (Dem.), Tony Pousosa (Rep.), Rick Stream (Rep.), Theo (Ted) Brown, Sr. (Lib.), and Joe Passanise (Con.)

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From the Presidents...

## It's Summertime, but the League is Busy!

It seemed like the April 8<sup>th</sup> 26 page Voters Guide had just been distributed to over 100 locations, when work on the August 5<sup>th</sup> primary guide began.

Five statewide ballot issues wound their way out of the legislature and the Secretary of State's office to our researchers' desks. These are interesting issues: freedom to ranch or farm without "state infringement", a Veterans Lottery Ticket to fund veteran services, the protection of individuals' electronic communications and data from "unreasonable searches and seizures", protection of the right to bear arms, and the transportation sales tax.

There are 324 candidates in the six counties and St. Louis City we are covering along with approximately 40 local ballot issues to add to the statewide propositions in the Guide. In addition, candidate forums are shaping up, we are launching the City/County study, developing materials for the Speakers' Bureau and working on next year's agenda. We hope to work in some vacation time for our volunteers before summer's end.

We were inspired by the work done by Leagues around the country when we were at the national convention. The New Jersey League was asked by the Secretary of State there to set up polling places in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, with the election occurring just one week after that terrible storm. Legal battles were waged by Florida, Texas, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and others.

We shared our Missouri victories with our fellow Leaguers in Dallas. Voters' rights were protected once again this legislative session when the Photo Voter I.D. provision was dropped at the last minute from the Early Voting bill. It looks like there may be two Early Voting ballot propositions on the November 2014 ballot – one passed by the legislature that calls for a one-week early voting period and one more comprehensive early voting proposal brought by citizen initiative. We are waiting for the Secretary of State's office to certify the signatures on the citizen petition. We will keep you posted on these important issues.

Encourage all eligible voters you know to go to the polls on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Linda C. McDaniel Kathleen Farrell**  
Co-Presidents

## St. Louis Leaguers Attend LWVUS National Convention in Dallas

The League of Women Voters of the United States met in Dallas June 6-10 to celebrate the organization's victories on voting rights and election reforms, and to set priorities for 2014-2016. Seven delegates from St. Louis participated in workshops, caucuses and plenary sessions from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Our League gave advice to other Leagues about producing a successful Voters Guide, working with the local media, and running candidate forums. We learned about campaign finance reform, redistricting, climate change, the Affordable Care Act, and other important issues.

The delegates embraced the League's 2013 Power the Vote initiative for their election work and set the LWVUS program priorities for the next two years, adopting a three-part program focusing on key structures of American democracy, including campaign finance reform, the constitutional amendment process, and redistricting reform for the U.S. Congress. The League also adopted a position on human trafficking enabling state and local Leagues across the country to take action protecting victims of such crimes. President Elisabeth MacNamara concluded: "League delegates are deeply concerned about the big money that is polluting our elections," said MacNamara. "At Convention, we came together and pledged to educate our communities and fight in our legislatures to protect our democracy."

Convention speakers included Houston Mayor Annise Parker, NPR's Wade Goodwyn, Steven Murdock of Rice University, *Governing Magazine's* Peter Harkness, Former U.S. Election Assistance Commissioner Ray Martinez, Ann McGeehan, the former Director of the Texas Elections Division, Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, Peter Levine of CIRCLE and Patrick Bresette of Public Works. All of the speakers commended the League for our work on behalf of communities and voters throughout the country and urged the League to move forward on critical issues of the day including money in politics, voter protection and environmental issues.

Delegates returned to St. Louis even more committed to the work we are doing to make democracy work.

## Update on Health Care Reform in Missouri

There is more health care reform ahead. Although, the Missouri Legislature did not pass Medicaid Expansion in the 2014 session, efforts will continue. Changes were made to the Medicaid system that will include better Oral and Mental Health coverage. Other changes would be expected if the additional 250,000 -300,000 persons eligible received health care coverage through Medicaid in 2015.

The good news for Missourians has been enrollment through the Insurance Marketplace. The goal set for Missouri by the Dept. of Health and Human Services was met at 129%. The total number of Missouri enrollees was 152,335 in the first open enrollment period, in spite of a challenging start with technical issues.

There will be another open enrollment period in the fall. Certain exceptions for enrollment are made in the interim. Any follow-up, lingering questions and application corrections can be addressed through Legal Aid of Eastern Missouri (low-income assistance), Navigators and Certified Application Counselors (CACs).

The Cover Missouri Coalition has set a goal of reducing the uninsured population to 5% within 5 years. This would be accomplished with a combined enrollment through the Insurance Marketplace and Medicaid Expansion. - **Dianne Modrell, Health Care Committee Chair**

**U.S. Senate no election in Missouri In 2014**

**State Auditor - only statewide office 4-year term**

**Democratic**

No candidate filed

**Republican**

Tom Schweich - St. Louis 63105

**Libertarian**

Sean O'Toole - KC 64123

**Constitution**

Rodney Farthing -Salem 65560

**Constitutional Amendment 1 Fair Ballot Language**

A "yes" vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to guarantee the rights of Missourians to engage in farming and ranching practices, subject to any power given to local government under Article VI of the Missouri Constitution. A "no" vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding farming and ranching. **If passed**, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

**Proposition 1 The Missouri Right-to-Farm Amendment**

In 2010, Missouri passed Proposition B, a voter-approved initiative petition that limited the number of breeding dogs a business can own. It also set new requirements for cage space, feeding and veterinary care.

**Those opposed to Proposition B** began working for Constitutional Amendment 1 shortly after B's passage.

*Voters must decide whether the state constitution should be amended to include "farmers' rights" by voting on the following ballot issue:*

**Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to ensure that the right of Missouri citizens to engage in agricultural production and ranching practices shall not be infringed?"**

**The potential costs** or savings to governmental entities are unknown, but likely limited unless the resolution leads to increased litigation costs and/or the loss of federal funding. If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes. **If passed**, the rights of Missourians to engage in farming and ranching practices would be guaranteed, subject to any power given to local government under Article VI of the Missouri Constitution.

**U.S. Representatives 2 - Year Terms**

**Dist. 1**

**Democratic**

Lacy Clay - St. Louis 63112

**Republican**

Martin D. Baker -St. Louis 63118

Daniel J. Elder - St. Louis 63104

David Koehr - St. Louis 63109

**Libertarian**

Robb E. Cunningham -St. Ann 63074

**Dist. 2**

**Democratic**

Arthur Lieber -St. Louis 63141

**Republican**

Ann Wagner - Ballwin 63011

**Libertarian**

Bill Slantz - St. Charles 63303

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**Proponents** say that farmers need to be protected from outside interest groups who threaten to regulate farming and ranching. They want to protect Missouri farmers from "environmental extremists." They also say that Missouri farmers and ranchers are knowledgeable in their practices and do not want or need additional regulations. They say that this amendment was worded in a general way to encompass all possible practices. If litigation should arise, a judge and jury would be able to make a fair and just decision depending on the circumstances. The amendment will save jobs, protect family farms from out-of state animal-rights groups and protect small and family farmers who do not have the resources to mount legal challenges or relocate their farms like corporations can.

**Opponents** say that this amendment is vague and could favor corporate over Missouri family farms. It is the Tysons and industrial pork producers who would benefit from the amendment. It is unclear what "farming and ranching practices are referred to". It may allow environmental damage because it would decrease regulation. State regulators would have more difficulty controlling super-food poisoning bugs created as a result of feeding antibiotics to livestock, large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, and pet breeding facilities. Missouri's streams and rivers could be further polluted because of manure run-off. The amendment could also result in high litigation costs for the state of Missouri.

**St. Louis Co.**

4-Year terms

**Executive**

**Democratic**

CHARLIE A. DOOLEY - 63121

STEVE STENGER - 63123

RONALD E. LEVY - 63123

**Republican**

TONY POUSOSA - 63123

RICK STREAM - 63122

**Libertarian**

THEO "TED" BROWN Sr. - 63137

**Constitution**

JOE PASSANISE 63141

**Prosecuting Attorney**

**Democratic**

ROBERT P. MCCULLOCH 63122

LESLIE T. BROADNAX 63137

**Republican** NO CANDIDATE FILED

**County Assessor**

**Democratic**

JAKE ZIMMERMAN - 63132

**Republican**

ANDREW OSTROWSKI - M. HTS 63043

JALESIA (JASHA) MCQUEEN 63141

**2nd County Council District - Special Election to fill unexpired term through Dec. 2016**

**Democratic**

SAM PAGE - 63141

**Republican**

ROBERT R. (BOB) SAETTELE-Bridgeton 63044

**Council- Odd-Numbered districts**

**1st District**

**Democratic**

WESLEY BELL 63135

HAZEL M. ERBY 63132

ALEXANDER JONES JR. 63136

**Republican** NO CANDIDATE FILED

**3rd District**

**Democratic** - NO CANDIDATE FILED

**Republican**

COLLEEN WASINGER 63131

**5th District**

**Democratic**

PAT DOLAN 63117

**Republican**

JENNIFER BIRD 63126

**7th District**

**Democratic**

STEVE E. BIGGS - Eureka 63025

**Republican**

WALTER S. YOUNG - Ballwin 63021

MARK A. HARDER - Ballwin 63011

ADAM PAUL - Ellisville 63021

# August 2014 State Senate & Representative Races

## State Senate

4-year terms

Even numbered districts

### Dist. 4 - StL City & Co.

**Democratic**

Joseph (Joe) Keaveny - StL 63130

Bonnie Lynn Green - StL 63115

**Republican** - Courtney Blunt -

StL 63116

### Dist. 14 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal 63130

**Republican** - No candidate filed

### Dist. 24 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Jill Schupp - StL 63141

**Republican**

Robb Hicks - StL 63146

Jack Spooner - StL 63141

John R. Ashcroft - StL 63146

**Libertarian**

Jim Higgins - StL 63146

### Dist. 26 StL Co. & Franklin Co.

**Democratic**

Lloyd Klinedinst - Villa Ridge 63089

**Republican**

Dave Schatz - Sullivan 63080

## State Representatives

2-year terms

### Dist. 67 - StL CO. Special

Election to fill vacancy

**Democratic**

Alan Green - Flo. 63033

**Republican**

Dwayne A Strickland - Flo. 63034

**Libertarian**

Jeff Coleman - Flo. 63034

**Independent**

Tony Weaver - Flo. 63033

### Dist. 66 - StL City & Co.

**Democratic**

Tommie Pierson - StL 63137

**Republican**

John Saxton - StL 63137

### Dist. 67 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Alan Green - Flo. 63033

Sylvester Taylor II - Florissant 63303

Larry Davis Jr. - Flo. 63034

Tony Weaver - Flo. 63033

**Republican**

Dwayne A Strickland - Flo. 63034

**Libertarian**

Jeff Coleman - Flo. 63034

### Dist. 68 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Keith English - Flo. 63031

**Republican**

Rekha (Becky) Sharma - Flo. 63033

### Dist. 69 StL Co.

**Democrat**

Margo McNeil - Flo. 63031

**Republican**

John Vahey - Flo. 63031

### Dist. 70 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Bill Otto - M. Hts. 63043

**Republican**

Joe Corica - M. Hts. 63043

### Dist. 71 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Sue Meredith - StL 63146

**Republican**

Jim Cain - StL 63146

### Dist. 72 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Mary Nichols - M. Hts. 63043

**Republican**

Paul Berry - M. Hts. 63043

### Dist. 73 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Courtney Allen Curtis - StL 63134

**Republican**

no candidate filed

### Dist. 74 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Sharon L. Pace - StL 63121

Don Houston - Flo. 63033

**Republican**

no candidate filed

### Dist. 75 - StL Co.

**Democratic**

Rochelle Walton Gray - Flo. 63033

**Republican** -no candidate filed

### Dist. 76 StL

**Democratic**

Chris Carter - StL 63136

Joshua Peters - StL 63115

**Republican** - no candidate filed

### Dist. 77 - StL

**Democratic**

Bill Haas - StL 63108

Kimberly M Gardner - StL 63115

**Republican** -no candidate filed

### Dist. 78 - StL

**Democratic**

Penny V. Hubbard - StL 63106

**Republican**

John Hubb - StL 63104

### Dist. 79 - StL

**Democratic**

Michael Butler - StL 63110

**Republican** -

Robert Vroman - StL 63103

### Dist. 80 - StL

**Democratic**

Mike Colona - STL 63116

**Republican**

Michael Huett - St. Louis 63116

### Dist. 81 - StL

**Democratic**

Jacob W. Hummel - STL 63116

**Libertarian**

Lisa Schaper - StL 63111

### Dist. 82 - StL

**Democratic**

Michele Kratky - STL 63109

**Republican**

Jake Koehr- STL 63109

### Dist. 83 - StL & Co.

**Democratic**

Gina Mitten - StL 63117

**Republican**

Jeremy Buckingham- StL 63119

**Libertarian**

Andrew Bolin - StL 63144



**Dist. 84 - StL****Democratic**

Karla May - StL 63115

**Republican** -No candidate filed**Dist. 85 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Clem Smith-StL 63121

**Republican** -No candidate filed**Dist. 86 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Fareedah S. Sidqui - StL 63130

Joe Adams - StL63130

Dawn Price - StL63130

Mary Ann Merz - StL 63130

**Republican** - No candidate filed**Dist. 87 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Stacey Newman- StL 63117

**Republican** - No candidate filed**Dist. 88 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Tracy McCreery- StL - 63132

**Republican**

Raymond Chandler - StL 63141

**Dist. 89 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Al Gerber - StL 63131

**Republican**

John J. Diehl, Jr. - StL 63131

**Dist. 90 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Deb Lavender - StL 63122

**Republican**

Gina Jaksetic - StL 63122

**Dist. 91 - StL & StL Co.****Democratic**

Jeanne Kirkton - StL 63119

**Republican**

Michael Peters - StL 63126

**Dist. 92 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Genise Montecillo - STL 63123

**Republican**

Al Faulstich -STL 63128

**Dist. 93 -STL & Co.****Democratic**

Bob Burns - StL 63123

**Republican**

Garrett Mees - StL 63125

**Dist. 94 - StL CO.****Democratic**

Vicki Lorenz Englund - StL 63123

**Republican**

Cloria Brown - STL 63125

**Dist. 95 - StL Co.****Democratic**

No candidate filed

**Republican**

Marsha Haefner - StL 63129

**Dist. 96 - StL Co.****Democratic** - No candidate filed**Republican**

Mike Leara - StL 63128

**Constitution**

Cynthia (Cindy) Redburn StL 63128

**Dist. 97 -StL Co. & Jefferson Co.****Democratic**

Tom Dohack -Arnold 63010

**Republican**

John McCaherty - High Ridge 63049

**Dist. 98 - StL Co. & Jeff. Co.****Democratic** - No candidate filed**Republican**

Carol Veillette - Fenton 63026

Shamed Dogan - Ballwin 63021

Rea Scharnhorst - High Ridge 63049

**Dist. 99 - StL Co.****Democratic**

William H. (Bill) Pinkston -

Manchester 63011

**Republican**

Andrew Koenig - Manchester 63021

**Dist. 100 - StL Co.****Democratic** - No candidate filed**Republican**

Sue Allen - Chesterfield 63017

**Dist. 101 - StL Co.****Democratic**

Candace Farmer - Ballwin 63011

**Republican**

Don Gosen - Chesterfield 63017

**Dist. 110 - StL Co. & Franklin Co.****Democratic**

Christine Alt - Labadie 63055

(removed from ballot)

**Republican**

Kirk Mathews - Pacific 63069

**Constitutional Amendment 8  
Fair Ballot Language**

A "yes" vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to create a "Veterans Lottery Ticket." This amendment further provides that the revenue from the sale of these tickets will be used for projects and services related to veterans.

A "no" vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution to create a "Veterans Lottery Ticket."

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes

**Proposition 8 Veterans Lottery Ticket Amendment**

Veterans issues have been put to Missouri voters in the past. Most recently, a 2010 legislatively referred constitutional amendment passed which provided a property tax exemption for disabled prisoners of war. Lottery funds exclusively for veterans have never been considered by Missouri voters until now. Voters must decide whether a "Veterans Lottery Ticket" can be created and the funds raised from the sale of those tickets can be used for projects and services related to veterans by voting on the following ballot measure:

***"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to create a "Veterans Lottery Ticket" and to use the revenue from the sale of these tickets for projects and services related to veterans?"***

*The annual cost or savings to state and local governmental entities is unknown, but likely minimal. If sales of a veterans lottery ticket game decrease existing lottery ticket sales, the profits of which fund education, there could be a small annual shift in funding from education to veterans programs. (Cont. on p. 8)*

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Agnes Garino, Editor

## St. Louis County Elections - August 5

Issues all require simple majority, unless otherwise indicated

### Municipalities

**Bel Ridge** - special runoff election - 2 yr. term  
Trustee - Marilyn A. Martin 63121  
Shannon Phillips 63121

**Hazelwood - Prop. U** - residential utility tax not to exceed 7%

**Prop. S** - ¼ cent sales tax for Fire Dept. operations

**Jennings - Prop. R** to join the Riverview Fire Protection Dist.

**Olivette - Prop. E - 4/7 required** GOB \$13.5 mi. for municipal services facility, including new police, fire and city hall.

**Velda Village Hills - Prop. 1** - \$200 semi-annual fee for housing codes violation for residential structure vacant for six months or more.

**Warson Woods - Prop. 1** - ½ cent sales tax for storm water control & parks.

### School District

**Ferguson R-2 - Prop. S** - increase in operating levy by 50 cents to \$5.24/\$100 AV for operations, maintenance, transportation, educational programs, teachers' salaries, etc.

### Fire Protection Districts

**Florissant Valley - Prop. B - 4/7 required.** \$7.165 mi. GOB for purchasing property, equipping, maintaining fire stations, ambulances, fire fighting apparatus and fire protection.

**Prop. E** - for up to a 40 cent/\$100 AV additional tax for support of the district.

**Maryland Hts. Prop. B - 4/7 required.** \$19 mi. GOB - for purchasing property, construction and renovation of fire stations, equipping and maintaining fire stations, purchasing and equipping ambulances, apparatus and equipment.

**Pattonville - Prop. E** - up to 45 cents/\$100 AV for ambulance service.

**Robertson - Prop. F** - up to 50 cents/\$100 AV for support of the district, including emergency medical and fire services.

The LWVMO has taken positions on Amendments 1, 5 and 7. Please contact the League office at 961-6869 or check out the website: [www.lwvmissouri.org](http://www.lwvmissouri.org) for further information.



## St. Louis City Candidates

### Collector of Revenue

**Democrat**

Gregory F.X. Daly

### License Collector

**Democrat**

Mavis "Tessa" Thompson

Jeffrey L. Boyd

Francis J. Horton

**Green**

Don De Vivo

### Recorder of Deeds

**Democrat**

Jimmie Mathews

Sharon Quigley Carpenter

Edward McFowland

**Republican**

Erik S. Shelquist

## St. Louis City PROPOSITIONS

**YES - FOR THE PROPOSITION**

**NO - AGAINST THE PROPOSITION**

### Waterman/Lake Special Business District

\$.85/\$100AV property tax for 2015 - 2024 as defined in Ordinance 63479.

### Washington Place Special Business District

\$.85/\$100AV property tax for 2015 - 2024 as defined in Ordinance 63483.

### Westminster/Lake Special Business District

\$.85/\$100AV property tax for 2015 - 2024 as defined in Ordinance 63481.

### Constitutional Amendment 9 *Fair Ballot Language*

A "yes" vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to specify that electronic data and communications have the same protections from unreasonable searches and seizures as persons, papers, homes, and effects.

A "no" vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding protections for electronic communications and data.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

### Proposition 9 Missouri Electronic Data Protection Amendment

Since the high-profile disclosure of classified National Security Agency (NSA) by Edward Snowden, Americans have been concerned about electronic privacy. Snowden's disclosure revealed the existence of global surveillance programs and prompted criticism for violating rights to privacy of U.S. citizens and the international community.

Missouri is not the only state government to act on privacy concerns in 2014. At least 20 states were involved in legislative action concerning electronic privacy.

*Voters are being asked to decide whether Missouri should enact further protections by voting on the following measure:*

**"Shall Missouri law be amended so that the people shall be secure in their electronic communications and data from unreasonable searches and seizures as they are now likewise secure in their persons, homes, papers and effects?"** (Cont. on p. 8)

**Constitutional Amendment 5 Fair Ballot Language**

A **"yes"** vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to expand the right to keep and bear arms to include ammunition and related accessories for such arms. This amendment also removes the language that states the right to keep and bear arms does not justify the wearing of concealed weapons. This amendment does not prevent the legislature from limiting the rights of certain felons and certain individuals adjudicated as having a mental disorder.

A **"no"** vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding arms, ammunition, and accessories for such arms.

**If passed**, the measure will have no impact on taxes.

**Proposition 5 Right to Bear Arms Amendment**

In 1999, Missouri voters reject Proposition B, which would have authorized law enforcement to issue concealed weapons permits, but in 2003, the legislature enacted a law similar to what Proposition B would have allowed. In 2011, the legislature passed legislation to lower the concealed gun age from 23 to 21. In 2014, the Missouri Senate introduced Bill 613, which sought to nullify federal gun control laws, despite courts ruling against such attempts before. The legislature finally passed this amendment.

*Voters must decide whether Missouri would establish an unalienable right of citizens to keep and bear arms by voting on the following ballot measure:*

**"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to; Include a declaration that the right to keep and bear arms is an unalienable right and that the state government is obligated to uphold that right?"**

State and local governmental entities should have no direct costs or savings from this proposal. However, the proposal's passage will likely lead to increased litigation and criminal justice related costs. The total potential costs are unknown, but could be significant.

**If passed**, the amendment would expand the right to keep and bear arms to include ammunition and related accessories for such arms. This amendment also removes the language that states the right to keep and bear arms does not justify the wearing of concealed weapons. The amendment does not prevent the legislature from limiting the rights of certain felons and certain individuals adjudicated as having a mental disorder.

**Proponents** say that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right and has been so since the founding of this country. Even though the Missouri Constitution already provides protections for the right to bear arms in defense of one's home, property and person, the amendment "would force courts to use a higher standard of review when considering constitutionality of gun controls."

**Opponents** say that this amendment will make it more difficult to reduce gun violence and enact local and state common-sense laws to reduce it. The repeal of the state's handgun purchaser licensing law has resulted in more murders. They also argue that a current constitutional provision allowing restrictions on concealed guns would be repealed.

**Constitutional Amendment 7 Fair Ballot Language**

A **"yes"** vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to increase funding for state, county, and municipal street, road, bridge, highway, and public transportation initiatives by increasing the state sales/use tax by three-quarters of one percent for 10 years. This amendment further prohibits a change in gasoline taxes and prohibits toll roads or bridges. This amendment also requires these measures to be re-approved by voters every 10 years.

A **"no"** vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution to increase funding for state, county, and municipal street, road, bridge, highway, and public transportation initiatives.

**If passed**, this measure will increase the state sales/use tax.

**Proposition 7 Missouri Temporary Sales Tax for Transportation Amendment**

The state of Missouri has had responsibility for roads in the state; even before it was a state, those responsibilities have evolved over the years. At first each individual county was responsible for its roads. In 1921 the focus and responsibility for roads fell to the state. In 1956 Missouri was the first state to begin construction of the interstate highway system.

Constitutional Amendment 7 has been put before the voters by the Missouri General Assembly.

*Voters must decide if the state Constitution should be amended to increase the sales tax  $\frac{3}{4}$  ¢ for the next ten years:*

**"Should the Missouri Constitution be changed to enact a temporary sales tax of three-quarters of one percent to used solely to fund state and local highways, roads, bridges and transportation projects for ten years, with priority given to repairing unsafe roads and bridges?"**

This change is expected to produce \$480 million annually to the state's Transportation Safety and Job Creation Fund and \$54 million for local governments. Increases in the gas tax will be prohibited. This revenue shall only be used for transportation purposes and cannot be diverted for other uses.

**If passed** the state sales tax will go from 4.225 cents to 4.975 cents or 8 cents for each \$10.00 purchase. The tax will not be on groceries, medications, gasoline and other items now exempt from the sales tax. The amendment prohibits toll roads.

**Proponents** say that roads bridges are in poor condition and need repair. The revenue from the gasoline tax is declining due to the increase in fuel-efficient and hybrid cars on the road and is not enough for the repair and construction needed. The measure will increase jobs and the economy of the state. It will increase safety and save lives.

The website for **Missourians for Safe Transportation and New Jobs**, which **supports** the tax referendum, is at: [fixmoroads.com](http://fixmoroads.com).

**Opponents** say that the tax is regressive and unfair. It will be a hardship for low-income, students, young people, working families and the elderly with limited income. They also say that this tax increase is inconsistent with the legislature's 2014 tax cuts. The trucking industry is exempt from the tax yet it causes the greatest damage to the roads.

The website for **Missourians for Better Transportation Solutions**, which **opposes** to tax referendum, is at: [votenoamendment7.com](http://votenoamendment7.com).



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**Proposition 8 Veterans Lottery Ticket Amendment**  
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If **passed**, the Missouri Constitution would be amended to create a "Veterans Lottery Ticket." The revenue raised from the sale of tickets will be used for Missouri veterans' services and projects. There will be no impact on taxes.

**Proponents** say that the lottery would help fund the state's seven veterans homes, which have 1,800 on the waiting list. They point out that Kansas, Iowa, and Illinois have veterans' lotteries and have raised millions annually.

**Opponents** say that they are concerned that this new lottery will take away ticket sales from the Education Lottery. They also say that special lotteries allow the state legislature to lower appropriations.

**Proposition 9 Missouri Electronic Data Protection Amendment**  
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State and local government governmental entities expect no significant costs or savings. If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

**Proponents** say that the amendment is a logical extension of existing protections from unwarranted searches and seizures. They are concerned that electronic data should be protected as well. They are concerned about increasing tracking of cell phones and other private electronic data unless there is evidence of criminal activity.

**Opponents** say that this amendment might have unintended consequences and might make it more difficult for law enforcement to investigate cyber crimes. They also say that state actions are limited without federal action on this issue.

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