

# State Senator Robert Mayer The Mayer Memo

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## Few Vetoes On Tap for Veto Session

JEFFERSON CITY — Missouri lawmakers return to the Capitol on September 10 for the annual Veto Session. This year the governor vetoed three bills that originated in the Senate and one that originated in the House. A two-thirds majority of both chambers will be required to override any of the governor's four vetoes. That does not happen very often, and I don't anticipate legislators will overturn any of the governor's vetoes.

The three Senate bills rejected by the governor include [SB 873](#), which would have provided for a voting student curator on the University of Missouri Board of Curators, *if* Missouri loses a congressional district based on the 2010 census. [Senate Bill 1061](#) would have required county coroners and their assistants to register with the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association, and [SB 1190](#) would have authorized the division of professional registration to reduce license fees by emergency rule under certain circumstances. The governor also vetoed [House Bill 1689](#), which would have transferred the Governor's Council on Disability from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Office of Administration. It also would have provided all legislators with a key to access the Capitol dome. In addition, the governor vetoed five line items in various budget bills that are also not expected to be overturned.

A simple majority of both chambers was required to initially pass the bills. As you might imagine, a two-thirds majority in both the Senate and House is more difficult to obtain.

Most of the bills passed by the legislature and signed by the governor became effective on August 28<sup>th</sup>, including several measures I sponsored dealing with copper theft ([SB 1034](#)), expanding loan opportunities through the state's student loan organization ([SB 967](#)), helping Missouri schools rebuild following a catastrophic event ([SB 1170](#)), and allowing stretches of highways to be named after law enforcement or military persons ([SB 753](#)).

In addition, I co-sponsored or lent support to a number of other measures (some of which were incorporated into House bills), including: property tax reforms ([SB 711](#)); fighting illegal immigration activity ([HB 1549](#)); increasing pay for our county sheriff department personnel across the state ([HB 2224](#)); strengthening meth laws ([SB 724](#)); more protections for Missouri children against sexual predators ([SB 714](#)); and allowing individuals interested in teaching an opportunity to bring their life and work experience to the classroom through a teacher certification program from the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence ([SB 1066](#)).

Working in partnership with Missourians to create laws to benefit the lives of our state's citizens is a wonderful part of our political process each year. I am especially pleased with the General Assembly's new slate of laws now in effect.

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