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Exercise Your Right to Vote

You cannot turn on the news without hearing about the upcoming mid-term election this November and the many exciting political races in Missouri. With Missouri's U.S. Senate seat and the Missouri Auditor up for election, as well as, County Officials and State Representative elections on the ballot, voters will have plenty to decide.

The right to vote in a free and fair election is the most fundamental element of a democratic-republic. Without it, officials are not accountable to the public, and if they are not accountable, there is no guarantee that our rights are protected. This is why it is important to take the time this year to cast your vote and make your voice heard.

If you are unsure whether you are a

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registered voter, the Secretary of State's office provides a voter information lookup service online at https://mcvr.mo.gov/voterlookup/ or you can call your local election authority listed below:

Bollinger
Diane H. Holzum
County Clerk
PO Box 110
204 E. High St.
Marble Hill, MO 63764
(573) 238-1900 x-5

Perry
Randy Taylor
County Clerk
321 N. Main, Ste. 2
Perryville, MO 63775
(573) 547-4242
Website

Mississippi
Hubert DeLay, Jr.
County Clerk
200 N. Main St.
PO Box 369
Charleston, MO 63834
(573) 683-2146 x-6
Website

Madison
Donal Firebaugh
County Clerk
1 Courthouse Square
Fredericktown, MO
63645
(573) 783-2176

Cape Girardeau
Kara Clark
County Clerk
1 Barton Square
Suite 301
Jackson, MO 63755
(573) 243-3547
Website

Scott Rita Milam County Clerk 131 S. Winchester PO Box 188 Benton, MO 63736 (573) 545-3549

If you are not registered to vote, the last day to register to vote for this general election is Oct. 6th and it only takes a few minutes of your day to make sure your voice is heard. In order to register in this state, you must be 18 years old by Election Day, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Missouri. There are several options you have to register to vote including:

- Filling out the <u>Missouri Voter Registration Application</u>. When you have completed the application, you can mail it to your local election authority (provided above).
- Visiting the office of the local election authority (provided above). Here, you will need to provide information such as your name, address, and date of birth in order to register.
- Requesting that a <u>post-card voter registration request application</u> be sent to you. Once this form is completed, a voter registration application will be mailed to you. When you have completed the application, you can mail it to your local election authority (provided above).



Missouri's <u>Secretary of State's election website</u> provides many additional resources for you. There you can find polling locations, request a ballot if you are overseas or serving in the military, and find answers to many frequently asked questions concerning voting.

Taking the time to research candidates and issues can be time-consuming and just making it to the voting booth can be a struggle with our busy schedules. But this flagship of our freedom was paid for by the many soldiers

and veterans who put their lives on the line. By taking time to register and vote this November, you honor those who protected this fundamental right to ensure our country is truly governed by the people and for the people.

Contact Me

As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions, and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459. You may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, or email me at: jcrowell@senate.mo.gov or visit me on the web at http://www.senate.mo.gov/crowell.

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