Feb. 28, 1851

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Feb. 28, 1851, the day the Missouri General Assembly established the Missouri School for the Deaf.

The first such school came about some four decades earlier, in Connecticut. In 1850, a Kentucky wrote letters to people in Fulton, asking the state to open a similar school. Unbeknownst to the author of these letters, Sen. Preston Reed was reading them and advanced the idea of building a school for those who could not hear.

The school started in a small farmhouse, on land owned by the Fulton State Hospital. By 1853, lawmakers added funding for the building of a new structure for the school. It remains in-use, to this day, in Fulton.

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(Source: Missouri School for the Deaf)