Nov. 1, 1821

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Nov. 1, 1821, the day St. Charles became the temporary home for state government.

Missouri became a state on Aug. 10, 1821. Before then, territorial affairs were handled at several different places in St. Louis. St. Charles was one of nine locations considered for the temporary home, and was officially chosen on Nov. 25, 1820. The first meetings were held there on June 4, 1821.

The second floors of two buildings would provide the space necessary to conduct business for the five years that would follow. Both the Missouri Senate and House chambers, the governor’s office and one committee room would occupy the adjoining buildings.

The location has since been renovated and added to the National Registry of Historic Places.

But, before this, the location was Missouri’s first capital — and it started on Nov. 1, 1821, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Source: Missouri State Parks)