***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: SB 160 and SB 376**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review two more measures that will soon become law…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :05 / OC: Bill of Rights.**

*“This is a bill that simply establishes the ‘Foster Care Bill of Rights’….”*

[Senate Bill 160](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095315) was prefiled by Sen. David Sater of Cassville on Dec. 1 of last year.

He then presented his proposal to the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) on Feb. 1…

**Sater 1 / Runs :12 / OC: in their office.**

*“Every* [*Children’s Division*](http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/) *office, residential care facility, a child-placing agency or other agency involved in the care and placement of foster children would have to post the [foster care] bill of rights in their office.”*

From there, the measure was sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on March 30, Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed on May 8 and signed by the governor on June 22.

During the committee hearing, Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City said she is glad this proposal was introduced…

**Chappelle-Nadal 2 / Runs :10 / OC: with in adulthood.**

*“This is an issue that I really do care about, because of the number of people that I know who have been in foster care, and there are a lot of issues that they deal with in adulthood.”*

The new law will modify provisions relating to child protection. More specifically, Senate Bill 160 will:

* Establish the Joint Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect;
* Make changes to definitions of child abuse and neglect;
* Affect rules regarding records of child abuse and neglect;
* Create the Foster Care Bill of Rights;
* Dictate foster care kinship placements, juvenile court proceedings and the presence of certain offenders in public places.

Some parts of the bill took effect when signed. The rest will become law on Aug. 28…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :03 / OC: about Old Drum.**

*“Senate Bill 376, which I am the sponsor of, talks about ‘Old Drum’….”*

Another measure to receive the governor’s signature is [Senate Bill 376](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=58645764). This new law will designate "Old Drum" as the historical dog of the state of Missouri and "Jim the Wonder Dog" as Missouri's wonder dog.

Sponsor, Sen. Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg, says this is really about economic development, tourism and a celebration of Missouri’s history…

**Hoskins 3 / Runs :08 / OC: special tax breaks.**

*“Whether it’s small towns or big cities that have come to the Legislature looking for money. With our small, rural communities — many times, they don’t qualify for any of those special tax breaks.”*

The new law will take effect on Aug. 28...

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :07 / OC: 14, 2017 A.D.**

*“I move the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Mr. President, on Friday, July 14, 2017 A.D….”*

Also this week, the Second Extraordinary Session of the 99th General Assembly continues. After sending [Senate Bill 5](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=S2&BillID=69407391) to the lower chamber on June 15, the Missouri House responded with a new version of the proposal, which now awaits Missouri Senate action.

Senate Bill 5 seeks to modify several provisions relating to abortion.

The extra session is set to officially resume during the week of July 24. The 60-day limit on the extra session will end on Aug. 10.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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