**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Ethics Reform**

There are ethics reform laws now on the books in Missouri.

[House Bill 1979](http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB1979&year=2016&code=R) provides what’s called a “cooling off period” before lawmakers can become lobbyists.

[House Bill 1983](http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB1983&year=2016&code=R) deals with political consultants.

Senator Brian Munzlinger of Williamstown handled the proposal in the upper chamber…

**Munzlinger 1 / Runs :09 / OC: paid political consultant.**

*“Basically says that while we are in office, as a legislator, you cannot run a campaign, you cannot be a paid political consultant.”*

During final Missouri Senate debate, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton praised the way the Missouri Senate-House conference committee worked…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :13 / OC: view an improvement.**

*“We actually had very protractive discussion about a pretty technical aspect of the bill, and there was a great exchange. We talked about some of the nitty gritty on the bill and the change we would up coming up with — I think was, in my view — an improvement.”*

[House Bill 2203](http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB2203&year=2016&code=R) relates to campaign finance.

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