Nov. 17, 1845

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Nov. 17, 1845, the day Missouri’s second constitutional convention began.

Many people believed the state’s population had grown enough Missouri had also outgrown its constitution. The constitutional convention would meet into the following January.

The document totaled 45, handwritten pages.

Missouri voters would reject the new constitution in August of 1846.

The constitution would be updated more than once during the 1860s.

Moves for new conventions failed at the ballot box in both 1962 and ’82. The state has operated on the same set of rules since 1945.

November 17, 1845, the date marking beginning of Missouri’s second constitutional convention, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: [Missouri State Archives](http://cdm16795.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16795coll1) and [Missouri’s 1845 Constitution](http://cdm.sos.mo.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p16795coll1/id/156))