***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: SB 34 and HB 151**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review two more new laws in the Show-Me State…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: Thirty-four. Senator from.**

*“Senate Bill 34, senator from….”*

[Senate Bill 34](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095296) contains the language that has made the [Blue Alert System](http://bluealert.us/) a reality in Missouri.

However, it didn’t start that way.

Initially, the measure started as the return of Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville’s proposal to send repeat offenders — who are not in this country legally — out of Missouri…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :07 / OC: in any way.**

*“There’s really no difference. It creates a crime of ‘active illegal entry.’ Carries the same penalty. There’s really no difference, in any way.”*

During debate on Senate Bill 34 on March 7, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City said the goal seems to be going after certain people for no reason…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :09 / OC: many different issues.**

*“One of the things that we talked about last year was that a felony offense [is] pretty broad. There [is] drug possession, many different issues.”*

Senator Dave Schatz of Sullivan sponsored [Senate Bill 265](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57611599) and handled [House Bill 302](http://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB302&year=2017&code=R), both of which contained language relating to the Blue Alert System, which went into Senate Bill 34…

**Schatz 3 / Runs :22 / OC: Class D felony.**

*“The alert will provide information on the suspected assailants and will help law enforcement apprehend the suspects faster. We believe the* [*[Missouri] Department of Public Safety*](https://dps.mo.gov/) *can be trusted with the oversight of the operation of this program. Participation is voluntary for local law enforcement, for TV and radio broadcasters as well. Knowingly making a false report that triggers an alert is a Class A misdemeanor, unless that false report results in serious injury or death, in which it is a Class D felony.”*

During debate on April 20, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton said he believes the alert is needed…

**Sifton 4 / Runs :13 / OC: see it differently.**

*“I’m not convinced that we have the current where with all in present law. So, I-I do think if we’re going to go in this direction, the statutory authorization would be necessary and proper. I know that other members of the body may see it differently.”*

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :02 / OC: House Bill 151.**

*“House Committee Substitute for House Bill 151….”*

[House Bill 151](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=64790839) allows the [Missouri Department of Revenue](http://dor.mo.gov/) to issue [REAL ID](https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs)-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards.

Senator Ryan Silvey of Kansas City handled the measure…

**Silvey 5 / Runs :14 / OC: decide for themselves.**

*“Again, I want to thank the senator from Buchanan and the senator from the 8th and all of the work they’ve put in to help craft this bill this year. Again, I understand that it’s not what everybody necessarily wants, but it does provide our citizens with a choice and allow them to decide for themselves.”*

During debate on May 9, Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis talked about her preference for low-income Missourians to not have to pay for REAL ID…

**Nasheed 6 / Runs :15 / OC: one fee paid.**

*“What happens five years from now? Six years from now? Seven years from now? And, so, the senator from Buchanan that can potentially be a major issue — in terms of individuals who may never pay fees — as a result of having one fee paid.”*

Both of these measures are among dozens that took effect on Monday.

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