July 21, 1967

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was July 21, 1967, the day the Missouri Legislature chose to make Mozarkite the official state rock.

Most often found in Benton County, Mozarkite is usually purple, red or green, and is most often used for jewelry. The name Mozarkite comes from mo, for Missouri; zark, meaning Ozarks; and ite for rock. It also qualifies as a semi-precious gemstone.

It was Senate Bill 216 that resulted in this naming. The measure was introduced and passed by the 74th General Assembly.

July 21, 1967, the date marking Mozarkite becoming the official rock of the state of Missouri, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: Secretary of state [Web site](https://www.sos.mo.gov/symbol/rock); *Journal of the Missouri Senate*)