Sept. 6, 1937

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Sept. 6, 1937, the day the [Missouri Board of Probation and Parole](https://doc.mo.gov/divisions/probation-parole) was established by the state Legislature.

The predecessor to this group is the Board of Pardons and Paroles, which was established by the Missouri General Assembly in March of 1913. Probation and Parole would fall under the umbrella of the [Missouri Department of Corrections](https://doc.mo.gov/) with its formation in 1946.

Before Probation and Parole was established, it was the Missouri Prison Board that had authority to investigate, hear and recommend offenders to the governor for parole.

The 59th General Assembly is responsible for creation of the Probation and Parole Board. When the Legislature still only met every other year, its job was to craft a budget for two consecutive budget years. The 1937-’38 fiscal year budgets put $5.5 million into the state penitentiary, as an example.

Probation and Parole actually came to being in June of 1937, but was not made official for another two and a half months.

September 6, 1937, the date marking official legislative creation of the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: [Missouri Secretary of State](https://www.sos.mo.gov/CMSImages/Archives/resources/findingaids/StateDocs/StateDocs_Corrections.pdf); [Missouri attorney general 1937 opinions](https://ago.mo.gov/other-resources/ag-opinions/opinions-1933---1939/1937-opinions); *Journal of the Missouri Senate*)