***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
State Demographer**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new law aimed at adding transparency to state government…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: 213, the non-….**

[Senate Bill 213](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Actions.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1065216) was prefiled on Jan. 7; heard by the [Missouri Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/RJRR/) on Feb. 12; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on March 28; sent to the executive branch on May 16; signed by the governor on July 11; and became law on Aug. 28.

During the committee hearing on Senate Bill 213, sponsor — Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby — told the panel his proposal is the result of last November’s election…

**Hegeman 1 :12 Q: public comment portal.**

He adds the portal’s function is clearly defined in the measure…

**Hegeman 2 :22 Q: designed position holds.**

When Senate Bill 213 was first discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City told the sponsor he was curious as to how this idea came about…

**Holsman :12 Q: of the people.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton added his curiosity of how this measure would play out…

**Sifton :08 Q: some other part.**

Senate Bill 213 largely deals with the state demographer, saying this person may not:

• Accept any gift, service or thing of value;

• Accept compensation — outside of the state, grants or stipends in connection with the redistricting process;

• Employ, contract with or delegate to any other person or entity, to perform any work or analysis in the course of the redistricting process; or

• Engage in written or oral communication regarding the redistricting process with any person or entity seeking to influence the process.

The new law also prohibits the spouse and dependent children of the demographer from taking any gift, service or thing of value.

The [U.S. Census](https://www.census.gov/) is taken every 10 years. The next census will be taken next year. The results may mean the need to redraw Missouri’s legislative map.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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