***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Election Laws**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some changes made to state elections laws…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: Senate Committee Substitute….**

[Senate Bill 631](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26837998) was prefiled back in December; heard by the [Missouri Senate Local Government and Elections Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/LGOV/) on Jan. 29; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on March 3; returned to the upper chamber on May 14; given final Missouri Senate approval the following day; and sent to the executive branch on May 27.

When the entire Missouri Senate first-discussed the measure on Feb. 27, sponsor — Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby — told his colleagues the proposal only featured one item…

 **Hegeman 1 :15 Q: for the office.**

When the measure returned to the Missouri Senate, it had many more provisions, including one addressing COVID-19…

 **Hegeman 2 :20 Q: opt for that.**

In addition, Senate Bill 631 relates to election financial statements, candidate filing fees and other election rules.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says he likes the changes that were made to the legislation…

 **Rizzo 1 :15 Q: remain the same.**

He adds the pandemic has meant having to make changes that are becoming more necessary because the coronavirus continues to maintain…

 **Rizzo 2 :21 Q: that’s a negative.**

Because of an emergency clause in the proposal, Senate Bill 631 became law when it was signed on June 4.

The executive branch continues to review all of the measures received this year. The deadline to sign, veto or let legislation become law without a signature is July 14.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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