Nov. 24, 1838

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

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Buchanan, Newton and Platte counties were established during this session, along with defining boundaries for Grundy. Lawmakers also created new guidelines for organizing common schools, the first public schools in our state. The bulk of work was done on the republication of all state laws, from 1804 through ’35. The main reason for this is most printed materials were lost in the first Capitol fire the previous year. The result was a two-volume collection of “territorial laws,” sometimes referred to as “Edward’s Compilation.” Despite the four years it took to finish this task, the volumes failed to mention which sessions produced which laws.

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(Sources: *Missouri Statute Annotations Embracing Construction and Derivation* and *Journal of the Missouri Senate*)