Aug. 17, 1845

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

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Since 1820, membership of the Missouri House of Representatives has been 100. This allows every county to have at least one state representative. In the quarter of a century that has passed, the number of counties has increased by approximately two dozen.

The convention would adjourn on Jan. 14, 1846. The approval vote is 45 to 13. The following August, state voters would decide on the new constitution. The majority of the votes are “no,” by an 80-to-20 percentage.

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(Sources: *Missouri Statute Annotations Embracing Construction and Derivation* and numerous other sources)