***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Local Control**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review where the upper chamber stands on local control issues, in relation to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic…

**Nat Snd :05 Q: making an effort.**

Among the issues discussed during this year’s regular legislative session was how to balance certain mandates, while keeping businesses and a normal way of life intact. An approach to this was contained in [Senate Bill 12](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54250551), a public health measure.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says this measure was defeated on a perfection vote, which is the first vote taken on a bill, back on March 24…

 **Rowden :14 Q: and they did.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says, in the end, this proposal probably had too much added to it…

 **Rizzo 1 :29 Q: still wasn’t enough.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan adds Senate Bill 12 is not the end of the discussion…

 **Schatz :27 Q: forward to that.**

Senator Rizzo says it can be difficult to restrict local efforts when we are still going through the pandemic…

 **Rizzo 2 :22 Q: after the fact.**

Missouri senators may work on similar legislation next year.

Prefiled measures for the 2022 legislative session will begin to receive their official bill numbers on Dec. 1.

The Second Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will start on Jan. 5.

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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