

2022 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

STATE SENATOR BILL WHITE





Neighbors and Friends,

It's hard to fathom it has already been four years since I took the oath of office to represent our community in the Missouri Senate. During this span, I have worked with my colleagues to pass legislation to allow the elderly to be excused from jury duty, assist our military personnel and families, restrict COVID-19 liability lawsuits, tighten our tort laws, help foster children and adoptive families and modernize our state's utility regulations. The expertise and assistance you offered were instrumental in getting these measures across the finish line, and I appreciate the advocacy efforts of those who took part in the legislative process.

During the 2022 legislative session, the General Assembly passed legislation to improve our elections, help citizens weather the storm of COVID-19, raise teachers' base salaries, balance a historic budget and redraw our state's congressional map. This year, I sponsored 31 bills and three Senate concurrent resolutions. Eight of these proposals were added to bills that earned the mark of "Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed."

Throughout the course of this session, I was honored to continue serving as the assistant majority floor leader and chairman of the Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. I was also the chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection. As a result of the committee's investigative hearings, several state departmental policies were modified to tighten regulations on abortion providers and their affiliates.

It is truly an honor to advocate for our community and be your voice in Jefferson City. Serving as your state senator is the highlight of my career, and I thank you for entrusting me to steer the legislative ship for the 32nd Senatorial District.

Regards,

Senator Bill White

Bill White

District 32

2022 Truly Agreed...

"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter." Dwight D. Eisenhower

— My Legislative Priorities —

Bills Passed with My Amendments

- Senate Bill 710 allows patients to designate an essential caregiver whose access to them should not
 be restricted and strengthens the Department of Health and Senior Service's (DHSS) oversight of
 health care facilities.
- Senate Bill 745 establishes task forces to study net metering and solar energy, grants the Public Service Commission more flexibility to adjust rates, modifies the criteria to qualify for discounted electric rates and bans restrictive covenants on installing solar panels.
- Senate Bill 775, 771 & 640 modifies the Department of Corrections' terms of probation and updates the Sexual Assault Survivors Bill of Rights to further help victims.
- House Bill 1878 strengthens our state's election security by permitting the secretary of state to
 audit voter rolls, requiring paper ballots and a photo ID to vote and ensuring automatic tabulating
 equipment are not connected to the internet.
- House Bill 2116 contains my Essential Caregiver Program Act to enable patients in health care
 facilities to designate a caregiver to be their spokesperson and emotional support during governordeclared states of emergency.
- House Bill 2149 includes provisions to protect pharmacists who dispense ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine tablets.
- House Bill 2331 aligns our medical marijuana facilities' background check requirements with federal
 guidelines, adds psychiatry and dentistry to the eligibility list for medical student loans, increases the
 maximums for medical student loans and requires DHSS to conduct unannounced inspections on
 health care facilities.

Adopted Resolutions

- Senate Concurrent Resolution 28 urges the president to designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II upon his death.
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 34 calls on Congress to include Newtonia Battlefields in the National Park Service.
- House Joint Resolution 116 allows voters to decide whether to create the Missouri Department of the National Guard or leave it housed within the Department of Public Safety. This was put in motion by the passage of my Senate Bill 120 last session.



Adjutant General Levon Cumpton, the Missouri National Guard's top-ranked official, testified on behalf of HJR 116 during its committee hearing.

Newly Drawn District Maps



Beginning in 2023, the 32nd Senatorial District will consist of Jasper and Newton counties. Dade County will join District 20.

In addition, the 7th Congressional District now includes all of Taney County and a portion of Webster County.



Congressional District 7

"There's no greater challenge and there is no greater honor than to be in public service."

Condoleeza Rice

...And Finally Passed

— On the Governor's Desk —

Below are a Few of the Bills Passed by the General Assembly.

- Senate Bill 681 & 662 establishes evidence-based literacy instruction to help address our state's low reading proficiency rates among students.
- Senate Bill 672 modifies the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant program and establishes the Targeted Industrial Manufacturing Enhancement Zones Act and the Joint Committee on Rural Economic Development.
- House Bill 2005 requires compensation for property in eminent domain proceedings to be
 150% of fair market value and modifies other provisions to further protect property owners.
- House Bill 3020 allocates \$15 million to Missouri Southern State University for the Health Science Innovation Center and nearly \$4 million to Crowder College for a transportation technology building.

Visit senate.mo.gov to learn more about the legislation passed this year.

— Awards and Resolutions —

Congratulations to the members of our community who received awards and resolutions!



Joplin's Sharon Beshore was one of 10 recipients of the 2022 Women of Achievement Award.



Webb City's Laurel Rosenthal received the Excellence in Education Golden Apple Award for 55 years of service.



Carl Junction's Anna Kaye Vangilder was our community's winner of the Senate Student Art Exhibit Contest.



Webb City's Lily McCaw was named a Missouri Federation of Republican Women 2022 Joanne Breckenridge Scholar.

— Advocacy in Action —

Several organizations recognized our hard work this past year. While these awards bear my name, they are a reflection of my team's and our community's steadfast advocacy efforts.

- Missouri Supreme Court/Judicial Conference of Missouri Legislator of the Year Award
- St. Louis Children's Hospital 2021 Legislative Advocate of the Year Award
- Missouri KidsFirst Standing with Children Award

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FISCAL YEAR 2023

MISSOURI OPERATING BUDGET

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

GENERAL REVENUE...\$12,461,566,495

The main sources of General Revenue are: Individual Income Tax Sales and Use Tax

Insurance Premium Tax Liquor and Beer Tax

Corporate Income Tax

FEDERAL FUNDS......\$20,815,029,011 OTHER FUNDS.....\$11,448,844,528

> Other funds are resources dedicated to specific purposes.

Examples include:

Lottery and Gaming Proceeds Highway and Road Funds Conservation Parks, Soil & Water Funds Proposition C and Cigarette Tax

TOTAL AVAILABLE AFTER REFUNDS:

\$44,725,440,034

