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State Senator

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Keeping Missouri's Elections Fair and Safe

I was pleased to handle **House Bill 1878** in the Missouri Senate, which was the omnibus election integrity measure. This reform legislation will add important safeguards to Missouri's elections. Where some states experienced issues with their elections during 2020, Missouri was fortunate to have some of the safest elections in the country; however, Missouri lawmakers wanted to ensure these results not only continue, but can be built upon. To this end, HB 1878:

- Requires showing a photo ID for in-person voting;
- Gets rid of drop boxes for absentee ballots;
- Requires local election officials and the secretary of state to implement cybersecurity measures;



Senator Crawford presents HB 1878.

- Mandates equipment used for elections not be connected to the internet;
- Specifies paper ballots as the state's official ballot; and
- Allows the secretary of state to audit the voter rolls to ensure they are accurate and up-to-date.

I worked with colleagues in both the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives, the secretary of state's office and county clerks to make sure HB 1878 covers all the bases for any election held in our state. I believe Missouri should continue to be the standard-bearer for other states, when it comes to our elections.

How the State Assists Local Entities



Senator Crawford debates HB 1606.

Passed by the Missouri General Assembly, **House Bill 1606** is an omnibus measure with several provisions aimed at local and county governments. It provides flexibility in determining salaries for some county officeholders. It also allows a county collector to hold an auction of lands with delinquent property taxes through electronic media at the same time as the auction is held in-person, which comes from my **Senate Bill 1144**.

Part of this legislation includes **Senate Bill 1128**, which allows all non-charter counties the ability to authorize a raise for county coroners. In addition, a county coroner who is acting as sheriff could also receive the sheriff's salary, under this legislation.

This measure also includes language from my **Senate Bill 1191**, which would change the date counties could prepare and publish their financial statements to match industry standards for reporting.

Other aspects of HB 1606 come from **Senate Bill 655**, which I also sponsored, and allows any county the option to provide coverage for public safety personnel in the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System. This is another tool to attract and retain quality employees for our communities. Senate Bill 655 is also on its way to the governor for consideration.

Elements of **Senate Bill 1088**, which I also sponsored, can be found in this bill. This addresses determining factors in how much counties can pay public administrators. Starting on Jan. 1, 2023, county salary commissions would have more flexibility when it comes to determining the salaries of public administrators. House Bill 1606 seeks to provide additional options to county governments as they work to meet their citizens' needs.

Other Accomplishments for Missourians

The omnibus agriculture measure passed this year, **House Bill 1720**, includes a reauthorization of a rolling stock tax credit for freight line companies, which was also included in my **Senate Bill 1063**.

More of my legislation was added to **House Bill 2400**, which features the Personal Privacy Protection Act. This language comes from my **Senate Bill 741**, which defends our freedom of speech by prohibiting public agencies from disclosing or requiring the disclosure of personal information.

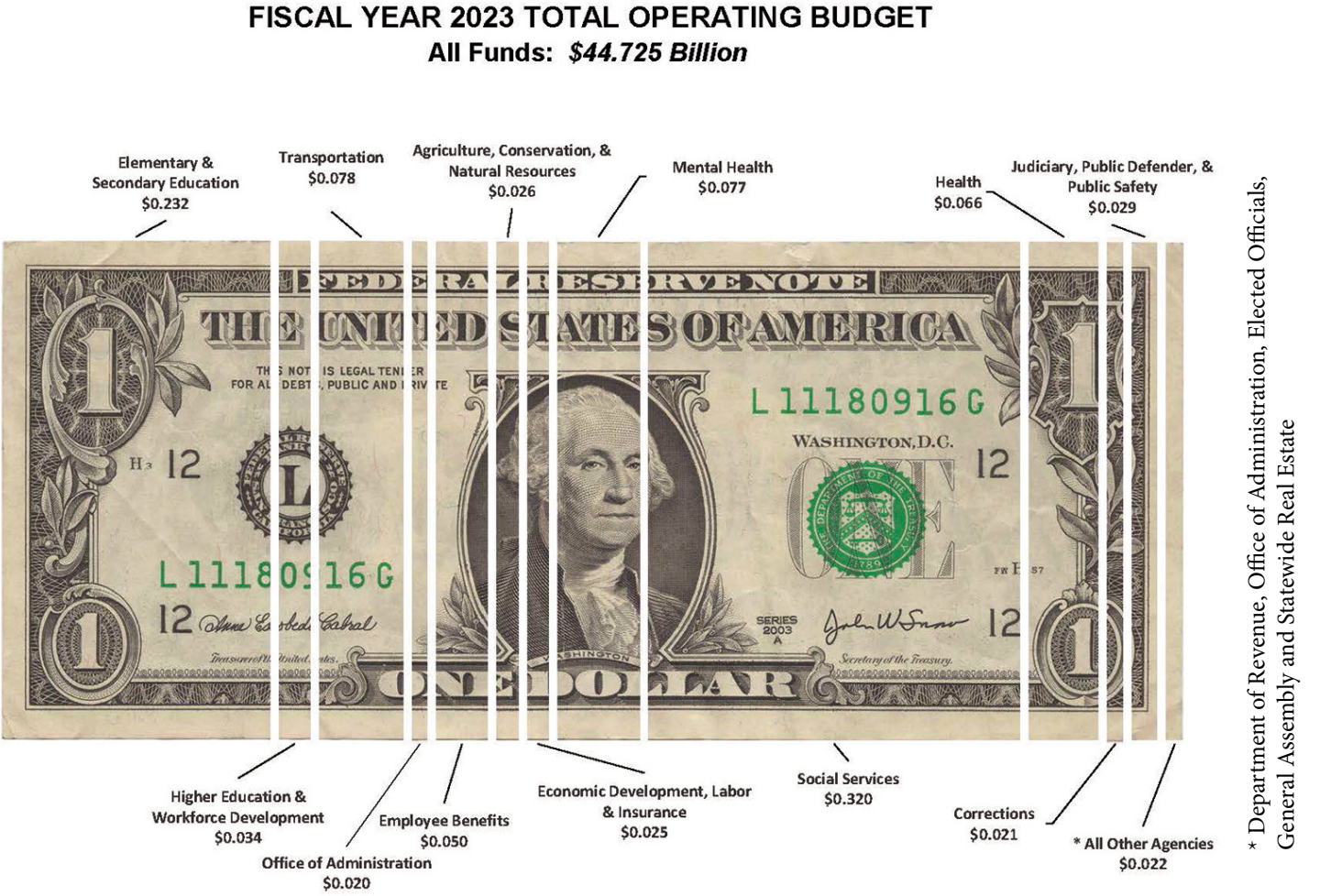
House Bill 2168 extends the Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund through 2030, as spelled out in my **Senate Bill 742**. This legislation also includes language that relates to electronic correspondence between a person and an insurance provider, which comes from **Senate Bill 1042**, which I also sponsored this year.



Senator Crawford discusses her legislation.

Lawmakers Craft Missouri's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

On May 6, the Missouri General Assembly completed its constitutional obligation of sending a balanced budget to the governor. Once again, the Legislature was able to pass a balanced blueprint for Missouri's next fiscal year, which will start on July 1. This includes fully funding the K-12 education foundation formula and adding more money for school transportation costs. In addition, the budget provides funding increases to maintain our state's low-volume roads and for the expansion of broadband internet.



Citizens Who Proudly Serve Their State and Community



Dr. W. Anson Elliott was confirmed to serve on the Missouri State University Board of Governors.



Senator Crawford sponsored Jamie Johansen (center) to serve on the State Fair Commission.

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Cadet Mstr. Sgt. Jenesis May, a member of the Smith-Cotton High School Junior Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), earned first place in the Individual Armed Knockout Drill during the 2022 Army Cadet Command JROTC Nationals Drill Championships in Florida. He visited Sen. Crawford at the Capitol in April.

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Senator Crawford poses with a copy of "You Can, Too!" This book features stories written by female members, past and present, from the Missouri Senate. In the Senate's history, there have only been 36 women who have served in the upper chamber. A record-setting 11 women served during the just-completed 101st General Assembly. "You Can, Too!" inspires girls all across Missouri that they can do anything they set their minds to.