***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Election Reform**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review this year’s much-anticipated election reform measure…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: 1878, as amended….**

[House Bill 1878](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1878&year=2022&code=R) was first-discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate on May 3, sent back to the Missouri House of Representatives on May 9, truly agreed to and finally passed on May 12 and signed into law on June 29.

Senator Sandy Crawford of Buffalo handled the proposal in the upper chamber…

**Crawford :19 Q: help ensure that.**

Among its many provisions, the new law prohibits voting machines from being connected to the internet, allows the secretary of state to audit election authorities and makes changes to absentee and early voting rules.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says he sees some flaws in this new law…

**Rizzo :20 Q: it probably should.**

Another aspect of House Bill 1878 is something Missouri lawmakers have passed before, only to have it struck down by the courts.

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville says voter ID is now in the statute books…

**Luetkemeyer :19 Q: make any sense.**

This new law is the culmination of several pieces of legislation that were offered this year, along with hours of negotiations.

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says the bill that was approved in May is different than what was proposed back in December…

**Schupp :20 Q; to the polls.**

Some portions of House Bill 1878 will not take effect until next year.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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