

*Sandy Crawford*



State Senator  
Sandy Crawford's  
Legislative  
Newsletter



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## SB 13: Cutting Red Tape

**Senate Bill 13** gives the Missouri Division of Finance authority to issue useful guidance to the industry and increase consumer lending license fees. In addition, it repeals obsolete laws and clarifies statutes related to the division. It also includes **Senate Bill 12**, which specifies that financial institutions that

issue their own credit cards are allowed to adapt the full terms and conditions of a contiguous states' credit card lending law. This new law is designed to streamline operations at the Division of Finance and assist banks that offer their own credit cards.

## SB 101: Making an Impact on the Insurance Industry

**Senate Bill 101** enacts provisions relating to lender-placed insurance. This new law will specify when lender-placed insurance can become effective and be terminated, and when those who issue mortgages could be charged for the policies. Coverage amounts and premium amounts will be based upon the replacement cost value of the property.

This new law will also exempt aircraft liability insurance, other than employers' liability, from certain regulations on insurance premium rates and rating plans.

In addition, SB 101 contains language also found in **Senate Bill 181**, which is also sponsored by Sen. Crawford. Senate Bill 101 repeals an existing law that established Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance Company (MEM) as a public corporation and specifies a process under which MEM may convert to a private mutual insurance corporation under the general insurance laws, authorized to write any lines of insurance permitted under state law.

## SB 103: Court Automation

**Senate Bill 103** extends the expiration date for a fee used to partially fund the statewide court automation system (Missouri Case.net). It also modifies provisions relating to court operations, compensation for court reporters and court surcharges for expungement petitions.

While relating to judicial proceedings, this bill also includes language relating to disclosure of certain records involving children, business covenants, the Consumer Legal Funding Act, establishes the Judicial Privacy Act and excludes minors' personal information in court documents.

In addition, SB 103 contains language from **Senate Bill 586**, **Senate Bill 337** and **Senate Bill 365**, all of which are also sponsored by Sen. Crawford. Senate Bill 365 allows public

administrators to use pooled accounts to administer the estates for which they serve as conservator. It also clarifies changes in statute regarding the transfer of guardianship. Senate Bill 337 lets a victim choose to add electronic notification when an offender is scheduled for a parole hearing, transfer or release, and SB 586 creates the registration requirements and rules pertaining to earned wage access providers.



## Other Legislative Successes for Sen. Crawford



Senator Crawford is proud to say she was able to add some of her legislation to other bills that made it through the process this year. Crafting legislation can take time, from start to finish, and it requires help from constituents throughout the 28th Senatorial District.

This year, elements of some of Sen. Crawford's measures can be found in legislation that has been signed into law by the governor.

**Senate Bill 180** allows the cities of Clinton and Lincoln to levy

a sales tax upon voter approval for the purposes of improving public safety.

**Senate Bill 335** allows the Missouri Department of Agriculture to adjust fees to more accurately reflect the cost of operating certain programs within the Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection Division.

**Senate Bill 336** modifies provisions relating to supplemental welfare assistance for home care in licensed residential care facilities.

**Senate Bill 521** extends the sunset of the 2.5% supplemental surcharge collected by the Division of Workers' Compensation to be paid into the Second Injury Fund.

# Crafting Missouri's Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

The Missouri General Assembly's only constitutional requirement is passing the budget each year. By law, the Legislature is required to craft a balanced budget. Lawmakers sent the governor a spending plan that fully funds the school foundation formula. For the second year in a row, this budget also fully funds school transportation, which is imperative for school districts throughout rural Missouri. The Fiscal Year 2024 state operating budget also boosts road and bridge projects throughout our state. It also plans more expansion of broadband internet for unserved and under served communities in the Show-Me State. Missouri's fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30 of each year.

## DISTRIBUTION OF EACH DOLLAR FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET All Funds: \$48.579 Billion



\* Department of Revenue, Office of Administration, Elected Officials, General Assembly and Statewide Real Estate

## Gubernatorial Appointees: Serving Missouri



Tim Francka (center, pictured with his wife, Beth) was named to serve on the Missouri State University board of governors.

Other gubernatorial appointees Sen. Crawford sponsored this year include:

- Debbi McGinnis, State Tax Commission
- Jerald Andrews, State Fair Commission, and
- Tom Oelrichs, State Milk Board



# Welcoming Visitors to the Capitol in 2023



February 28 was "Circuit Clerk Day" at the Capitol. Pictured, left to right: Dallas County Clerk Susan Faulkner, Pettis County Clerk Susan Sadler, Cedar County Clerk Sarah Turner, Sen. Crawford, Henry County Clerk Wendi McGhee and Polk County Clerk Tiffany Phillips.



Senator Crawford recognized the Hermitage Boys' Cross Country Team for their Class 1 State Championship.



Artwork from Danielle Burkhardt, a freshman at Sedalia Smith-Cotton High School, was selected for the 2023 Art Exhibit at the Capitol.



Vietnam hero, retired Lt. Col. Joe Johnson, visited the Capitol and received a resolution from Sen. Crawford on April 13.

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