

# 2013 Legislative Preview



**Senator Mike Kehoe - 6<sup>th</sup> Senate District**



# The Show-Me State Must Come First

One thing I have learned over the years is that it is difficult to keep business alive and thriving when regulations are put in place to strangle them. The Senate decided to take a stand for the good of Missouri's businesses by helping

## *Small Business Eligibility*

House Bill 1661 clarifies that any small business formed as a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership can qualify for new job creation by a small business income tax deduction.

## *Allowing Choice in Health Care*

Senate Bill 749, which was vetoed by the governor and overridden during the annual veto session, provides protections for employers and health care providers who have religious or moral opposition to providing certain health care services.

## *Streamlining State Retirement*

Senate Bill 625 revises the process of transferring funds from the Missouri State Retirement System and the Missouri Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System. With this measure, we provide basic security to our state's hard-working employees while maintaining the structure of each separate system.

Dear Friends:

I am humbled by the opportunity you have given me to serve you in the State Capitol. The First Session of the 97th General Assembly is under way, and I anticipate great things for the people of the 6th District and across Missouri.

The citizens of this great state are the highest priority of the Missouri Senate. We need to look to the future to build a solid foundation upon which we can continue to grow. To that end, the reliability of our infrastructure in the Show-Me State is an issue that I will always keep as a top priority. This, along with providing educational opportunities to our children, is what I call one of the "core tenets" of what your government should strive to provide.

The Senate remains dedicated to streamlining legislation in order to create a better, more business-friendly Missouri, a state that welcomes business and economic development. If we are open to making Missouri a more competitive business market, we allow our state to grow and thrive. It helps everyone by creating jobs, adds to the income of our families and enhances the quality of life for our citizens.

I am in office to serve and to continue moving the 6<sup>th</sup> Senate District forward.



clear some of the detrimental and duplicate regulations in order to open the door for business to move into the state, which would help current business expansion, as well as putting Missourians back to work.

## *Periodic Review of Rules*

Senate Bill 469 creates a process by which all state regulations will be subject to review every five years. At that time, any regulation found to be outdated, no longer beneficial, duplicated, or too specifically tailored can be removed. This is a common-sense move that will not only help reduce unnecessary restrictions, but will also put responsibility in the hands of state departments.

## *Protecting Your Rights*

Missourians' Second Amendment rights are of highest priority to me. During the 2012 legislative session, I handled House Bill 1647, an omnibus public safety bill, which contained provisions pertaining to concealed carry endorsements, among other topics. One important provision in the bill lowers the age at which a current or honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces can obtain a concealed carry endorsement from 21 to 18.

## *Clearing the Way for Certain Manufacturers*

Senate Bill 835 clarifies Missouri's previous firework and pyrotechnic rules, bringing the state in line with current federal regulations. This legislation benefits all citizens who purchase and enjoy fireworks, as well as local companies that manufacture those fireworks in the Show-Me State so that they can continue to thrive and benefit communities.



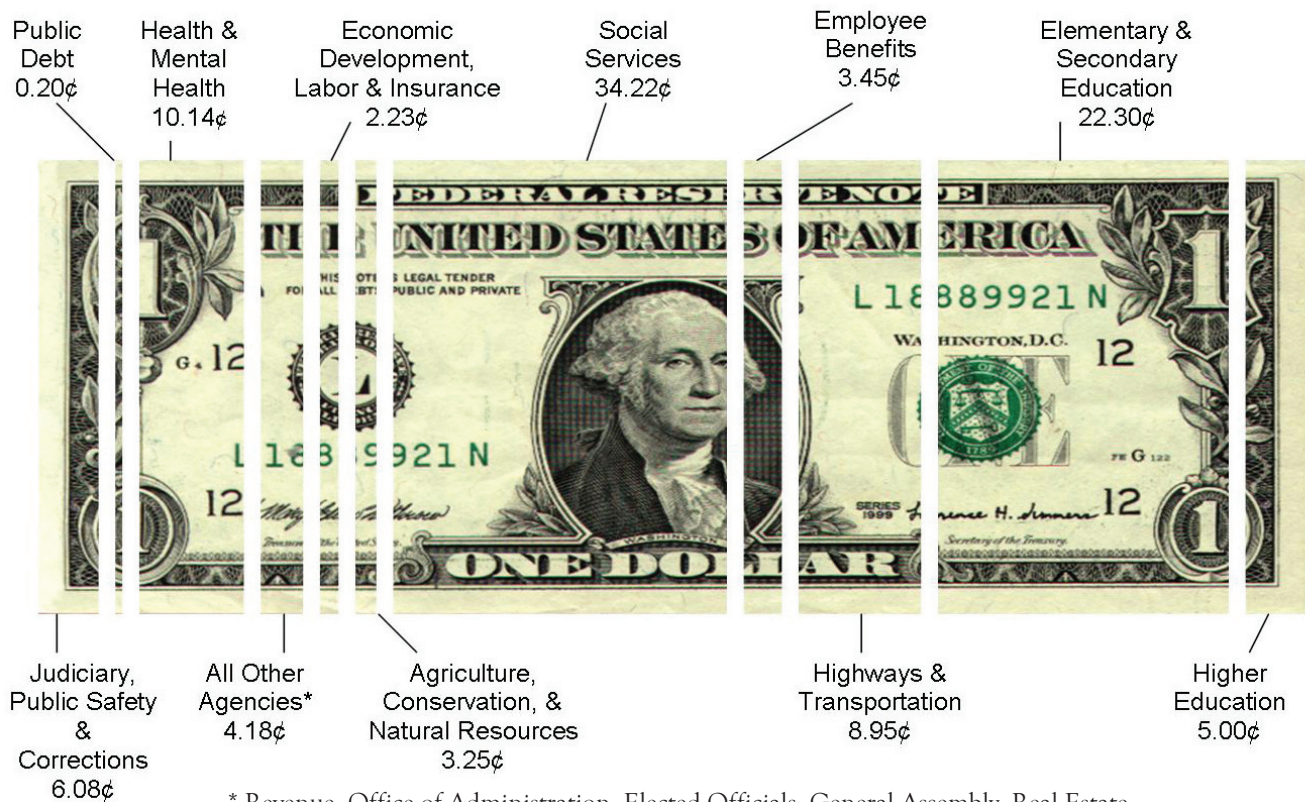
*Senator Mike Kehoe details legislation and its importance on the floor of the Senate chamber.*

# Missouri's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

## DISTRIBUTION OF EACH TAX DOLLAR

FY 2013 TRULY AGREED AND FINALLY PASSED OPERATING BUDGET

All Funds: \$24.032 Billion



## Missouri's 2013 Operating Budget



The single job the General Assembly is constitutionally bound to complete is the passage of a budget to fund Missouri's necessary departments and programs. In these recent difficult years, the down-turned economy has forced lawmakers to make tough decisions.

By keeping the General Assembly's promise to maintain Missouri's AAA credit score without raising taxes and relying on federal funds that are only exacerbating the situation, my colleagues and I have had to put serious thought into areas that require fiscally responsible funding.

In drafting this year's years budget, we had to deal with a shortfall of approximately \$500 million from lapsed federal funds. Despite this, both chambers were able to come together and deliver a balanced budget to the governor's desk by the deadline.

*Missouri's fiscal year began on  
July 1, 2012, and continues through  
June 30, 2013.*



## Senator Kehoe Serves as Member of:

- Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)
- Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment (Vice-chair)
- Administration
- Appropriations
- Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight
- Blue Ribbon Panel on Immigration
- Joint Committee on Corrections
- Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement
- Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Oversight
- Joint Interim Committee on State Employee Wages

## Senator Kehoe's 2012 Passed Legislation

- SB 625 - Revises the computation of the approved benefits when employees transfer creditable service between the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System and the Department of Transportation Retirement System.
- SB 719 - Modifies provisions relating to transportation and addresses boating safety identification cards, motorcycle rider training course exemptions, and selling or advertising in state parks, among other provisions.
- SB 749 - Modifies provisions relating to the protection of the religious beliefs and moral convictions of certain individuals and health care entities. Vetoed by the governor, but the motion was overridden during veto session.
- SB 835 - Updates references to fireworks classifications in the Code of Federal Regulations and removes references to American Pyrotechnics Association standards.
- HB 1318 - Changes the laws regarding use of a Social Security number as an employee number, as well as laws relating to mental health.
- HB 1647 - changes laws regarding public safety, including the establishing of standards and guidelines through rules and regulations to ensure Missouri is in compliance with the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), revising fee assessment for transportation of radioactive waste, extending authorization of fees for hazardous waste until Aug. 28, 2018, increasing workplace safety standards, and provisions relating to recreational off-road vehicles. Most

importantly, HB 1647 lowers the age requirement from 21 to 18 for current and honorably discharged members of the military to get a concealed carry endorsement. HB 1818 - Changes the definition of "residential property" for property tax purposes to include time-share units, except to the extent the units are actually rented and subject to sales tax.

- HB 1329 - Would have required the sale of a motor vehicle, trailer, boat, or outboard motor, regardless of whether the sale took place in this state, to include use tax on these particular purchases. Vetoed by the governor, and no motion made to override during veto session.



*Senator Kehoe debates legislation on the Senate floor.*

***The constituents of the 6<sup>th</sup> District are my priority. My Capitol office is available to assist with any local or other issues you may have. Please contact me or my staff at the number below. We will be happy to assist in anyway we can.***

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District represents the counties of Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan and Osage.

### **Fun Facts About the 6<sup>th</sup> District**

1. Number of state bridges — 410
2. Miles of state roads — 1,710 centerline miles
3. Square miles — 3,697
4. District dimension in miles — 63 miles north/south; 93 miles east/west
5. Total acres covered — 2,366,080