



# Senator Brian Munzlinger 2013 Legislative Review



## The 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Takes on a New Shape in 2013

After the 2010 Census, nearly all of Missouri's Senate districts were redrawn. This includes the 18th Senatorial District, which I represent.

In 2011 and 2013, my district included Adair, Audrain, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Putnam, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland and Shelby counties.

As of this year, the 18th Senatorial District includes Adair, Chariton, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Macon, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Schuyler, Scotland and Shelby counties.

I am meeting a lot of great people in the new counties that are now included in the 18th Senatorial District, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the months ahead.

*Brian Munzlinger*



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**Missouri's 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District in  
Northeast Missouri**

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District includes:  
six hospitals, 41 school districts,  
25 newspapers, two television stations  
and 17 radio stations.**

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## **SB 16: Keeping the Family Farm Strong**

Senate Bill 16 was my first legislative success this year.

I have spent a great deal of time working to get this proposal through the Missouri Legislature. After the federal government proposed rules that would have regulated family farming, a lot of people asked what could be done on a state level to maintain our current way of life. Thanks to the efforts of my colleagues in the Missouri General Assembly, Senate Bill 16 has now been signed by the governor.

Senate Bill 16 will exempt farm work performed by children under the age of 16 from certain child labor

requirements. Young Missourians will be able to work on their own — or others' — family farms, as long as they have the permission of their parents.

Agriculture is Missouri's No. 1 industry, and Senate Bill 16 seeks to keep family farms around for a long time to come. Over the years, I have found young people who grew up on a farm to be mature and able to take on tasks in life because of the responsibility they learn at an early age. I look forward to another generation of Missourians with the skills one can learn from farming.

The new law will take effect on Aug. 28, 2013.



*Sen. Munzlinger presented Senate Bill 16 to the Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee on Jan. 23, 2013.*

## **HB 533: Protecting Missourians**

I handled House Bill 533 in the Missouri Senate. The measure addresses the need to allow more people the right to their own protection. While the federal government is proposing many changes to the Second Amendment, Missouri is working to make sure everyone's rights are protected.

The measure specifies

the state cannot prohibit any state employee from having a firearm in his or her vehicle on state property, provided the vehicle is locked and the firearm is not visible.

The measure would also exempt a paid, full-time fire department or fire protection district chief from the crime of unlawful use of a weapon if he or she carries a concealed weapon as part of his or her official duties.

House Bill 533 specifies a county, municipality

or other governmental body cannot participate in any program in which an individual is given a thing of value in exchange for surrendering a firearm to the entity unless it has adopted a resolution, ordinance or rule authorizing the participation in the program to sell to a licensed dealer. The proceeds must be deposited in the county sheriff's revolving fund.

The more we can do to protect the rights of citizens, the better. House

Bill 533 strengthens existing law to include people who need the ability to protect themselves in their day-to-day lives.



## **SB 42: County Jails**



Senate Bill 42 would allow a setoff of income tax refunds and lottery payouts for unpaid debts to county jails and would bar debtors from getting a license to hunt or fish. Under current law, offenders in a county jail

must pay the costs of their board.

My proposal would require the circuit clerk to report the names of people certified by the sheriff as delinquent in paying money owed for

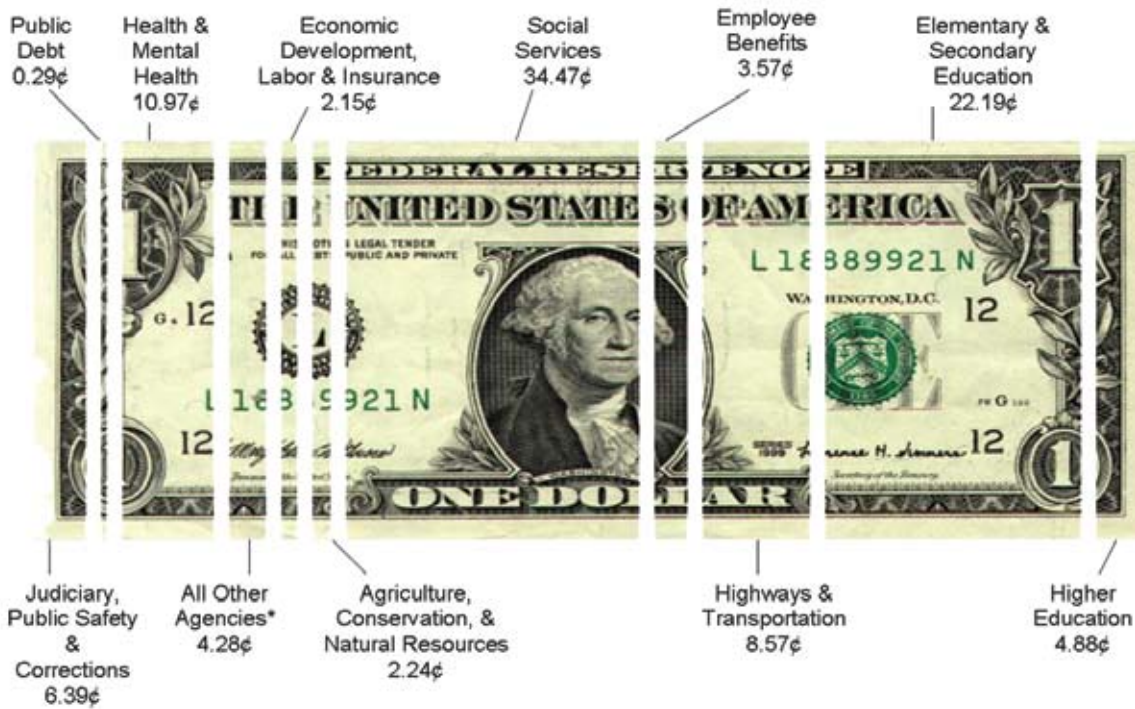
a period of imprisonment in a county jail. Whenever a person satisfies his or her debt, or begins making regular payments to the sheriff, the sheriff must notify the clerk that the person is no longer considered delinquent.



## DISTRIBUTION OF EACH TAX DOLLAR

FISCAL YEAR 2014 TRULY AGREED AND FINALLY PASSED OPERATING BUDGET

All Funds: \$24.801 Billion



\*Revenue. Office of Administration. Elected Officials. General Assembly. Real Estate

## Continuing Our Commitment to Education

We were able to provide an increase in funding to education for Fiscal Year 2014. This increases funding levels to:

Moberly Community College (including Jim Sears Center)  
\$4,974,871

North Central Community College  
\$2,447,795

Truman State University  
\$40,512,994

Foundation Formula  
\$110,146,815

State Schools for the Severely Handicapped  
\$1,462,722

One-time funding to the Pike-Lincoln Technical School  
\$1,000,000

## SB 89: Helping Our Senior Population

Senate Bill 89 would allow a nursing home district to establish senior housing. This was brought to my attention by constituents in Knox County, and I want to thank them for alerting me to their need.

Under Senate Bill 89, nursing home districts could establish and maintain senior housing, in addition to nursing home facilities, in any third- or fourth-class county. If this were to become law, seniors in the district would have more community living options, and I am thankful this bill has gone to the governor.



"Ms. Missouri Nursing Home" Elvis Gundy, a Scotland County Care resident, and Sen. Munzlinger.

## HB 116: Keeping an Eye on Government

House Bill 116 contains provisions of Senate Bill 18, that I proposed.

This measure would require agencies to track federal fund usage and the governor to report withholdings. Every state agency receiving any grant of federal funds of \$1 million or more must make information easily available to the public on the online Missouri Accountability Portal within 30 days.

This legislation would remove the state auditor from a board that he currently audits.

## SB 17: Strengthening Schools

Senate Bill 17 would establish the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council and the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children.

It would also remove the sunset on individuals to obtain teacher certification based on certification by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence. It removes the sunset for the "25 and out" retirement provision for the Public Schools Retirement System and extends the sunset on the increase factor for working more than 31 years to July 1, 2014.



## **HJR 11: The Right to Farm**

I am pleased to have helped pass "Right to Farm" legislation in House Joint Resolution 11. This is something that will go to a vote of the people in 2014.

After increasing signs from outside interests that farming is something that should be overly regulated by people unfamiliar with agriculture, Missourians have started to fight back. We cannot afford to let interests from outside the Show-Me State dictate policy.

Voter approval of House Joint Resolution 11 will reaffirm our right to keep Missouri's No. 1 industry alive for generations to come.

## **SB 75: Ending Bad Practices**

Missouri lawmakers spent a lot of time talking about firearm safety and other gun issues this year.

Senate Bill 75 sees to it that your county sheriff, not the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR), issues concealed-carry permits. The

measure also allows schools to teach proper gun safety courses to elementary school children.

As for DOR, scrutiny will continue over the actions of some employees there for some time to come. A more vigilant public will ensure these actions

do not continue, in any form, from any state government department.



## **SJR 16: Funding Missouri Transportation**

We had an opportunity this year to let the people of Missouri decide how they wanted to fund highway projects for a limited number of years, with a ballot question that would have allowed a one cent sales tax to exist for 10 years. If we choose not to invest in our roads, Missouri will soon become the last place anyone will want to do business. I refuse to let this happen, because I am devoted to the welfare of our state and my constituents. I felt it was important to let the people decide.



*4-H job shadow Jessie Fowler and Sen. Munzlinger on Feb. 19, 2013.*



*Osteopathic students from ATSU visited the Capitol on April 27, 2013.*



*FCCLA job shadow Sarah Jo Benedict and Sen. Munzlinger on Feb. 20, 2013.*



*Farm Bureau Leadership Day. Pictured here are representatives from Randolph County, one of 11 counties that visited Sen. Munzlinger on March 28, 2013.*