



Senator Brian Munzlinger 2014 Legislative Review



Friends,

It has been another productive legislative session for northeast Missouri. As always, we in the Legislature took on the challenges presented to us. It is never an easy task, but it is one that we look to with great regard and respect for you.

We passed what we believe is a balanced budget, scaling back original revenue projections. Missouri's next fiscal year will begin on July 1, 2014. We have added funding to Missouri's schools, including an additional 5 percent for higher education. Putting together a budget is the constitutional requirement for the Missouri General Assembly, and we view it as the most important thing we do every year.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our next "Local Government Day," which is scheduled for June 24 at the Capitol. There's more information about this event inside this newsletter.

Thank you for taking time to catch up on your state government and for providing your valuable input.

Brian Munzlinger



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**Interested in our
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Senator Munzlinger's Annual "Northeast Missouri Local Government Day" Set for June 24, 2014, at the Capitol

Later this month, I will spend a day with elected leaders from the 18th Senatorial District on "Northeast Missouri Local Government Day," which is set for June 24, 2014.

I have a very large district, and I want to meet with as many people as I can. What better way than to gather everybody together in one location — in this case,

Jefferson City — and spend some serious time talking about the issues that affect all of them.

Subjects to be discussed include budget, safety, economic development, emergency management, the State Tax Commission and the Missouri Department of

Transportation. If you are a mayor, city council member, city manager, or city/county clerk, or any elected county office within the 18th Senatorial District, please contact my office at (573) 751-7985 to RSVP, so we can plan accordingly for lunch.

We will have speakers from multiple departments on hand that day and plan to cover a wide range of topics. I feel it is important for our local leaders to have these contacts throughout

state government.

I look forward to meeting with a lot of people from throughout the district on June 24. The last three "Local Government Days" were successful; hopefully, this year's event will be just as fun and informative.



"Local Government Day" Agenda: State Capitol, House Hearing Rooms 2 and 3 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – June 24, 2014

10:00 a.m.	Introductions	1:30 p.m.	Prevailing Wage Update: Department of Labor
10:15 a.m.	Transportation Update: Missouri Department of Transportation Director David Nichols	2:00 p.m.	Pooled Purchasing: Office of Administration
11:00 a.m.	Sunshine Law: Attorney General's Office	2:30 p.m.	Elected Officials' Salaries: Senate Research Analysis
Noon	Lunch (House Hearing Room 2)	3:00 p.m.	Q & A with Sen. Munzlinger
12:45 p.m.	Wastewater Information: Department of Natural Resources		

Missouri's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

DISTRIBUTION OF EACH TAX DOLLAR

FISCAL YEAR 2015 TRULY AGREED AND FINALLY PASSED OPERATING BUDGET

All Funds: \$26.379 Billion



* = Revenue, Office of Administration, Elected Officials, General Assembly and Real Estate

Senate Bill 506: Improving Agriculture

We were able to make some much-needed improvements for Missouri's No. 1 industry this year.

Senate Bill 506 seeks to add captive deer to the definition of livestock, which would allow more venison to be processed and open a bigger meat market. It also would create the Missouri Dairy Revitalization

Act of 2014, and lessen hauling restrictions and weight limits for farm vehicles. Senate Bill 506 would require the Missouri Department of Agriculture to promulgate the rule to make a label for E-15 on fuel pumps.

If the measure becomes law, it would take effect on Aug. 28, 2014.



Senator Munzlinger addresses a gathering of agriculture committee members from the Senate and House during the first "Keeping Current with Agriculture" workshop.

Senate Bill 504: Increasing Transparency

I am pleased to say Senate Bill 504 now sits on the governor's desk.

Senate Bill 504 would require state agencies to make proposed rules available to the public by providing a Web page and a link to the Missouri Register, which would include all related material.

Transparency is something I have been pushing for ever since I got to the Missouri General Assembly. We always hear cries for how difficult it is to follow government policies. I believe it is time to make sure everyone knows what these rules are, who they would affect and how much they may cost.

"I felt it was important to plan time for House and Senate legislators and staff from agriculture-related committees to get together and review the different parts of the department, away from the legislative process. I look forward to hosting more of these events around the state as we all learn more about the different parts of our agriculture industry."

— Senator Munzlinger

Senate Bill 745: Improving Conceal-Carry Laws

We learned a lot of lessons in 2013, after it was discovered that information connected to concealed-carry weapons (CCW) permits was going to the federal government. The Legislature acted quickly to ensure this never happens again. Senate Bill 745 includes provisions sheriffs need to carry out those changes.

Senate Bill 745 makes changes to a couple of different aspects of attaining your CCW permit. First, current law requires an applicant for a CCW permit to perform a physical demonstration of his or her ability to safely load a revolver and a semiautomatic pistol, a live firing exercise with both types of firearms, and a live firing test with both firearms. If this measure becomes law, the applicant only needs to demonstrate the ability to safely load, and only requires live firing from, either a revolver or a semiautomatic pistol.

If this common-sense measure becomes law, it would take effect on Aug. 28, 2014.

Senate Bill 668: Cutting Medical Costs

This year, I sponsored Senate Bill 663, a measure that requires health benefit plans to establish equal out-of-pocket costs for covered oral and intravenously administered chemotherapy medications. I also supported House Bill 1327, which was a similar proposal. In the end, it was Senate Bill 668 that passed both chambers and was signed into law. In my opinion, this was one of the most important bills we passed this year.

This important legislation ensures access to effective life-saving treatments for cancer patients in Missouri. Working with the experts in the field, the legislation would bring insurance coverage parity to both forms of chemotherapy — intravenous (IV) and pill form — simply requiring plans to cover oral chemotherapy products if traditional chemotherapies are already covered.

I am glad Senate Bill 668 made it across the finish line this year. The new law will officially take effect on Aug. 28, 2014.

Senator Munzlinger's Legislation for 2014

- SB 504 - Requires state agencies to post proposed rules, summaries, and fiscal notes on their websites (Passed)**
- SB 506 - Requires that all fees collected under the Missouri Livestock Marketing Law not yield revenues greater than the cost of administration (Passed)**
- SB 561 - Creates a permit for hobby manufacturers of fireworks
- SB 573 - Authorizes Shelby and Monroe counties to collect a property tax to pay for road rock on county roads
- SB 745 - Modifies the provisions regarding sheriffs and other law enforcement officers, weapons, and concealed-carry permits (Passed)**
- SB 779 - Allows Department of Corrections employees' overtime to accrue upon completion of time worked in excess of an employee's normal shift **(Passed in House Bill 1090)**
- SB 835 - Requires county salary commissions to provide pay increases to sheriffs to be paid for from a fund in which certain fees received by the sheriff are deposited
- SB 850 - Establishes a SNAP food stamps pilot project to encourage purchases of fresh food at farmers' markets **(Added as an amendment to SB 727, which passed)**
- SB 894 - Modifies the interest rate applied to pre- and post-judgment money ordered in tort and nontort actions
- SB 902 - Modifies the laws regarding certain private nuisance actions
- SJR 28 - Creates the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife
- SJR 29 - Modifies the membership composition and terms of service of the commissioners on the Conservation Commission

Passed legislation awaits action from the governor.