



STATE SENATOR

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CAPITOL REPORT



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Serving Missouri



Since taking the oath of office in September 2017, my goal has been to work hard for the people of Missouri and the nine counties we call home. Over the past nine years, I've been grateful to meet so many of you, hear your stories and carry your concerns to the Capitol. Thank you for trusting me to be your voice.

As a Dallas County native, it has been the honor of my lifetime to serve this rural district. While my time as your state senator is coming to a close, my commitment to this community continues. I look forward to the next chapter with my family and the many blessings ahead.

Sandy Crauford

Delivering Results

The second regular session of the 103rd Missouri General Assembly concluded on May 15, marking a busy and productive four and a half months at the Capitol.

This session, I was proud to see 13 bills that I sponsored or handled make it all the way through the legislative process and be signed into law by the governor, along with approval of a \$48.7 billion state operating budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

Throughout the session, my focus remained on practical solutions to improve efficiency, reduce delays, and make government services more reliable and accessible for Missourians.



Protecting Homeowners



The governor signed Senate Bill 834 and House Bill 2636 into law on July 9, 2026.

Senate Bill 834 and **House Bill 2636** combines several consumer-protection measures with the underlying Uniform Mortgage Modification Act. This new law allows lenders to maintain their lien priority when making routine, borrower-friendly modifications to residential and commercial mortgages.

It also protects homeowners in sale-leaseback transactions by requiring additional disclosures, review periods and cancellation rights. It also increases transparency in real estate wholesale contracts.

Allocating Missouri's \$48.6 Billion Operating Budget



*Includes: Revenue, National Guard, Elected Officials, General Assembly and Statewide Real Estate

1. \$0.173 - Elementary & Secondary Education
2. \$0.029 - Higher Education & Workforce Development
3. \$0.081 - Transportation
4. \$0.014 - Office of Administration
5. \$0.037 - Employee Benefits
6. \$0.037 - Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources
7. \$0.016 - Economic Development, Labor & Insurance
8. \$0.092 - Mental Health
9. \$0.373 - Social Services
10. \$0.044 - Health & Senior Services
11. \$0.022 - Corrections
12. \$0.051 - Judiciary, Public Defender & Public Safety
13. \$0.031 - *All Other Agencies



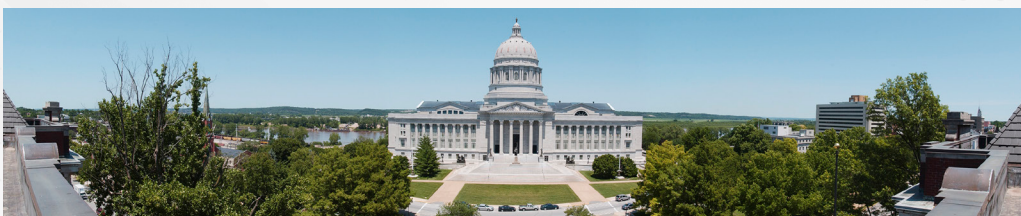
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Protecting Missourians & Improving Services



Throughout the session, I also worked on practical ways to make government work better for Missourians. From simplifying court and election processes to helping hospitals invest in their communities and streamlining physician licensing, these measures reduce red tape, improve efficiency and expand access to services.

- **Senate Bills 835 & 1111** updates garnishment and civil court rules so the process is more clear and consistent. This bill would modernize Missouri's civil judgment enforcement laws, balancing debtor protections with creditor rights, simplifying procedures and aligning exemptions with current economic conditions
- **House Bill 1870** simplifies deposit-account garnishments and updates bankruptcy exemptions. This is also companion legislation to Senate Bills 835 & 1111.
- **House Bill 1871** makes technical updates to election laws to clarify and streamline election processes. Senate Bill 836 is the companion. This bill contained language from Senate Bill 1094, which modernizes how bond election notices are shared with the public. It gives local election authorities greater flexibility by allowing notices to be published earlier, delivered more consistently or mailed directly to voters with a single newspaper notice. These changes help ensure voters receive clear and timely information while easing administrative burdens. Another bill, Senate Bill 1095, which addresses candidate filing deadlines is also included in the House bill.
- **House Bill 1825** modernizes outdated county compensation statutes. It also lengthens the time to make necessary structural changes for certain reclassifications.
- **Senate Bill 1019** allows district and municipal hospitals investment flexibility, which could increase revenue and help rural areas fund infrastructure and staffing needs. It also enables certain hospitals to establish partnerships to areas technically outside their district. This will improve access to underserved areas.
- **Senate Bill 1423** streamlines the physician licensure process by removing unnecessary requirements. Reducing the wait times for licensing will better-support Missouri's healthcare system. Provisions of this are included in House Bill 2372.



Improving Efficiency



In addition to sponsoring my own legislation, I handled several House bills in the Senate focused on accountability, efficiency and better service for Missourians.

- **House Bill 2423** creates a Consumer Licensing Fund so financial institutions cover their own examination costs. **Senate Bill 1021** was the companion legislation.
- **House Bill 3279** moves the Community Service Commission to the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. **Senate Bill 1663** was the companion bill to this measure.
- **House Bill 2180** allows certain tax documents to be mailed first class, instead of certified, saving the state over \$2 million annually. **Senate Bill 931** was the upper chamber companion.
- **House Bill 2596** updates rules for multiple employer self-insured health plans. **Senate Bill 1464** was the companion bill.

Together, these bills reflect a practical approach to improving efficiency, reducing costs and strengthening accountability across state government while ensuring Missourians receive better service.



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Building Connections at the Capitol

Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit me at our beautiful State Capitol! It has truly been an honor to welcome you, hear your stories and share in the work we do together for our state. Your visits, conversations and engagement help shape the legislative process and remind me why public service is so important.



Recognizing Appointments to Missouri Boards and Commissions



Nicole Barrett, Stockton
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board



Justin McCarty, Fair Grove
Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules



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