

Journal of the House

ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
STATE OF MISSOURI

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Representative Schulte in the Chair.

There was a moment of silent prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following proclamation was received from His Excellency, Governor Mike Kehoe.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has adjourned its regular legislative session without having enacted new congressional district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 45 of the Missouri Constitution authorizes the General Assembly to divide the state into districts for the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri's current congressional district map may be vulnerable to a legal challenge under the Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment, due to a lack of compactness in certain districts; and

WHEREAS, our congressional delegation should reflect the values of Missourians; and

WHEREAS, congressional candidate filing for the 2026 election cycle begins on February 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, legislation to establish new congressional districts for the State of Missouri cannot be accomplished in the 2026 Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, the failure to establish new congressional districts constitutes an extraordinary occasion that warrants immediate legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the swift and efficient resolution of this matter is necessary to prepare for the upcoming election cycle and to provide certainty for voters; and

WHEREAS, a fair and transparent initiative petition process is essential for the citizens of the State of Missouri to propose and enact laws; and

WHEREAS, the current initiative petition process may be vulnerable to foreign and out-of-state influence; and

WHEREAS, certain ballot initiatives can be confusing to voters and lead to unintended consequences; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 9 of the Missouri Constitution authorizes the Governor on extraordinary occasions, to convene the General Assembly by proclamation, specifying each matter requiring action.

NOW, THEREFORE, on the extraordinary occasion that exists in the State of Missouri:

I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution of the State of Missouri, do, by this Proclamation, convene the One Hundred Third General Assembly in the Second Extraordinary Session of the First Regular Session; and

I HEREBY call upon the Senators and Representatives of said General Assembly to meet in the State Capitol in the City of Jefferson at the hour of 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025; and

I HEREBY state that the action of said General Assembly is deemed necessary concerning each matter specifically designated and limited hereinafter as follows:

1. To enact legislation to establish new congressional districts for the State of Missouri.
2. To enact legislation to amend the state's initiative petition process as follows:
 - a. To ban foreign nationals from contributing to committees for or against a statewide ballot measure; and
 - b. To establish a criminal election offense for fraudulently signing or gathering signatures for a statewide ballot measure; and
 - c. To provide that a statewide ballot measure be passed only if a majority of voters statewide and a majority of voters in each congressional district vote to adopt the proposed measure; and
 - d. To require that before a statewide ballot measure is certified for signatures to be gathered, there shall be an opportunity for public comment; and
 - e. To require that the full text of a statewide ballot measure be printed and available to voters at all election sites and polling places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 29th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Mike Kehoe
Governor

ATTEST:

/s/ Denny Hoskins
Secretary of State

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

August 21, 2025

The Honorable Mike Kehoe
Office of the Governor
201 W. Capitol Ave., Room 216
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Kehoe:

I am writing to formally tender my resignation as State Representative for the 149th District of Missouri, effective on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

I have been given the opportunity to serve as the District Engineer for MODOT's Southeast District, which will give me the opportunity to serve my region and be closer to my family during their time dealing with health issues.

It has been an honor to serve the people of the 149th District in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Thank you for your support during my tenure in the House. It has truly been a privilege to serve alongside you, the leadership team and all my distinguished colleagues.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donnie Brown
State Representative

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Joint Resolutions were read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HJR 1, introduced by Representative Davidson, relating to constitutional amendments.

HJR 2, introduced by Representative Davidson, relating to constitutional amendments.

HJR 3, introduced by Representative Lewis, relating to ballot measures, with penalty provisions.

HJR 4, introduced by Representative Wolfin, relating to constitutional amendments.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bill was read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HB 1, introduced by Representative Deaton, relating to the composition of congressional districts.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

September 3, 2025

Mr. Joseph Engler
Chief Clerk
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 310
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Engler:

I hereby establish the following committee, Special Committee on Redistricting, and appoint the following members:

Representative Richard West, Chair
Representative Bill Hardwick, Vice Chair
Representative Mark Sharp, Ranking Minority Member
Representative Bennie Cook
Representative Michael Davis
Representative Melissa Douglas
Representative Jamie Gragg
Representative Tony Harbison
Representative Don Mayhew
Representative Scott Miller
Representative Melissa Schmidt
Representative Kathy Steinhoff
Representative Christopher Warwick
Representative Yolanda Young

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Patterson
Speaker of the House

COMMITTEE CHANGES

September 2, 2025

Mr. Joseph Engler
Chief Clerk
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 310
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Engler:

I hereby appoint Representative Peggy McGaugh as Vice Chair of the Elections Committee.

I hereby appoint Representative Dane Diehl to the Elections Committee.

I hereby appoint Representative Cecelie Williams to the Elections Committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Patterson
Speaker of the House

September 3, 2025

Mr. Joseph Engler
Chief Clerk
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 310
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Engler:

I hereby appoint Representative Keri Ingle to the Committee on Elections.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ashley Aune
Minority Caucus Floor Leader
District 14

September 3, 2025

Mr. Joseph Engler
Chief Clerk
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 310
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Engler:

I hereby make the following changes to the Special Committee on Redistricting:

I hereby appoint the following members to the committee:

Representative Kem Smith
Representative Jeff Verneti

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Patterson
Speaker of the House

The following members' presence was noted: Anderson, Aune, Black, Boyko, Bromley, Bush, Byrnes, Chappell, Clemens, Cook, Davis, Dean, Deaton, Dolan, Douglas, Falkner, Fountain Henderson, Fowler, Fuchs, Gragg, Griffith, Hales, Harbison, Hardwick, Hovis, Jobe, Johnson, Jones (88), Jones (12), Jordan, Keathley, Kelley, Laubinger, Lewis, Mackey, Martin, Mayhew, McGaugh, Miller, Murray, Oehlerking, Plank, Pollitt, Pouche, Price, Proudie, Reed, Reedy, Reuter, Sassmann, Schmidt, Schulte, Seitz, Sharpe (4), Simmons, Smith (46), Smith (74), Steinhoff, Steinmeyer, Strickler, Taylor (84), Taylor (48), Terry, Thompson, Titus, Van Schoiack, Veit, Verneti, Warwick, Weber, West, Whaley, Williams, and Wilson.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Schulte, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 4, 2025.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Monday, September 8, 2025, 10:00 AM, House Hearing Room 7.

Informational hearing on jail per diem and Missouri prison transformation.

Time changed to 10:00 AM.

CORRECTED

ELECTIONS

Thursday, September 4, 2025, 1:00 PM, House Hearing Room 7.

Public hearing and executive session of HJR 3, pending referral.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2:00 PM, Joint Hearing Room (117).

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Agenda: Approve minutes from the June 10, 2025, meeting, Director's update, and discussion with State Tax Commission regarding the rules in 12 CSR 30.

Executive session may follow.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2:15 PM, SCR 2-1st Floor.

Elect new co-chair from among committee members from the House of Representatives.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 10:00 AM, Joint Hearing Room (117).

Agenda: Quarterly investment report, market update, plan updates, Joplin Police and Firemen's Pension Fund, and Poplar Bluff Police & Fire Pension Plan.

A vote may be taken to close the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021(3), RSMo, and Section 610.021(13), RSMo, relating to personnel matters.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 8:00 AM, Joint Hearing Room (117).

Report from the Director of Transportation and pending applications for memorial highways.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

Thursday, September 4, 2025, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 3.

Public hearing and executive session of HB 1, pending referral.

VETERANS AND ARMED FORCES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 6.

Presentation by Ron Mackey, PhD, Vice President of Community Engagement, with Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries.

HOUSE CALENDAR

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

HJR 1 through HJR 4

HOUSE BILLS FOR SECOND READING

HB 1

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