



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE: Children and Families			
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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: ALI GRAEFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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April school board elections often see turnout below 15-20%, dominated by a small, motivated group (unions, activists). November consolidates with major federal/state races, boosting participation to 50%+, producing boards that better reflect the full community while cutting separate-election costs.



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WITNESS NAME: ALLISON BEARDSLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support this bill in hopes that the school board elections will then have a better voter turnout and more accurately represent the majority in the district. I do not feel the current school board members represent the majority due to lack of turnout at April elections.



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WITNESS NAME: AMY DECLUE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Municipal elections are historically poorly attended (most places in MO having less than 20% voter turnout) and important issues like bonds/levies, tax increases, and school board elections should be moved to November, where voter turnout is greater. I wish this was the case statewide, but support this for St. Charles County's well.



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Please move schoolboard elections to November.			



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WITNESS NAME: ANTHONY WOLF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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There have been multiple times when school board elections and/or levy/bond issues are the **ONLY** thing on the ballot. The tax payers of these districts have to foot the whole bill for said election instead of sharing and subsequently reducing this cost with multiple entities and institutions. By doing away with April elections for school matters, we demonstrate we are good stewards of the tax payers' money and the time and resources of our community. Those arguing partisan politics are misguided at best and sorely mistaken. We should expect more from so-called bi-partisan groups headed by former district heads. School board elections as well as levy and bond issues should take place in November.



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I support



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WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655	
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The Freedom Principle strongly supports SB1002 because it advances the Freedom Principle: government must be accountable, transparent, and responsive to the people it serves. True freedom requires informed self-governance, and this bill strengthens it by aligning school board elections and tax measures with the highest-turnout elections in Missouri.

SB1002 applies to qualifying school districts (primarily in St. Charles County area). It moves school board elections to the November general election in even-numbered years, standardizes terms at four years, allows candidates the option to list a political party affiliation, and requires tax levies, renewals, increases, and bond issues to appear on the same high-participation November ballot.

This reform promotes freedom and accountability in several key ways:

Higher Voter Turnout: April special elections often see single-digit or low-teen turnout, letting a small group decide major issues. November elections empower far more parents and taxpayers, giving decisions greater legitimacy and democratic consent.

Better-Informed Voters: Citizens can evaluate school issues alongside broader state and national priorities, leading to more thoughtful choices.

Transparency: Optional party affiliation provides voters additional information about candidates' values—purely voluntary, enhancing informed decision-making.

Stability and Predictability: Four-year terms reduce constant campaigning while maintaining regular accountability.

Critics claim this invites “partisanship,” but shielding local government from broad participation does not protect education—it protects incumbents and special interests. School governance involves compulsory taxes and children’s futures; the answer is more sunlight and more voters, not less.

Missouri should trust its citizens. SB1002 expands their voice in the institutions that matter most to families. I urge the Committee to pass this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL PITZER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is important to pass this bill to move these elections to save our state a lot of money. I urge you to support SB1002.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROLYN A KUNTZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: CARRIE FARROW		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This should've been done years ago and will save money too. Thank you and yes we 100% support this.



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL FELDMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINA MARIE MACORMIC		PHONE NUMBER:	
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April elections consistently have very low turnout. November elections see much higher participation, often 50–70%, making results more representative of the community. I support moving school board elections from April to November.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DARLENE BARRETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe this would be a very good move and is so important. We need more people to participate in our school board elections, since they make a vey big difference in our lives and our children. If it is moved to the fall, I think more people would become involved to know who is running and will be voting. Too many people do not vote now in these elections, because they don't care. People need to care.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID JAWORSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I ran for school board as a conservative in this latest election. Things my fellow running mates and I noticed.

I believe that moving elections to the fall with all of the other elections would create a much more level playing field and would drive more robust debate between candidates. As it currently stands, the progressive candidates have a built in support systems (much of that is coming from the unions)that allows them to be somewhat lazy about campaigning.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBBIE MCFARLAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
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It is critical we move the School Board elections to November so the majority of voters participate in this election.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBBY KLUEPFEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please move this through congress to pass!!!



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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH J ZUMWALT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DEBRA MATUSIAK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support SB 1002. I think it will save money and time.



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WITNESS NAME: DUSTIN BEARDSLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support this bill in hopes that the school board elections will then have a better voter turnout and more accurately represent the majority in the district. I do not feel the current school board members represent the majority due to lack of turnout at April elections.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH HARMON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I would like to consolidate important elections as much as possible. I voted last April and the only item on the ballot was for school board. That wastes money. Why not save that money and put it on the ballot in November when more people are voting.



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WITNESS NAME: ELLEN BELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ERIC BROOMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ERICA MEINTZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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More people vote in the November election and is a better representation of the entire community do people as oppose to the April vote which has always had a low turnout.



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WITNESS NAME: GEOFFREY KEOUGH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: GEOFFREY M PRATTE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This just makes sense.			



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES M MCCOY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Case for Election Consolidation

Focusing on the core objective, consolidating local and general elections is an essential step toward practical efficiency and civic integrity. Although both parties advocate for voter participation and civic awareness, the current practice of holding critical local elections in April—a month defined by historically low turnout—directly undermines these goals.

The argument for consolidation is built on three pillars:

*** **Voter Engagement:**** The electorate is most active during the November cycle. Combining elections ensures that local decisions are shaped by a broad consensus rather than a small, unrepresentative fraction of the population.

*** **Cognitive Efficiency:**** Preparation for an election requires significant time and energy. Consolidating these efforts into a single annual event lowers the barrier to entry and respects the voter's schedule.

*** **Fiscal Responsibility:**** Maintaining two separate election cycles creates a redundant financial burden on taxpayers. A single election date would significantly reduce administrative and overhead costs.

While the current split system may offer a marginal strategic advantage to certain candidates, these benefits do not justify the systemic downsides of low participation and high costs. Furthermore, transparency could be improved by allowing candidates for traditionally non-partisan offices—such as school boards, city councils, or ambulance districts—the option to disclose their political affiliations. Providing this information gives voters a clearer understanding of the ideals that might drive a candidate's decision-making process.

Ultimately, maintaining the status quo hinders democratic accessibility. Opposing consolidation often stems from an attempt to curate specific outcomes at the public's expense. When the system makes it harder for those with fewer resources to participate twice a year, it moves beyond a matter of efficiency and becomes a question of civil rights. There is no compelling argument for preserving a system that intentionally limits engagement and increases costs.



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WITNESS NAME: JANE PUSZKAR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Due to low turnout these elections need to be moved to November.			



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JANICE BROOMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JARED SANCHEZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I, Jared Sanchez and 8 others in my house hold stand in support of the SB 1002 - Schnelting bill.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER OLSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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As a former school board member in the Wentzville School District, moving the school board elections to November is imperative. The April elections have poor voter turnout and the results are devastating the education system. The vast majority of real/personal property taxes go towards our schools. Wentzville School District Board Policy 0120 states that “ The people of the Wentzville School District are the ultimate governors of public education in the District, and that the Board is directly accountable to the people through the elective process.” If only 15% of the electorate is voting in April, compared to 70-80% in November, “the people of the Wentzville School District” are not being effectively represented. The more voices we have weighing in on the education of the students the in our community, the better.

Lastly, the three large districts in our county account for the vast majority of the county. This means that school board members in our county have larger electorates than County Council Members, Central Committee Members and others that are on the August and November ballots. Moving the school board elections would give parents and community members a fighting chance with a longer campaign season to raise the funds needed and to reach more voters.

I urge the committee to please pass this bill.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JIM CONRADY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I strongly recommend this bill and ask for the support of all committee members.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JIMMY ZOELLNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Elections should be held in November along with the others. More people turn out for Elections in that month than they do April. It'll help get more voices from the community.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOAN KLEEKAMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Please support this.			



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOHN BARTON COFFMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Existing election dates are confusing and favor corruption.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOHN BEHR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Please support SB 1002.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOHN STOBBS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I want fewer, more involved voter participation in all elections. Further, I appreciate the efficiency and cost savings of same



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOSHUA WILCUTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOSHUA WILCUTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:		SUBMIT DATE: 5/4/2026 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JUDI GAMBINO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 5/3/2026 7:22 PM

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We truly need this. People should understand who they are voting for. As well as more people voting during the November election amount other reasons.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JUDY SEAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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**Im in total favor of moving the school board to November. It will help with turn out and participation.
Thanks**



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JUDY SOFKA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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School Board Elections need to be held in the November elections so that a greater number of voters can weigh in on who would be the best candidates to serve on their local school board!



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KAMERON REYNOLDS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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School board elections must be when the most people show up to vote. Plain and simple. We absolutely cannot have a small minuscule amount of people determine what is taught to our children.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KATE SICKLES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KATHERINE COOK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Please move the school board elections in St. Charles County in the future to November. Please move this bill forward. With such a very low turnout in March, there's really no need to put the additional effort for it earlier in the year. If not November, August would work as well. Thank you!



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KATHLEEN TOMPKINS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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The last election had 16% participation. That alone indicates they are not representative of we the people



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KATHLEEN WYNNE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I support moving school board elections to the November elections.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KATIE DOROSH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KEN GONTARZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 5/1/2026 10:55 AM
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Dear House & Senate,

My name is Ken Gontarz, President Emeritus of Francis Howell Families (a PAC that was formed 5 years ago to support and sponsor common sense, conservative school board candidates in the Francis Howell School District, St. Charles).

I am writing you to URGENTLY support and pass Senator Adam Schnelting's SB 1002.

Francis Howell Families was successful in winning two school board elections and getting 5 of 7 school board candidates elected (2021 and 2022). Our candidates ran on academic excellence, traditional American values, and respect for our nation's founding principles (<https://francishowellfamilies.org/>).

We vehemently opposed positions that the progressive school board candidates supported: Marxist ideologies, DEI, CRT, LGBTQ agenda advancement, gender affirming pronouns, gender affirming surgeries for minors, boys in girl's bathrooms, being called oppressors because of being white, and pornographic material in our school libraries.

After the 2022 school board elections where conservative candidates achieved control of the school board, the local teacher's union was galvanized to regain control of the board. In 2023, they teamed with local unions and progressive PACs to utilize their combined resources (1,200+ teachers plus financial support) to especially focus on getting out the vote.

Knowing that holding elections in April provides their candidates with an insurmountable get-out-the-vote advantage (teachers' manpower to greatly assist in the campaign) and knowing that only 14%-15% of voters turn out for an April school board election, they do not want any change to the April schedule since they can "stack the vote".

By holding school board elections especially in November, a greater number of people will vote and thus provide a more representative and fair election.

Let's provide our voters with a more level playing field for all future school board elections in St. Charles County. Please support SB1002.

Appreciatively,

Ken Gontarz, Francis Howell Families



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KENNETH R OBERKROM		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Our local school boards need attention and this is a justified 1st step.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KIRK WOLF		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I fully support this bill. Moving school board elections to November will result in significantly more voter participation and a more representative process. The notion that April elections and school boards are "non-partisan" is absurd - the NEA works with other far left PACs in low April elections to control all of St. Charles county school board seats. And why wouldn't they? NEA endorsed and funded board members oversee over \$1B in spending in our county. It's great to be on both sides of the negotiating table for teacher's contracts, but who represents the students and families?



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LARRY DYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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If all elections schedule would make the school board elections more significant. A larger quantity of voters would be involved rather than the small minority at the current status. School board elections are very important for helping determine the direction of our schools and all citizens who are able to vote should be included.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LARRY VANHOUTEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I am in support of shifting our April elections to become part of the fall elections. I feel there will be much better representation and turn out at the fall election yielding a more symbolic result.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LAUREN GREENWOOD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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As a conservative Christian wife, mother of two daughters in Francis Howell schools, and 2026 school board candidate, I ran to defend parental rights, fiscal responsibility, and age-appropriate education rooted in faith and family values. Our schools must prioritize basics and moral truth—not ideologies undermining parents. Though we fell short in April, I urge the House to move school board elections to November. Higher turnout gives parents a real chance to win and reclaim our schools. Children are God’s gift to families first. Let us protect their future with transparency and accountability.
Thank you.
Lauren Greenwood



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LAURIE ANN R BAKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I believe more people vote on main elections days. Moving these types of elections (school board) to the main voting date of (November) will help reflect a vote total that is more accurate to the population of the area these special elections pertain to.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LAWRENCE KERN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LINDA CONRADY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I fully support this bill



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LISA BORCHERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LISA JACKSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: LISA PANNETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: ARMORVINE		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: MARCIA BEHR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly support moving all school board related issues moved from April to the November election date. This way, I believe more people will be able to make their choices known.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY C LARSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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More families vote and are informed in Fall elections . April is so busy for families with school, awards, school things



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WITNESS NAME: MARYLOUISE CAWOOD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE LAWLOR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: NANCEE J HOOK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: NANCY WORS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: PAULA WILLIAMS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I support moving school board elections to the Fall. I believe there will be a greater turnout for these elections, and a better representation of what the voters want.



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WITNESS NAME: PENNY HENKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: RANDY COOK JR.		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to express my support for SB 1002, which would move school board elections from April to November, shift the swearing-in of members to January (at the latest), and extend board terms from three to four years, among other changes. I served on the Francis Howell Board of Education from April 2022 to April 2025. I learned firsthand why the changes that SB 1002 will make are necessary to better align school district governance to the will of the voters and the practical realities of district oversight.

SB 1002 is about respecting the will of the voters. Citizens often vote for new school boards because they are seeking change—whether in district leadership, transparency, or financial stewardship. Yet under the current system, newly elected board members are largely unable to act on that mandate for over a year (or more) due to calendar constraints that SB 1002 will remedy. The current calendar delays result in a scenario where newly elected board members—and the voters who put them there—have little immediate impact, which can undermine confidence in both the board and the electoral process itself.

Budgeting:

By Missouri law, school districts must approve budgets by June 30, but budget development begins approximately six months earlier. Board members sworn in during mid-April have little opportunity to meaningfully shape the budget they are responsible for overseeing in their first year. This is significant because staff salaries and benefits make up the overwhelming majority of a school district's operating expenses. Board members—who voters hold accountable for the district's financial decisions—must have the ability to provide input during the budget's development—not after it is effectively set. A January swearing-in would allow newly elected members to participate fully in this process, resulting in stronger fiscal oversight and more accountable governance.

Superintendency:

A similar timing problem exists with respect to superintendent contracts. Superintendent contracts are commonly three years in duration and are often renewed prior to the swearing-in of new board members. As a result, a newly elected board member is often bound to leadership decisions he had no role in making for his entire 3-year term. Extending board terms to four years and aligning elections with a January swearing-in would better synchronize governance authority with these contract cycles, ensuring that boards have a meaningful opportunity to evaluate and, if necessary, change district leadership.

Union Negotiations:

Relatedly, employee union negotiations often begin in January or February for the upcoming school year beginning in August. Under the current system, newly elected board members take office in mid-April, after these important union agreements have already been negotiated and finalized. Again, newly elected boards are bound to freshly inked contracts negotiated by their predecessors for one or, often, more years. This further limits a new board's ability to enact meaningful changes to effectively oversee district operations during a substantial portion of its term.

Teacher and Administrator Staffing:

The statutory timelines governing teacher and administrator contracts further compound the issues I have mentioned already. Missouri law requires that non-tenured teachers be notified by April 15 if their contracts will not be renewed. Similarly, administrators must be notified by June 1 if their contract will not be renewed. In reality, contracts are offered much sooner to mitigate turnover late in the hiring season. Because board members are usually sworn-in after these contracts have been issued, newly elected members have to no little practical ability to influence decisions about staffing levels in their first year. Moving the swearing-in date to January would allow boards to engage in these decisions thoughtfully and proactively.

Analogy:

Imagine a new President of the United States being elected, but by the time he was sworn-in, his predecessor had just signed 1-, 2-, and 3-year contracts for all cabinet level positions and the new President was stuck with those individuals for the duration of their contracts. Or imagine that when you were elected, you were unable to make changes in your office staff for over a year. This is exactly what happens with school boards under the current April election framework and Missouri law.

Closing:

Taken together, the current system leaves newly elected school boards with limited practical authority to enact change during their first year and, in some cases, for a member's entire three-year term. This misalignment between election timing, governance responsibilities, and voter expectations undermines accountability and effective leadership.

SB 1002 offers a practical solution by aligning school board terms with the operational calendar of school districts, empowering boards to act decisively and responsibly from the outset of their service.

I respectfully urge you to support SB 1002, and I urge you to pass it "clean."



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: RICK GAMBINO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Not enough voter turnout for the April elections			



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: RITA SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support moving school board elections to the fall elections.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ROB WORKMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ROBIN GEORGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I want the elections all on one day. I want a day off for the big elections. Make it a holiday!



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WITNESS NAME: RONALD HARMON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Moving this election to November makes sense from a cost and a participation perspective. Last year the only ballot item was for school board. All of that expense for an election where 15% of the voters casts a vote makes no sense. Just consolidate elections and save money while also increasing participation.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: SAMUEL YOUNG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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As a parent with kids in public schools, I do not feel that school boards in my district represent the interests of me and other parents in the district. This became especially clear during COVID. Parents and others in the area who would like to see change in our schools have attempted to have our interest heard through the ballot box. However school board elections only get around 10-12% of voters out and a well-organized and funded minority has been able to control those elections. Education is too important to leave to a small minority. The main reason for moving the elections is to have the direction of local schools be decided by a larger percentage of the population. Please pass SB 1002.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: SHARON SHELBY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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In order to ensure maximum potential participation from parents and concerned citizens, I strongly encourage that voting dates are consolidated to November. Segregating voting only bolsters the unions and others with nefarious agendas, subverting the will of parents in the education and upbringing of their children. Recent election results being skewed and one-sided demonstrates the necessity to consolidate voting dates.



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: SHELLEY GOWEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I support Bill sb1002			



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: SHERRY BURNSIDE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: STEVEN LAURENTIUS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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We need more people voting on these issues. Moving election to November will help.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: THERESA A GIERER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Only makes sense. In fact, why do we even have April elections?



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: THERESA LINTZENICH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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SB1002- Save tax payer money, get more voters to polls, give voters more time to learn about candidates and give candidates more time for canvassing and informing voters of their stances. Move school board elections to November.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: TIM BAKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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We can't continue to allow 15% of population elect vital school board members and approving taxes that impact 100% of population



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: TOM GALLAHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Must move elections to November			



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: TRAVIS HEINS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I fully support this measure as written for moving school board elections to the fall. The benefits to the community will be great with a larger voter turnout. Allowing candidates to at least have an option for party affiliation is a sensible choice, not only for the candidates & voters, but also for the political parties to identify where the candidates align politically.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: VIVIAN GONTARZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I encourage you to support SB1002, to move the school board elections in St Charles County to the November elections - due to the pitifully poor turnout for the April Municipal elections.

As the Treasurer for Francis Howell Families, I can tell you that we have spent almost \$138,000 in the last five years trying to make voters aware of the issues, candidates, and even the EXISTENCE of school board elections. Despite the fact that there were other Propositions on the ballot this April 7th (which could have either increased or decreased voter taxes), we still had fewer than 19% voter turnout.

It is difficult to knock on doors in the late-winter months before the April elections. Francis Howell School District encompasses multiple House districts - making it even more challenging to reach OUR voters than it is for you to reach yours. Some of our polling places for municipal elections have fewer than sixty voters; and that is expensive for the Election Authority to man these polls and conduct an election that does not get participation from its constituency.

The National Educators Association (NEA) has a lock on ALL school boards across Missouri - giving voters NO voice in what their school districts do. The Missouri NEA donated around \$15,000 to PAC's which opposed our candidates this year - just in Francis Howell alone! PAC's comprised of teachers, retired principals, and retired superintendents fund and campaign for NEA-endorsed candidates. The district chapter of the NEA in Francis Howell (FHEA) has almost 1200 teachers, plus staff, to man the polls on election day. The candidates they have elected to our Board are teachers, retired teachers, and even the SPOUSE of a Francis Howell district teacher. How does this make sense during negotiations for teacher salaries and benefits to have fellow teachers and a spouse on the Board? It doesn't! Salaries comprise 80% of the FHSD budget. The voters pay the salaries without true representation on the Board.

We have been urging our legislature to move the elections to November for five years. Please listen to the pleas of the voters of St Charles County and support SB1002. The voters have no hope that their voices will be heard except by your support. Please vote "YES" on SB1002.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM SULLIVAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ADAM VISHY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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"Only for St. Charles County" is a common sense indicator that is ridiculous legislation.



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I am a member of Wright City RII School Board and want to keep school board elections in May along with other local elections. It is a mistake to make school board elections partisan by adding them to November elections where they will just be a sideline. In April citizens have time to focus and educate themselves about local candidates. In addition, 4 year terms are simply too long.



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To the elected officials that are supposed to be representing their constituents: Why push for ONLY St. Charles County for this measure? If it's going to be "so easy" for everyone make this bill for the whole state. Who's friend complained that they have lost majority control for their school board and you all thought attaching political power to a public school board would help? Please listen when I say, your constituents are tired of you and will show up in November to make their voices heard, just like we did in November 2024. We are tired of being told one thing and then turning around to hear you did the exact opposite just to gain power/favor/position/money. KEEP PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS NONPARTISAN!! Stop choosing party over country!!



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Missouri Legislators:

I am currently an Assistant Principal in St. Charles County. I ask that you reject Senate Bill 1002 for the following reasons.

1- The stated desire to move to November for a larger voter turnout is false. Those supporting Senate Bill 1002 did not share that opinion when their endorsed school board candidates won. They changed their tune when their endorsed candidates lost three years in a row. Senate Bill 1002 isn't about voter turnout.

2- Senate Bill 1002 is intentionally partisan, allowing candidates to run as Republican and Democrat. We need less partisan politics in schools, not more. St. Charles County would stand out across Missouri for its unique focus on partisanship instead of education.

3- Senate Bill 1002 would create Democrat districts and Republican districts. Regardless of our official high school mascots, each district would effectively be known by the political party of its current board members. We would be seen in the community as the St. Charles Donkeys, Wentzville Elephants, and others rotating back and forth based on the political winds.

4- November elections are filled with expensive state and federal races. The millions spent will flood mailboxes and inboxes with a cloud of information making it more difficult to inform voters on local school topics.

If Senate Bill 1002 was good for education, why doesn't every county want it? It is because no matter if you are red, blue, or purple, you know our school districts should not be partisan.

Please, vote 'NO' on Senate Bill 1002. You don't want it in your county. Regardless of what some legislators elected years ago say, we don't want it in ours.

Education Over Politics.



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School boards should be non-partisan. There is no reason politics should come into play on a school board - we are advocating for all kids, not those of a certain political party. Those who fully support schools vote in the April elections. Moving them to November only serves to "hide" them in political theater. And full transparency, I am a Republican. And I vote in ALL elections.



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Our school boards operate best when they are non-partisan. Having candidates declare a party for school board is completely antithetical to the objective of these positions. I am opposed to this bill because school boards need to be about supporting public schools, students and teachers. They should not be about politics!



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This legislation unfairly targets St. Charles County schools and puts us at further disadvantage. Limiting our ability to bring forward a tax levy or bond issue, requiring school board candidates to compete against national issues on the November ballot, expanding board terms to four years, and allowing them to affiliate with a party all negatively impact our public education system in the county. On top of battles we already have with the decrease in funding formula and other attacks against education, the message coming from Jefferson City continues to be shockingly anti-education. Please oppose this bill. Our children and our St.Charles County community are counting on you.

Thank you,
Amy Gryder
Vice President, Francis Howell School Board
Parent
Concerned citizen



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Designating school board elections to November is a form of voter manipulation. It is that simple. The position of school board members should be to serve the community by improving schools, and in turn, improving the community. School boards are meant to be nonpartisan. If voters choose to vote a straight democratic or republican ticket, how we call it a nonpartisan election?



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Sb 1002 turns school districts into partisan politics and that's the opposite of what our school boards should be. Instead of being judged by student success, school districts will have their own political affiliation - this goes against the principles of free public school system. And I suspect that many senators realize this, because the entire state is voting on this for one county only? If this bill is so wonderful, why won't it impact every county in the state? If it's not too enough for everyone, it's not good enough for the residents of St Charles County. I urge all senators to vote NO.



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Please keep school board election as they are. There is no reason candidates should declare party affiliation as school boards are meant to be non partisan. Stop making everything worse in such a neat state.



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I am opposed to this bill.			



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The initial bill that was voted on, Schnelting said there would be no political parties declared. It was rewritten on March 31 to add Saint Charles County only, to add Levy and bond issues, and declaring of political parties.

General elections and local elections are separate for good reasons. Districts need to be able to have the ability to add Levy and bond issues yearly.

Only St. Charles County is odd, and partisan politics have no business in public education.



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Why this targets St Charles County elections only, speaks to a power grab. If you can't win playing by the rules just change the rules.

BOE elections should be non-partisan and student focused. Moving elections to the month when partisanship is at its pinnacle creates community tension and a culture of politics over educations.

I opposed SB 1002 as a resident of St Charles County



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It's not fair to other school districts if only St Charles County Schools have to move their school board elections and bond issues/tax increase issues to November. The school year goes from July 1 to June 30 so it makes more sense to keep school issues on the ballot for April.



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This is absolutely ridiculous and would inject politics into our school board elections.



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I'm strongly opposed to moving school board elections to November! Schools deserve board members who are willing to make decisions based on needs of the district students rather than selecting a party and running on their beliefs! Many of our local issues will be overshadowed by national and state issues if moved to November.



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As a parent of two children in the Francis Howell School District and as someone who has been a PTO chair for over 10 years, politicizing the voting times of our school board elections is not advisable. Making the low turnout even lower by making a school board candidate election the only reason to vote does not collect the number of votes to accurately represent voters. This law is dangerous and partisan; keep politics out of the PUBLIC SCHOOLS!



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WITNESS NAME: ANNIE DICKERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I want to express opposition to Senate Bill 1002.

As a resident and parent in the Wentzville school district for 17 years, I am concerned about this bill and its targeting of St. Charles County school districts.

SB 1002 specifically targets St. Charles County, stripping us, as taxpayers, of the right to determine the timing and structure of our own school board elections.

This bill sets a dangerous precedent by singling out St. Charles County. If these changes are best for students, why aren't they being applied to all counties in Missouri?

I work in a St. Louis County school district. I wonder how legislation like this creates a competitive disadvantage for St. Charles County. Teachers want to focus on students, not politics. Why wouldn't they drive 10 minutes across the river and work in St. Louis County districts where they can likely make more and deal with less divisiveness?

St. Charles County parents have spoken—they want politics out of the classroom. The focus on partisan school board elections has been rejected by voters in more recent elections. Our focus should remain on student achievement and fiscal responsibility, not on whether a candidate checks a specific party box. I want neighbors who care about our children serving our schools, not the most politically connected ones.

School board elections are currently held when education is the primary focus. Moving these races to the November general election ensures they will be buried at the bottom of a crowded ballot, overshadowed by other races. Our children's future is too important to be treated as an afterthought.

Senate Bill 1002 appears to prioritize politics over children. It creates a partisan solution for a problem that does not exist. I want my school board elections local, non-partisan, and focused entirely on the success of our children.



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I can not Support this Bill in its presentation Form. This Bill is also Unconstitutional by applying to Saint Charles County only



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My name is Brad Welsh, and I currently serve on the Wentzville School District Board of Education. I am writing in opposition to Missouri Senate Bill 1002.

At its core, SB 1002 limits when school districts can place bond and levy proposals before voters. While this may appear to be a procedural adjustment, the real-world impact on public schools—especially in fast-growing communities like Wentzville—is significant and concerning.

First, this bill restricts local control.

School boards are elected to represent their communities and respond to local needs. SB 1002 removes flexibility from locally elected leaders and places unnecessary constraints on when communities can make decisions about their own schools and tax dollars. Our residents deserve the opportunity to vote when needs arise—not only when the state deems it acceptable.

Second, it creates delays that increase costs.

When districts are forced to wait for limited election windows, critical projects—such as addressing overcrowding, making safety improvements, or completing necessary maintenance—are delayed. In a time of rising construction costs and inflation, these delays do not save money; they increase the financial burden on taxpayers.

Third, it negatively impacts fast-growing districts.

Wentzville is one of the fastest-growing districts in Missouri. Timing is critical when planning for capacity, staffing, and infrastructure. Limiting election dates reduces our ability to respond proactively to growth, forcing districts into reactive, less efficient decision-making that ultimately impacts students.

Fourth, it risks student learning environments.

Delayed projects can lead to overcrowded classrooms, deferred maintenance, and postponed safety upgrades. These are not abstract concerns—they directly affect the day-to-day experience of our students and staff.

Fifth, it undermines transparency and community engagement.

Our district works hard to engage the community, provide clear information, and ensure voters understand how funds are used. Limiting when proposals can be placed on the ballot reduces opportunities for that engagement and disconnects decisions from the timing of actual needs.

It is also important to clarify a common misconception:

Bond issues fund buildings and infrastructure, while levies fund teacher and staff salaries. These are separate, voter-approved decisions. SB 1002 does not eliminate the need for these investments—it simply delays when communities can act, often making solutions more expensive and less effective.

Finally, I would emphasize that this is not a partisan issue. Public education functions best when we keep politics out of it and focus on students. Decisions about school funding and infrastructure should be driven by local needs, not constrained by statewide political timelines.

I often ask a simple question when evaluating decisions: How does this help kids?

In this case, restricting local flexibility, delaying critical investments, and increasing costs does not help students—it puts them at a disadvantage.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose Missouri Senate Bill 1002.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,
Brad Welsh**



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Moving school board elections to November will most assuredly increase voter turnout for school board elections. Those of us who are truly concerned with the results of school board elections already take the time to educate ourselves on the candidates and issues, and take the time to vote accordingly. Furthermore, for this to apply to only one county, St Charles County, in a state with 114 counties is absurd. SB 1002 allows the voters in all 114 counties to determine the fate of one single county



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School boards should be nonpartisan, there is no place for politics in our schools! This is a blatant power grab by Republicans to undermine education and reach for more control.



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Missouri Legislator,
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4- November elections are filled with expensive state and federal races. The millions spent will flood mailboxes and inboxes with a cloud of information making it more difficult to inform voters on local school topics.

If Senate Bill 1002 was good for education, why doesn't every county want it? It is because no matter if you are red, blue, or purple, you know our school districts should not be partisan.

Please, vote 'NO' on Senate Bill 1002. You don't want it in your county. Regardless of what some legislators elected years ago say, we don't want it in ours.

Education Over Politics.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL "CHARLIE" DANIELS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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May 3, 2026

To whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to SB1002. SB 1002 proposes significant changes to school board elections, including moving elections to November and extending terms to four years.

This bill will have significant negative impacts on school districts. It will:

- * force partisanship onto non-partisan roles
- * focus on ideology rather than commitment to students and teachers
- * detract voters' ability to focus on local issues
- * cause local issues to be drowned out by national politics
- * interfere with districts ability to get necessary funding passed due to being overshadowed by other ballot measures
- * prevent new board members from getting up to speed before the next full school year.

As a district, we work to ensure transparency, stability, and trust within our community. Changes of this magnitude, applied unevenly, risk creating confusion for voters and disruption to established governance practices.

As members of this committee, and particularly those representing St. Charles County, your understanding of how this legislation will uniquely impact our community is critical.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote no on SB 1002.

Thank you for your time,

C. D. Daniels, Ph.D
School Board Member
St. Charles R-VI School District



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As a resident of St Charles who recognizes the impact a school board has, I do not want our elections moved or terms extended. We deserve the opportunity to focus on local candidates in a way that we cannot if they are buried among bigger races.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROLYN RANDAZZO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose SB1002 because school board elections receive the interest they should receive if scheduled during municipal elections in April. If scheduled during the November general elections, they will not receive the attention they should. I have worked on several school board campaigns, and they have all required a lot of voter education. If school board elections are moved to November, people are less likely to focus on them.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHERINE KRUCHOWSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Politics should not be involved in making good decisions for our public school students. When I was a kid I barely knew who the president was and I definitely didn't know if he was republican or democratic. When we bring politics into our homes for deciding public school decisions it makes more challenges for our students socially. My kids were made fun of and were told by other students they could not be friends because of my political beliefs. This needs to be separate and should not be at the same time



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WITNESS NAME: CAYLEE WINDMILLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill seeks to further politicize school board elections. I strongly oppose. Leave school board elections alone. Why change the elections only for Saint Charles County? Leave our teachers alone, Leave our children alone. We are tired of being pawns in your political games.



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WITNESS NAME: CHARMAINE L. LEMMIE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose SB 1002, that curiously applies to St. Charles County on, and that partisan politics have no business in our schools. This change is a move toward partisan control of school boards, and reductions in local autonomy, weakens the focus on educational specific issues and will drown out local issues on the ballot. Also, the method by which this is being done is trying to sneak the legislation across with fully advising the people of St. Charles what it is about. VOTE NO!!! This is an attempt to control progress made in St. Charles county by people who want to control the will of the people.



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WITNESS NAME: CHERI CROCKETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill for three reasons. 1) it dictates the time and place of the elections in one county in the state. This is wrong for the legislature to interfere in the local community like this. 2) it attempts to bring partisan politics into school board elections. Informed voters have been deciding these elections on a bipartisan basis based on school priorities, not political parties which have no place in these contests. And 3) moving the elections to November would make the November ballots super long and the important choice of who leads our public schools would be a minor issue for most voters in those elections compared to ballot issues and state and federal candidates.

The truth is, conservatives lost control of the Francis Howell School board and they're looking to partisanship to get it back for them. This is not the way and Adam Schnelting should be ashamed for introducing this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL LEAS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I urge you to oppose SB 1002. Let's keep partisanship out of our local school board elections.



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL RANUM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I don't think school board elections should be partisan. Our country is already so divided and forcing the elections to be in November will just further politicize our county. Instead of focusing on the person best for the role, people will blindly follow the R or D when voting. I already do this when voting because it's just easier sometimes. Without the R/D, it forces me to actually look into candidates positions. I volunteer with campaigns for board candidates when I feel strongly about the candidates. But only after doing a lot of research and meeting all the candidates. I think it's weird that this would only apply to st Charles county. How does that make sense? I also think it's nice to split up the issues throughout the year. Even having school board elections and prop rt on this last ballot I thought was complicated. I wanted to canvas and be involved in both election items, but I didn't want to have to talk about both issues at the same time because support for one or the other might impact people listening to points about the other issue. Most issues are not straight R or D, even though most politicians think there's a clear line on every issue. But as we see on a lot of elections in st Charles county anyway, many issues and school board candidates are voted for even though most would identify as a republican if asked. The people who show up to vote are the ones who are informed on the issues. In November ballots when there are so many things to vote on, if I don't know about that issue or person I'll just vote based on R/D. In April elections that doesn't happen because people would just stay home if they don't know about the issues.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER J. SPURLOCK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm a St. Charles County resident writing in opposition to SB 1002 as it stands now.

I want to be precise about what I'm opposing. Sen. Schnelting's original December bill moved school board elections to November statewide, which I think is defensible policy. The Senate Substitute he offered on March 31 is a different bill. It applies only to school districts where a majority of the district sits in St. Charles County, adds party affiliation to school board ballots, and restricts school district tax and bond votes to November of even years.

On February 3, the Senate Education Committee was told that the bill would not put party labels on the ballot. The version that passed the Senate does. That alone seems like a reason for this committee to look at the substitute version more carefully than the bill summary suggests.

Research from North Carolina districts that switched to partisan school board elections found lower per-pupil spending and higher teacher turnover. I'd rather not run that experiment on Francis Howell.

Please vote no on the substitute, or amend it back to something closer to the original.



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WITNESS NAME: CONNIE BUCKMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm a registered republican who votes in school board elections. I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to Senate Bill 1002. Putting politics into school board elections is a dangerous and slippery slope. Students should not know the politics of their teachers or district leaders. Voters should be making election decisions on educational issues, not party affiliations.

The fact that this bill is St. Charles County only should be a huge red flag. If it was good for education, everyone would be supportive.

November elections are busy. There is so much noise. School board elections will get lost in the chaos. Those who are not interested in school politics will likely just vote on party affiliations, a dangerous way to select those leading school districts.



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WITNESS NAME: COURTNEY KAMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: COURTNEY NIXON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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School boards should not be under partisan control, nor should candidate serving terms be lengthened.



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WITNESS NAME: CRISTIN ZIEGLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I would like to state my opposition to Senate bill 1002. I've been a public school educator for 29 years 28 of which have been in the Saint Charles County area in Francis Howell School District. Senate bill 1002 is dangerous to the local control of our schools. This bill only applies to Saint Charles County schools, which shows a desire to move these elections to partisan standings. Any legislator should be asking, why only in St Charles County? What's the motive? Partisan politics have no business in our school system. Our focus is on our students and their learning. We welcome students from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, religions, cultures and needs. When candidates are allowed to push their own political views into a public school system it becomes dangerous and the focus moves away from our students and to political posturing.

By moving these elections to November instead of April the state and national politics have the likelihood of drowning out local concerns. In addition, any candidate elected would be coming into the middle of a fiscal cycle, which also means that any necessary funding may be delayed until November rather than dealt with at the beginning of the fiscal year. The move to a four year term is unnecessary. This is a volunteer job and if done well takes a considerable amount of time. The current terms are sufficient for getting new voices into the decisions that help run a great school district.



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WITNESS NAME: CYRIA CANESSA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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End partisan elections and changes every other year! You don't get to tell us what to do and change the system to favor MAGA baloney!



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I am writing today to state my opposition to this bill. School boards are not a place for partisan divisive politics partisan politics is an either or proposition in our current society. In terms of what is best for students and ultimately the community they live in either or cannot be the only option. All parties have to work together to do what is best for students. Instead of either/or politics, win-win solutions are what is needed.



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A move toward partisan control of school boards and would reduction in local autonomy. This change that would weaken focus on education-specific issues. Not to mention national & statewide ballot issues will drown out local issues. This is a move by scared republicans that are realizing their culture wars aren't working and are trying another way to take control of our school boards. Please stop this ridiculous bill! We have more important things to deal with at the state level. Maybe start with fully funding our schools!



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL ELLIOTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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There is no good reason to move these to November. It's actually incredibly weird as heck to move them to November. This is not slick, this is nothing if not transparent as to the motivations of it. Someone is crying about the school board elections here, that is their problem and their problem alone. The school board elections are very well known in the community. Its always very loud as to the "marketing" of it. There is no good reason to move it to November.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL HEIMSATH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is a blatant attempt by partisan representatives to make school board elections political. One party is upset that when voters pay attention to their actions, they lose, so they want to put their thumb on the scale and use party line votes in their favor. It is not in the spirit of nonpartisan school board elections. It will further polarize our school districts and hurt students. St. Charles County property values remain high and the area continues to grow because of our strong public school districts. This threatens one of the great amenities afforded by our tax dollars.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this for two reasons; there are already many things to vote on in November without adding even more when the spring election works fine, and also this is just a political ploy hoping to generate more conservative votes plain and simple



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: DARREN GRUNWALDT		PHONE NUMBER: 314-477-3333	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ORCHARD FARM R-V SCHOOL DISTRICT		TITLE: SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: 3489 BOSCHERTOWN RD			
CITY: ST. CHARLES		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63301
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WITNESS NAME: DAVA-LEIGH BRUSH		PHONE NUMBER: 314-600-6018	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI EQUITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP		TITLE: PAL TEAM LEAD VOLUNTEER	
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The Missouri Equity Education Partnership opposes SB 1002. We believe in local control and this bill diminishes this by requiring length of term for board members. Furthermore, we believe that this bill will make board elections more partisan and they should not be. School boards are the ultimate in local governance and should be apolitical. We believe that outside interests with deep pockets will be the only viable way for candidates to be able to fund their election efforts, and we think this would be detrimental to public education. Localizing this to St. Charles County makes the students in those districts are test subjects. The idea that if "it fails, it fails" treats such a monumental change as almost theoretical, academic, rather than impacting real people, real students. It will be hard to undo. We oppose this bill whether it is isolated to St. Charles County or creeps out statewide.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID PIANT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This is the definition of government overreach and goes against the core of Republican beliefs. If this was truly an issue it would be applied to the whole state and not one single county.



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Moving school board elections to November may seem convenient on the surface, but it carries significant unintended consequences that outweigh any perceived benefits.

First, shifting these elections to coincide with general elections risks turning what should be nonpartisan, community-focused decisions into overtly partisan contests. School boards function best when members prioritize students, educators, and local needs—not national political agendas. Aligning these elections with high-profile partisan races invites outside influence, polarizing rhetoric, and party-line voting that can undermine thoughtful, independent decision-making.

Second, November ballots are already long and complex. Adding school board races to an already crowded ballot increases the likelihood that voters will feel overwhelmed or fatigued. When that happens, down-ballot races—like school board elections—often receive less attention, fewer informed votes, and, in some cases, are skipped altogether. This diminishes the quality of voter participation in decisions that directly impact our local schools.

Finally, moving these elections risks shifting the focus away from education itself. School board elections should center on student outcomes, curriculum, teacher support, and community priorities. When bundled into a broader election cycle dominated by national and state issues, these critical local concerns are more likely to be overshadowed or reduced to talking points within larger political narratives.

For these reasons, school board elections should remain separate, allowing voters to give them the attention they deserve and ensuring that decisions about our schools stay grounded in the needs of our students and community—not partisan politics or ballot congestion.



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Please DO NOT single out our county for this bill. It is wrong for our county and it is wrong for the state. School boards MUST BE non-partisan. Their agenda must focus on our students, faculty and administrators, NOT on any one party's politics. PLEASE KEEP POLITICS OUT OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.



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Stop trying to make school board elections even more partisan! Keep it in April.



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Keep the politics out of our schools			



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All other school board elections across the state will still happen in April, we shouldn't single out St Charles county and turn their board elections partisan



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Not a single person I know wants to increase partisanship and divisiveness in our community. This bill is a terrible idea. It would be extremely disruptive to the budgetary process. Vote this bill down!



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**There is no need for this bill, it will increase the partisan divide in our county. Why does Senator Schnelting think so little of our fellow St Charles countians that he would seek to divide us further?
Please vote no**



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As a resident of St. Charles County I thoroughly oppose this bill. I am concerned it places the safety of our school districts and therefore the safety of our children at risk. This bill only allows for funding measures to be put forward to voters every other year. That would be an appalling dereliction of duty to our children. We must give them safe buildings and appropriately paid teachers. We need to be able to do so in a timely fashion and this bill takes that away.

Secondly, we do not need partisanship in our school board elections. Political party affiliation has no place in a public service that is designed to be open to everyone and is centered around children.

To the representatives from outside St. Charles County - I humbly ask for your help as a fellow Missourian. I know this bill originated from St. Charles County but it is with great opposition.

Please stop this bill.



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I am a teacher who was relentlessly bullied this year by a school board candidate who tried to win a local race based on political party affiliation since her policies were unpopular. It is absolutely essential that our school board elections remain NEUTRAL. There is enough hate, vitriol, and fear-mongering in the political arena without dragging it into our school board elections! School boards MUST remain policy-based. For this reason, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to leave them where they are, in April, and to oppose this bill.



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Please hear my opposition to state bill 1002. As a resident of St Charles County, I am honestly appalled at how much our district representative is trying to centralize control and decisions that have always been entrusted to the local electorate. I don't understand why a bill that only applies to one county would even be under consideration by a Missouri state group of legislators. We have a local election authority. We have county executives. We have local school boards. And we have a high rate of electoral participation in our local elections. From 2020-2025, the county participation rate hung between 13-17ish percent. In 2026, it was 21%. There clearly is not an issue with voter participation, so why would the state get involved? The local electorate is engaged and it is making the decisions that it feels are best for its community. I find it incredible that our local representative and state government are attempting to control one county's elections, changing our current school board tenure structure, and wasting time on an issue that quite frankly doesn't exist.

To the state representative that submitted this waste-of-time bill, I can only say this: represent us. The voting electorate. The ones that entrusted you to speak on our behalf and the ones that showed up more than they ever have before to ensure that our local elections still heard us, still represented us, and still had the measures that our local population should spend time chewing on appropriately given space on a non-partisan ballot. You should be ashamed to claim to represent these voters while actively trying to give our voting rights and decisions to state representatives who have no local dog in this fight.



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We do not need additional politics in our county school board elections process and THE ONLY reason this bill is targeting St. Charles County is for political reasons! Having school board elections in April was not an issue when certain groups won our school boards a few years ago, but since parents, teachers and our community members have organized and taken back our school boards NOW this is a problem? We do not need outsiders making decisions for our children and community. For three solid years now, our community has spoken and the political pacs have lost elections. Leave well enough alone and keep politics out of our schools and school board elections!



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This bill is not in the best interest of the state.

Municipal elections deserve careful consideration, not jumbled with state and federal issues. Singling out one county for this type of change sets a bad president.



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Public education is one of the few institutions that has remained intentionally nonpartisan and for good reason. School boards are tasked with making decisions that directly impact students, families, and education- not advancing political party agendas. This change would allow candidates to shift the focus away from doing what's best for students and toward political divisions that do not belong in schools. School boards members should be elected based on their commitment to student success.

While moving these elections to November may increase voter turnout, it also places what should be a nonpartisan race on a highly politicized ballot. This makes it more difficult for voters to evaluate candidates based on their positions on education rather than party alignment.



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?I am writing today to express my strong opposition to SS/SB 1002. While proponents of this bill suggest that moving school board elections to the November general election will increase turnout, this change comes at a high cost to the integrity of our local educational system, the clarity of the ballot, and the non-partisan nature of our school boards. I urge you to vote against this legislation for the following reasons.

?School board elections currently take place in April precisely so that voters can focus exclusively on local candidates and educational issues. By moving these races to the November general election, they will be relegated to the bottom of an already crowded ballot. In a presidential or gubernatorial election year, local school issues will be drowned out by the noise of national and state-level partisan campaigns. This leads to ballot fatigue, where voters often skip local races entirely after voting for top-ticket offices.

?Furthermore, SB 1002 allows candidates to optionally list a party affiliation on the ballot. Our schools should be the one place where we prioritize children over partisan politics. Introducing party labels transforms school board members from community advocates into partisan representatives. Education policy should be driven by the needs of students and teachers, not by a political party platform or the polarized climate of a general election.

?Missouri school districts operate on a fiscal year that begins July 1. The current April election cycle allows new board members to be seated in time to finalize budgets, approve hiring for the upcoming school year, and set goals before the first bell rings in August. Moving elections to November would create a chaotic transition period in the middle of the school year, disrupting the stability that students and staff rely on.

?This bill also specifically targets districts within a county with a population between 400,000 and 500,000, which effectively singles out St. Charles County. It is fundamentally unfair to impose a different set of election rules and partisan requirements on one community while the rest of the state operates under a non-partisan, local-focused April cycle. This sets a dangerous precedent for the state to micromanage local governance.

?Finally, by requiring all tax and bond proposals to be submitted only during the November general election, this bill strips local school boards of the flexibility to respond to urgent infrastructure needs or financial crises. Local communities should maintain the right to decide when they wish to vote on their own tax levies and investments in their children's future.

?School board service is a civic duty intended to serve the community, not a political stepping stone. SS/SB 1002 threatens to turn our local schools into a partisan battleground and ensures that local educational issues will be lost in the shuffle of statewide politics. For these reasons, I respectfully request that you oppose SS/SB 1002.



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MY OPPOSITION:

I do not want a Democrat or Republican in my children's district school board. I want people who are committed to making my childrens school district the best it can be.

Allows school board candidates to declare party on the ballot. We OPPOSE partisanship in education.

Urgent funding needs could be delayed for approval into the middle of the fiscal year (November) and spaced every other year, rather than annually.

New boards would take their seats in the middle of a fiscal year (November instead of April)

School Board member Terms (unpaid) would be lengthened to four years. Since these are unpaid roles, the increase in term will increase the burden on volunteer community leaders and may discourage some candidates from running



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB 1002.

I am writing in opposition to this legislation in my role as President of the Fort Zumwalt Board of Education, based on concerns related to fairness, consistency, and the long term impact on local governance.

SB 1002 proposes significant structural changes to school board elections, including moving election timing to November and extending terms to four years. However, these changes are not applied uniformly across the state. Instead, they are directed specifically at school districts in St. Charles County.

Public education governance functions best when policies are consistent and predictable. Applying a different set of rules to one county creates unnecessary complexity and raises concerns about equitable treatment under state law.

If these changes are determined to be in the best interest of Missouri's school systems, they should be considered within a comprehensive, statewide framework. Implementing them in a targeted manner, without clear justification for the distinction, undermines confidence in the process and sets a concerning precedent for future policy decisions.

As a board, we work to ensure transparency, stability, and trust within our community. Changes of this magnitude, applied unevenly, risk creating confusion for voters and disruption to established governance practices.

As members of this committee, and particularly those representing St. Charles County, your consideration of how this legislation uniquely impacts our community is critical.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote no on SB 1002.
Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Erica Powers



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I am adamantly against Missouri SB 1002 as I do not believe it is in the best interest of our school district and the children the district serves.

First, it is difficult to understand why this change is being proposed specifically for St. Charles County rather than being applied consistently across all Missouri school districts. Policies that fundamentally alter local school governance should be considered through a fair and uniform statewide framework, not through selective application to one county.

Second, extending all school board terms from three years to four years is unnecessary and removes an important level of accountability. School board service is a volunteer role that requires significant time, dedication, and public trust. Our current three-year term structure provides continuity while also allowing voters regular opportunities to evaluate board performance and ensure leadership remains responsive to the community.

Third, restricting tax levy and bond issue elections to the November general election unnecessarily limits a district's financial flexibility. School districts must be able to respond to changing enrollment patterns, facility needs, infrastructure demands, and unexpected financial pressures. Limiting when districts can seek voter consideration of these issues reduces their ability to adapt strategically and could create avoidable financial strain.

Fourth, school board elections should be free from party affiliation, moving the school board election to the November time frame increases partisanship shifting the focus away from educational priorities. When partisanship takes over education governance becomes politicized rather than pragmatic.

Finally, placing school board races on an already crowded November ballot makes it less likely that voters will devote focused attention to researching candidates and understanding district-specific issues. School board members should be elected based on competence, qualifications, and their understanding of local educational needs—not on perceived political alignment or party association.

If student outcomes are truly at the heart of that is most important, space should be made for focused time and conversation around this matter, not lumped into a general election where the dynamics of partisan electoral politics may take over. Thank you for your consideration.



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School board elections and school boards themselves are supposed to be non-partisan. Moving those elections to November automatically makes them partisan. Also, the people who vote in school board elections now, for the most part, have looked into those elections. They choose to vote for them. If they are lumped into the election in November, they will be lost in the mass of other elections. This should not be done



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There is no reason for this other than to feed into the partisanship that is tearing this country apart. School board members should be impartial and purely focused on the education of our children. Designating your political party to run for school board, regardless of which side you're on, creates an animosity right out the gate that hinders people's ability to find solutions to the problems our school boards face. It also allows unqualified individuals with minimal policies to shortcut the process just based on the letter next to their name. It's lazy, counterproductive, and setting our communities up for failure. It opens the door to corruption which will only benefit the unscrupulous individuals who will say anything to gain power and money. Our focus should be the success of our children and communities, period.



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I do not support this bills actions. Why is st Charles county targeted? Are y'all friends with the school board group that lost? Did they bribe you to do this? What kind of corrupt state am I living in?



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School boards aren't meant to be political and that's what all MAGA Republicans see. Board members are voluntarily their time in helping their district out so that every teacher, student, and staff to have their voices heard and prepared for their future. Without funding their so much delay for emergency funding that the school needs. Moving the school board elections from April to November would not be the best interest for the majority of Missourians.



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St Charles County does not need changes made to our election of school board candidates. State government needs to stay out of this process and let it work just like it does in every other MO county. There are many issues that need our legislators' attention. Stop focusing on partisan meddling that does harm and do something that provides some good for our citizens. This bill is ridiculous.



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I feel very strongly that school board elections should remain in the spring and not assign political affiliations. School board candidates should run on policies focused on local students and education, not nationwide party beliefs. St. Charles should remain autonomous on their current schedule and keep local control over their elections, not let the state decide the terms and schedules. I'm a firm believer in small government, not more state wide decisions made by folks who are not part of our county.

Additionally, voting No allows voters to continue to focus on St. Charles specific issues and allows us to address them timely, rather than waiting for the next national election.



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Do not single out my county! This is not a democracy as I see it.



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This bill, from the perspective on someone usually neutral on local and statewide matters on a broad array of issues, is a power grab from Jefferson City and nothing else. If moving municipal elections to November is on the agenda, then have at it, but this bill specifically targets St. Charles County and moves no municipal election outside of the school board elections. There are many reasons why this is a bad idea. Partisanship in education is something that, put simply, we don't need. Encouraging party affiliation and cramming the school board elections in with the noise of the midterms is a proposition that only serves to ramp up the partisanship and petty bickering surrounding otherwise issue-based, nonpartisan local elections. The lengthening of school board member terms (unpaid) to four years would also increase the burden on volunteer community leaders and may discourage some candidates from running, in addition to fiscal delays and irregularities being possible because of the erratic spacing between elections and fiscal years. There are many other reasons as to why moving school board elections to November, but for the sake of brevity, I'll zero in on the part of the issue close to home - my personal education. As a student in Francis Howell School District, one thing I can appreciate about our local politics is that they're nonpartisan and generally issue-focused, allowing for a smoother, more constructive election process and free of the partisan rancor from midterm elections. I want my education to be as strong as it can be, and I think that the current mechanisms used for our local politics help to support that. Moving school board elections to November takes that away, and I'll be damned if extracurricular activities are on the chopping block due to fiscal approval delays because of the newly spaced elections.

I urge all voting on this bill to vote NO. From my perspective, this is a partisan power grab coming from Jefferson City and hoisted upon a singular county, one that delivered unfavorable election results for the powers that currently exist in our chambers of government. Elections, especially municipal ones, should remain local and grounded in the concerns of the local citizenry, and this ploy seemingly seeks to take that away.

As a student and concerned resident of St. Charles County, I cannot stress this enough: For the continued stability and nonpartisan, issue-based discourse of our local elections, and in the interest of preserving fairness and balance across the state of Missouri, VOTE NO.



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This Bill is absolutely not necessary. The only reason it has been submitted is because a faction is upset that their candidates have lost in the recent elections. People can vote in April just as easily as in November. Having school board elections in April puts the emphasis on the school board election, and not on other political issues. If people care about the school board they will come out and vote, whenever the election is held. And, just as important, school board elections must remain NON-PARTISAN! Education is not a political issue. Public education must remain an open place for all children.



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Dear Committee,

The fact that this bill applies to only Saint Charles County tells you everything you need to know. Legislating for political gain should not be tolerated!

But should you need more reason to dismiss this bill, it would be partisanship in school board elections. The parents in St. Charles County have voted decisively against partisan politics in our school board campaigns for three years running. Plus, we have some of the highest municipal turnouts in the state.

Finally, placing these elections in November places them in the middle of the academic fiscal year. Taking office in the middle of the year is no more ideal than approving major budget adjustments mid-cycle.

Committees are the right place to decide that something is not ready to go before the general body. Please stop this obviously bad-faith bill here and now.

Thank you,
Jamie Martin



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Keep partisan politics out of public schools. School board elections should stay in April, when they get the attention they deserve.



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Why would we move only St Charles school board elections to November? Does not make sense. School boards should not be political. Please vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: JASON ADAMS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a recently elected school board member, I submit this testimony in strong opposition to SB 1002. During my campaign, I made a deliberate decision to avoid disclosing my political affiliations. I wanted voters to evaluate me based on my views, my vision for education, and my commitment to students and teachers.

This bill undermines that approach. While party affiliation may be listed as optional, in practice it will become a deciding factor. In today's environment, many voters use party identification as a shortcut when information is limited. That shifts focus away from qualifications and toward political branding.

We saw this in the recent election. One candidate made their political affiliation unmistakably clear but did not meaningfully engage with the public or present a clear vision for public education. Despite that, they received over 9,000 votes. That is not informed decision-making—it is the impact of party identification in a race where it should not be a factor.

The result is less informed voting. When party labels replace understanding, there is a greater risk of electing individuals whose positions on education and governance are largely unknown.

School boards make decisions that directly affect students, staff, and families. Those decisions should be based on judgment, transparency, and commitment to education—not political alignment. Nonpartisan elections help ensure that.

This bill also moves school board elections to November ballots, where they will appear at the end of long, multi-page ballots. That creates a clear risk of voter fatigue and incomplete ballots. The St. Charles County Election Authority has raised concerns about exactly that outcome.

Finally, this bill applies only to St. Charles County. If this is sound policy, it should be applied statewide. Limiting it to one county raises concerns about fairness and consistency.

As local leaders, we are responsible for the quality of education in our communities. Policies that reduce informed voting, increase partisanship, or limit participation make that responsibility harder to fulfill.

I urge you to reject SB 1002 and preserve a system that prioritizes informed voters and accountable school board leadership.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA ROBERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Our local school boards should remain out of the control of political parties. They have no business deciding who gets to run via purity tests nor should either party profit off filing fees to run under the R or D.



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Missouri Legislators.

I ask that you reject Senate Bill 1002 for the following reasons.

- 1- The stated desire to move to November for a larger voter turnout is false. Those supporting Senate Bill 1002 did not share that opinion when their endorsed school board candidates won. They changed their tune when their endorsed candidates lost three years in a row. Senate Bill 1002 isn't about voter turnout.
- 2- Senate Bill 1002 is intentionally partisan, allowing candidates to run as Republican and Democrat. We need less partisan politics in schools, not more. St. Charles County would stand out across Missouri for its unique focus on partisanship instead of education.
- 3- Senate Bill 1002 would create Democrat districts and Republican districts. Regardless of our official high school mascots, each district would effectively be known by the political party of its current board members. We would be seen in the community as the St. Charles Donkeys, Wentzville Elephants, and others rotating back and forth based on the political winds.
- 4- November elections are filled with expensive state and federal races. The millions spent will flood mailboxes and inboxes with a cloud of information making it more difficult to inform voters on local school topics.

If Senate Bill 1002 was good for education, why doesn't every county want it? It is because no matter if you are red, blue, or purple, you know our school districts should not be partisan.

Please, vote 'NO' on Senate Bill 1002. You don't want it in your county. Regardless of what some legislators elected years ago say, we don't want it in ours.



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WITNESS NAME: JILL JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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School boards should be nonpartisan!			



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WITNESS NAME: JONATHAN EWANIO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Reasons I am opposed:

??Allows school board candidates to declare party on the ballot. I OPPOSE partisanship in education.
??Urgent funding needs could be delayed for approval into the middle of the fiscal year (November) and spaced every other year, rather than annually.
New boards would take their seats in the middle of a fiscal year (November instead of April)
??School Board member Terms (unpaid) would be lengthened to four years. Since these are unpaid roles, the increase in term will increase the burden on volunteer community leaders and may discourage some candidates from running



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in strong opposition to SB1002.

As a teacher in St. Charles County, I believe school board elections should remain focused on local education issues and continue to take place during municipal elections rather than the November general election cycle.

School boards exist to serve students, families, educators, and local communities. Holding these elections separately allows voters to focus on school-specific concerns rather than larger partisan political campaigns. Moving school board elections to November risks increasing political polarization in races that should remain centered on education and student outcomes.

I am also concerned that this bill applies only to school districts in St. Charles County. If this policy is truly beneficial, why is it not being considered statewide? Singling out one county raises questions about fairness, consistency, and local control. Communities should have a voice in how their school board elections are conducted.

As an educator, I see firsthand how important stable, community-focused school governance is for students. School board elections should remain about schools—not broader political dynamics.

I respectfully urge the committee to oppose SB1002.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hoffmann - Teacher in St. Charles County



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St. Charles County should have the same responsibility and privilege of local control as every other school district. It makes no sense for the Missouri legislature to be changing the rules for just one county.



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WITNESS NAME: JUDITH ANN HINSLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to changing the month for school board elections. I am definitely opposed to a candidate declaring their political party. That has nothing to do with their qualifications for wanting to be on a school board. Why is St. Charles being singled out? Does it have anything to do with your being upset with who the families in the different school districts chose? They were chosen because of what they want for the students and staff, not for political gains. We are talking about children here and their future, not what the politicians in the state want. Those elections are held in November and should not be combined with Republican/Democrat issues. By electing school board candidates in April that gives them time to prepare for the following school year. Policies and budget can be decided to begin the school year successfully.

School board elections pertain to different school districts and should be voted on only by the people living in that district. Combining them with positions being voted on in November will only be more confusing to voters. I have not seen any real justification for making this change and should only be done by the vote of the people. There is an old saying that says "if it ain't broke don't fix it". Elections for school board in April works just fine to allow the candidates to get out and speak to their constituents. Please oppose this bill! Thank you



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Politics should NOT be involved in schools and school board elections!!! I'm adamantly opposed! If it were such a good idea, why isn't it for the entire state????????????????



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I am a resident in the Wentzville School District, in St. Charles County. I strongly oppose this bill as it is a move that will result in our school boards becoming partisan entities. Politics has no business in the running of our schools. The school board elections in St. Charles County should not be an exception within the state, but should remain in April as they currently are and will remain throughout the state.



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I am opposed to Senate Bill 1002. If Senate Bill 1002 is truly due to low voter turnout, why is it only for school board and only in St. Charles? Those that support this are only doing so because their endorsed candidates have lost school board races three years in a row. If you look at the data, this year there were more voters for the April race than in years past. This has been a gradual increase over the past few years. People are becoming educated and realizing how important it is to vote in April.

Why are we encouraging school boards to become Democrat or Republican when they should be nonpartisan with the interest of our kids at heart.

Please vote no.



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SB 1002 proposes to move school board elections and local school tax levies in St. Charles County from the April municipal ballot to the November general election. While proponents argue this will increase voter turnout, this shift fundamentally threatens the non-partisan nature of school board governance and risks drowning out local education issues in the noise of national and state politics.

Key Points of Opposition

1. Loss of Focus on Local Education

April municipal elections allow voters to focus specifically on local issues, such as school board candidates and district funding. Moving these races to November forces them to compete with high-profile presidential, gubernatorial, and congressional races. Local education needs should not be an "afterthought" at the bottom of a crowded multi-page ballot.

2. Partisan Encroachment on Non-Partisan Roles

School boards are designed to be non-partisan bodies focused on student achievement and fiscal responsibility. By placing these races on the General Election ballot, SB 1002 invites partisan polarization into local schools. Candidates will inevitably be pressured to align with top-of-the-ticket partisan platforms rather than focusing on the specific needs of their local district.

3. Delayed Governance and Fiscal Uncertainty

The bill mandates that new school board members elected in November would not take office until potentially months after their election, creating a "lame duck" period that disrupts district administration. Furthermore, holding tax and bond elections only in November limits a district's ability to respond to urgent financial needs or infrastructure repairs in a timely manner.

4. Unfair Targeting of St. Charles County

As currently drafted, this bill specifically targets school districts within a certain population bracket that primarily affects St. Charles County. Legislation governing the democratic process should be applied consistently across the state, rather than singling out specific communities for experimental changes in election law.

Conclusion

Maintaining the April election date ensures that school board candidates are vetted based on their dedication to education, not their party affiliation. We urge you to protect the integrity of our local school districts and vote NO on SB 1002.



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Testimony entered by Karen O'Hearn, School Board Member, St. Charles School District R-VI: SB 1002 is a purely partisan bill sponsored by Sen. Adam Schnelting without one Democrat's support. The bill is in response to the massive losses suffered by partisan Republican school board candidates in St. Charles County over the past three school-board elections. Sen. Schnelting's politicized conservative agenda was not supported, therefore, he is attempting to change the long-standing laws regulating school board elections in only the county he represents. This is obviously a petty, prejudicial bill that aims to punish non-partisan candidates in St. Charles County. He had no objections to the timing of public-education related elections until he proved to be the big loser. Sen. Schnelting's conservative agenda won favor in the elections several years ago, until those candidates immediately proved that they had no interest in public education beyond theirs' and Sen. Schnelting's extremist conservative agenda. This is a vengeful and extremely small-minded piece of legislation that will weaken public education which obviously continues to be one of Sen. Schnelting's objectives as demonstrated by his recent support for PROP RT which also suffered a miserable loss in SCC. In our deeply divided country, let's not allow partisan politics to contaminate public education. As a school board candidate, I have never, and never will, take a political endorsement or declare a party affiliation. I do not represent a political dogma. I represent the needs and concerns of public education, students, families, and the betterment of my community. Tax levies, bond issues, etc. should continue to have flexible election dates that meet the needs of public education. Since Sen. Schnelting's partisan school board candidates have entered the races, the costs of running for a school board position has skyrocketed! This is the result of Republicans giving large donations to their partisan candidates. I am a volunteer as a school board member, I do not believe it is in the best interest of public education to expect us to spend our energy and concern on raising money! We are not, and should never be, politicians. The residents of St. Charles County have spoken loud and clear, they do not want partisan politics taking over school board elections! This bill, if passed, could backfire on Sen. Schnelting by getting more independent and common-sense voters to the polls.



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Moving school board elections to November elections forces school board candidates to declare a political party. Politics should stay out of school boards as much as possible. People should vote for school board candidates based on their qualifications and not political party affiliation. Also, moving school board elections to November will gain less attention to the candidates and school board elections due to national and state issues being potentially on the ballot. Let's not drown out school board elections and local issues by moving them to the November ballot.



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As a St. Charles County resident, voter, public school graduate, mom of three public school graduates and grandmother of seven children attending public schools, I am strongly opposed to SB 1002. This legislation is detrimental to our public education systems in St. Charles County.

School board elections have traditionally been nonpartisan. SB 1002 further injects partisan politics and divisiveness into local education by allowing school board candidates to declare party affiliation on the ballot. Party labels have no place on a school board ballot and decrease the likelihood that voters will devote time and attention to researching candidates and understanding district-specific issues. Political identity should not determine who oversees our kids' classrooms. School board members should be elected based on competence, qualifications, and their understanding of local educational needs—not on perceived political alignment or party association. St. Charles County would be known throughout Missouri for its unique focus on partisanship rather than education of our students.

SB 1002 delays urgent school funding by moving bond and tax levy votes to November. This means critical funding decisions could be pushed into the middle of a fiscal year, creating budget disruptions for our schools. School districts must be able to respond to changing enrollment patterns, facility needs, infrastructure demands, and unexpected financial pressures. Limiting when districts can seek voter consideration of these issues reduces their ability to adapt strategically and could create avoidable financial strain.

SB 1002 disrupts school board transitions. New board members would be seated in November instead of April — mid-fiscal year — creating unnecessary instability in school leadership.

SB 1002 lengthens unpaid school board member terms from three to four years. Board members already volunteer their time. Extending terms to four years could discourage good candidates from running. Our current system of staggered terms helps to balance continuity and stability with fresh perspectives. Three-year terms for school board members also offer benefits such as increased accountability to voters and better alignment with rapidly changing community needs, prevent the concentration of power, reduce the risk of burnout, and allow boards to adapt to new challenges more quickly.

Finally, SB 1002 creates a two-tiered system — and a chaotic one. This bill applies only to St. Charles County based on population thresholds. That means as counties grow or shrink, the rules could change. Missouri deserves consistent, nonpartisan school board elections statewide, not a patchwork

that shifts with census numbers.

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 1002.



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Local school boards should only be concerned with the business of how to best serve the children of thier communities. Public schools should not be partisan in any way and to tie school board elections to party politics is egregious, especially when this bill only targets St. Charles County.



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Reasons I'm opposed:

??Allows school board candidates to declare party on the ballot. I OPPOSE partisanship in education.
??Urgent funding needs could be delayed for approval into the middle of the fiscal year (November) and spaced every other year, rather than annually.
New boards would take their seats in the middle of a fiscal year (November instead of April)
??School Board member Terms (unpaid) would be lengthened to four years. Since these are unpaid roles, the increase in term will increase the burden on volunteer community leaders and may discourage some candidates from running



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Dear Chairwoman Jones and Members of the House Children and Families Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to SB 1002. I appreciate your and the committee members dedication to the children and families of Missouri. Please note that while I am a member of the Board of Education for Fort Zumwalt, the views expressed in this testimony are my own and do not reflect the position of the Fort Zumwalt Board of Education.

As an elected volunteer who has been on the board of education for three years and won two terms, I would like to share ten primary concerns regarding this legislation, with particular emphasis on the first three:

- 1!) Geographic Inconsistency: It is unclear why this change is proposed exclusively for St. Charles County. If annual April elections are functioning well for the rest of the state, there is no clear justification for a unique mandate here.
- 2!) Voter Information Overload: Moving these elections to November would force voters to navigate local education issues alongside complex national and state ballots.
- 3!) Budget Cycles: Boards approve school budgets in June. The current April cycle allows new members to be sworn in and educated throughout May and June before voting on the fiscal year's budget. A November start date would seat members less than halfway through a fiscal year, creating significant oversight challenges.
- 4.) Fiscal Planning: Bond issues or tax changes approved in April can be integrated into the June budget. A November cycle would significantly delay the implementation of critical funding measures.
- 5.) Board Continuity: Shifting from an annual 2-2-3 cycle to a biennial 3-4 cycle increases the risk of a majority of the board being composed of entirely new members at once, losing institutional knowledge.
- 6.) Cultural Timing: Board of Education Appreciation Month takes place in March, making April a natural and appropriate time for transition.
- 7.) Commitment Length: Increasing terms from three to four years may discourage volunteers from seeking these unpaid positions due to the longer commitment.
- 8.) Campaign Visibility: Local candidates will struggle to be heard during the noise of major November national elections.
- 9.) Logistical Competition: It would be much more difficult to manage the logistics of ordering and placing campaign signs in St. Charles County when competing with massive national campaigns. Let's be honest, there is only so much open space in St. Charles County and the corners can become overwhelming with so many signs.
- 10.) Equity: This brings me back to reiterate my first point—there is no clear reason to single out St.

Charles County for this change. Why only us?

Thank you for your time and consideration of these points.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Byrd



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I am a citizen of St. Charles County, a parent in the Francis Howell School District, and a consistent voter in our April school board elections.

The fact that this bill only pertains to one county, where highly partisan school board members, lobbyist groups, and elections have harmed education, speaks volumes. Let our elections remain in their current April timeframe, consistent with the rest of the state.



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I, as a registered voter, do not want school related elections moved to November. This seems to be a targeted attack on Saint Charles county as no other areas are included in this. There is absolutely no reason to move the elections to November.



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As a St. Charles County resident and a mother of three children in this school district, I strongly oppose Missouri Senate Bill 1002 because it directly impacts my family and our community without truly reflecting our needs or priorities. Our school board should remain focused on what is best for our kids—their education, their development, and their future—not on partisan politics or broader election cycles that dilute local voices. Moving these elections to November risks overshadowing critical, community-specific decisions with national political noise, making it harder for parents like me to stay meaningfully engaged and informed. My children's education is too important to be treated as a secondary issue on a crowded ballot.

I am deeply concerned that introducing party affiliation and extending terms to four years will fundamentally change the nature of our school board—from a community-centered body into a politicized one. I want leaders who are accountable, accessible, and focused on students—not aligned with political parties or insulated by longer terms. What incentive is there to listen to the people of the community when you have the protection of a 4 year term? As a parent, I rely on having a strong, responsive relationship with our local school leadership, and this bill threatens that connection. St. Charles families deserve to maintain a clear, direct voice in our schools, and SB1002 undermines that by shifting power away from the community and toward a more politicized system.



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As a St. Charles County resident and a public school teacher, I oppose this bill wholeheartedly. School board elections should remain non-partisan



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Why on earth are you wasting time on something that is working just fine (spring school board elections)? If we want our voters and community to be informed about school board candidates and elections, do not move them to November when the issues and conversations surrounding our school's issues will be minimized by national and state wide concerns.

Furthermore, this feels like "big government" encroaching in local issues.
Not very conservative of our state legislature.



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WITNESS NAME: KENNETH BIERMANN		PHONE NUMBER: 636-373-5867	
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I would like to talk on SB 1002 as a board member



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Please be advised that I oppose SB 1002, that curiously applies to St. Charles County on, and that partisan politics have no business in our schools. This change is a move toward partisan control of school boards, a reduction in local autonomy, weakens the focus on educational specific issues and will drown out local issues on the ballot. Also, the method by which this is being done is trying to sneak the legislation across with fully advising the people of St. Charles what it is about. VOTE NO!!! This is an attempt to control progress made in St. Charles County by people who want to control the will of the people.



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This is an obviously political change that targets only St. Charles County schools. This will weaken the focus on education specific issues. It will also allow candidates to declare political parties, which will lead to partisan control of school boards and reduce local autonomy. Keep politics out of schools and focus on the kids' needs.



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This statewide effort should be applied to all school board elections.

If it's good and proper for St Charles county then it's good and proper for the entire state.



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SB1002. We have three voters in our house, none of whom want this bill passed. We'll vote against every Missouri politician in our district/state who votes to push this legislation through.



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I strongly oppose the introduction of political parties into school board elections. I've known many dedicated school board members that would have not run for office in a political climate. We would have lost out on their many contributions to Saint Charles area schools. Similarly, I know several potential future board candidates that would likely decide not to run were the elections to become a political content. They, like myself, view this service to our community as non-partisan and singularly focused on building and supporting a school environment where children can flourish.

The April vote allows the candidates and the voters to focus on the issues facing their school districts without being lost in a long list of issues. There is clearly a benefit for the voters, as well as the board to keep the vote in April. I've never missed a school board election and can honestly say that I do not ask, nor care to know, a candidate's political affiliation. I care only about their views on public education, purpose for serving, and background knowledge/experience they bring to the board. Keep politics out of school board elections.



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School board elections are imporant. Burying them in th November elections is a bad idea. People that care will turn out.



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This bill is a bad idea, but the worst part of it is not having a plan THAT YOU WILL PUBLISH WITH IT to show how you will replace the missing revenue. Not allowing voters to understand every way the US will impact them is deceitful.



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Please leave education elections as nonpartisan			



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I do not want the school board voting moved to November for Saint Charles County



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I strongly oppose this bill as it in no way keeps the focus on what is best for the education of our students. Instead, school board elections will get lost in the shuffle, so to speak, and they will become partisan in nature which the most recent election clearly showed that the educational community and families do not want. Quit trying to push a partisan agenda.



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Singling out a county because you don't like the outcome isn't the reason to change the date.



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The St. Charles Community is divided enough. Your job is to bring us together to do the best job we can to educate our children. You continue to allow politics to interfere with that mission. It takes everyone's focus away from the real work. If this is not a good idea for the entire state, it is NOT a good idea for St. Charles County. Lisa We need to do better for our children.



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2- Senate Bill 1002 is intentionally partisan, allowing candidates to run as Republican and Democrat. We need less partisan politics in schools, not more. St. Charles County would stand out across Missouri for its unique focus on partisanship instead of education.

3- Senate Bill 1002 would create Democrat districts and Republican districts. Regardless of our official high school mascots, each district would effectively be known by the political party of its current board members. We would be seen in the community as the St. Charles Donkeys, Wentzville Elephants, and others rotating back and forth based on the political winds.

4- November elections are filled with expensive state and federal races. The millions spent will flood mailboxes and inboxes with a cloud of information making it more difficult to inform voters on local school topics.

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I oppose this substitute bill. It no longer holds true to what was first presented.



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Hello Friends - Before Monday, May 4th I am asking you click this link to send your thoughts to Jefferson City.

There is a hearing for Senate Bill 1002 happening Monday at 1pm. Senate Bill 1002 would move school board elections, school bond issues, and school tax levy votes to even year November elections FOR ST. CHARLES COUNTY ONLY.

Everyone - click the link and send your opinion.

<https://witness.house.mo.gov/Default.aspx?noticeid=11680>

If you can - come down to Jefferson City and show your opposition.

Here is what I just sent:

Missouri Legislators.

I am a parent and teacher in the district . I ask that you reject Senate Bill 1002 for the following reasons.

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WITNESS NAME: MARCIA KRAUS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The school board elections should be the same throughout Missouri. No reason should Francis Howell be any different. The election needs to stay in April.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGARET LEE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Schools are not political entities. We have enough concerns about education now without adding politics to the picture. We need school leadership who work together for the students and staff regardless of political affiliation. Why make something that has become complicated even more so by adding politics to it?



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WITNESS NAME: MARISSA POLZIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to SB1002

It allows candidates to declare party on the ballot. partisanship in education is terrible for our children. Urgent funding needs could be delayed for approval into the middle of the fiscal year and spaced every other year, rather than annually.

New boards would take their seats in the middle of a fiscal year (November instead of April)

School Board member Terms would be lengthened to four years. Since these are unpaid roles, the increase in term will increase the burden on volunteer community leaders and may discourage some candidates from running. Targeting only St. Charles county is interesting.



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WITNESS NAME: MARTHA ANKNEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I do not like that the candidates for our school board would say what party they are because this is not supposed to be a political position. This is supposed to be for the education of our kids and Francis Howell is already soooo political. All of the parents are so sick of it and would just like to have good people run the board without politics involved or we risk grid locking like the house and senate and not being able to accomplish anything. Keep the school board about the kids and away from politics.



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As the President of the City of St. Charles School District Board of Education, I would like to point out 4 problems with this bill. First of all, the citizens of St. Charles city have a great track record of approving bond issues for capital improvements every 5 or 6 years. The whole budget calendar is set up to accommodate approval in April. Changing the election to November would cause a serious disruption.

Secondly, changing the length of the terms for School Board members from the current 3 years to the proposed 4 years would affect the ability to attract great candidates. It is hard enough to get first time filers to commit to serve in an unpaid office for 3 years. A 4 year term would exacerbate this. In recent memory, we have not held school board elections because the number of candidates was equal to the number of seats open.

It would also adversely affect the Board's ability to on-board new members and to cooperate with neighboring districts that are not in St. Charles County. We rely on MSBA to provide the state mandated 18.5 hours of training for new board members. They provide the training starting in May each year. Several board members belong to a group of fellow board members from S. Louis County.

Lastly, I would ask what problem this proposed legislation would solve. What is specific to St. Charles County and only St. Charles County that this legislation would target?



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This bill is nothing more than a partisan attempt to avoid serving the best interests of the People of Missouri. Having school board and local bond issues on the April ballot keeps them from getting lost among all the other issues on the November ballots. Rather than changing the rules to seat the candidates preferred by the party in power, try being more responsive to the will of the voters.



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In recent years I have marveled at some of the proposed legislation introduced in Jefferson City. There was the one that would require all Missourians to own a gun. I thought that was as undemocratic and ridiculous as it could get. But I was wrong. This Bill exceeds even that one in being undemocratic and likely unconstitutional as well. For Jefferson City to change the nonpartisan school board elections in just one County for partisan purposes disguised as fairness is absurd. Local issues need local attention. That is why local matters, particularly those that are nonpartisan, are segregated from the cacophony of a general election. I have worked the polls for a number of years and observed that the people who vote in local elections are those who have a vested interest in the local issues regardless of party affiliation. I would like to see more people with opinions on local issues participate, but burying those issues in the morass of a general election will not produce that result. This is especially true if the nonpartisan issues, especially school boards and education related bond issues, are identified as Democrat or Republican issues. This Bill is just one more attempt to build divides among Americans at the most basic local level. And doing so at a time where we should be trying everything in our power to narrow those divides. If you go forward with this legislation it will be another black eye for Missouri politics and a slap in the face to St. Charles County voters. Stop this now!



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November elections for school board and school related elections takes away from our communities ability to keep schools and school boards bipartisan. That and schools run their budget by the school year not a fiscal year. I say no to November board elections!



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Why are you taking away local control of our school districts? For just St. Charles Co? As a family lawyer who compares schools across MO all the time for custody cases, in addition to being a product of a St. Charles County school district, I can tell you that we have fantastic schools. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Which school districts exactly are asking you to pass this bill? Or is it just the Gontarz family & other failed school board candidates who couldn't get elected as culture warriors? You should consider that this could backfire on you & instead of your preferred candidates retaking the local school boards, the voters in this county who don't want their school boards taken over by nonsense may actually end up flipping some of our state house districts...



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School board candidate votes should NOT be partisan. Why is this only impacting St. Charles County, where partisan politician-backed candidates have lost 3 elections in a row and are now claiming this is about voter turnout? Absolutely unfair and unjust. Please do not pass this.



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I am adamantly opposed to this proposition which is clearly a tactic being used by far right-wing conservatives (I say as a historically Republican voter) who are mad that they keep losing school board elections. If this were good policy, which it is not, it would be applied to the entire state, not just St Charles County.

Because of the fiscal year timing for St Charles County's largest school districts, November school board elections would severely alter a district's ability to request monetary redirection, among other things.

Let's do what's best for our schools and the students and family they serve and NOT cower to some Republicans who are mad that their candidates can't win.



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I oppose this bill for two primary reasons:

- It needlessly politicizes local education: School boards are designed to be non-partisan entities focused entirely on the well-being and academic success of our students. Allowing party affiliations invites national and state partisan politics into local classrooms, distracting from the core mission of our schools.
- It diminishes the focus on local issues: April municipal elections give voters the space to intentionally focus on local community measures, like school board candidates and bond issues. Moving these to a crowded November ballot risks these crucial local decisions getting overshadowed by high-profile state and national races, or falling victim to straight-ticket voting rather than informed, localized choices.

Our local school boards operate best when they are accountable to parents and the community, not to political parties. I respectfully ask that you protect the integrity and local focus of our school districts by voting NO on SB 1002.



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I oppose this bill.



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The change would weaken the focus on education specific issues. I'm opposed to partisan control of the school boards. The focus needs to be on community and working local issues and putting an emphasis on education. Vote no on this bill and support of school communities.



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As a parent of students in a district that has a board that has flipped from having the needs of the students in mind to now having our district board elections a partisan circus, this bill makes me increasingly nervous for the districts future.

Moving these elections to November will only increase the desire to continue the divisive motions that have plagued our district in recent years. When politics are more important than education we have lost the focus of what really matters, the students and teachers.

In our house, we openly discuss elections, politics, and the beliefs centered on both. I leave my opinions out and ask questions in an open way so my kids can form their own opinion. Politically charged school board elections have been an interesting conversation with my kids. They have brought up things like bullying, lying, mean behaviors of the people running and their supporters, etc. Moving elections to November will only intensify those behaviors and actions. What example does that set for our kids? If their school leadership acts in the exact way that they have been told not to?

Moving this election is not about our kids and setting an example for them through strong leadership and good intentions. It's showing them that if you don't win, you try hard to stack it in your favor. Instead of looking at why the "conservative" choices lost, you're trying to rig it so they win. That's not listening to the people that showed up to support the schools, that's being a sore loser.

Political party lines have no place in school board elections. It's not a place where we should worry about someone being Democrat or republican, we should be worried if they have the best interest of ALL students in mind. When I say all, I mean ALL... all abilities, all races, all genders, all political beliefs, ALL of the kids. No child should feel like their school board doesn't have their best interests at heart.

Please, vote 'NO' on Senate Bill 1002. Don't continue to further divide our county. When people show up to vote because things matter to them, don't try to change it even if you don't agree. It makes us all look ridiculous.

Education Over Politics.



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As a voter residing within the Francis Howell School District (FHSD), I am against SB 1002. Moving school board elections to November will create disruptions as incoming and outgoing board members rotate while the school year is well underway. Keeping these elections in April will allow any board reorganizations to occur as the school year is winding down and give ample time for members to prepare over the summer months. Furthermore, a move to November elections may open the possibility of prospective candidates to declare a political affiliation. For local elections, I prefer to not know which party candidates align with and instead focus on their aspirations and merits for the position(s) they wish to hold.



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Electing school board members at municipal election allows voters to focus on these local candidates and local school issues outside of the November election cycle when the time and attention of voters is taken up by partisan election campaigns and statewide issues. The Association opposes the bill



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This is an extremely partisan move made to further erode public schools. There is a reason this is only in St. Charles. The public knows. Please stop trying to ruin public schools.



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This change will create a fatigue amongst voters in November with the longer ballot. It is unfair to Saint Charles county to separate them from the rest of Missouri.



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I am writing to express my opposition to SB 1002. This bill would significantly change how school board elections are conducted in St. Charles County by shifting them to the November general election, allowing candidates to declare political party affiliation, and extending terms to four years. While these changes may seem administrative, they would have serious impacts on local education governance.

First, SB 1002 reduces local control. School boards are meant to reflect the unique needs of their communities. Moving elections to the November ballot risks overshadowing local education issues with national and statewide politics.

Second, this bill introduces unnecessary partisanship into school board elections. School boards should focus on students, teachers, and educational outcomes—not political party alignment. Allowing candidates to declare a party shifts the focus away from education-specific priorities.

Third, moving school board, tax, and bond issues to the November ballot may drown out important local decisions. During general elections, ballots are already long and dominated by statewide and national races, making it harder for voters to fully consider local education issues.

Fourth, shifting school board elections to November creates practical challenges for school governance and budgeting. School district budgets take effect July 1, and new board members elected in November would enter office months after key financial planning decisions are already underway or finalized. This timing could disrupt continuity, delay decision-making, and make it harder for boards to respond effectively to district needs.

Finally, applying this change only to St. Charles County raises concerns about fairness and consistency. Major structural changes to school governance should be carefully considered and not limited to a single county. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote no on SB 1002 and preserve local, nonpartisan control of school boards.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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As a parent in St. Charles Co. schools, I am strongly opposed to SB 1002. First, this bill puts unfair limitations on when a school district can ask voters to consider bond or levy proposals. This type of time restraint is harmful to St. Charles Co. school districts and can potentially cause undue hardships to students. These restraints take decision-making power away from our local community, and will keep us from responding to students' needs in a timely manner.

Second, allowing school board members to declare a political party moves the focus away from what is best for students, to blindly voting on candidates because of party affiliation. Making this change would weaken our community focus on issues that are specific to education. Electing school board members at municipal elections in April allows voters to focus on these local candidates. If moved to the November election cycle, the time and attention of voters would be taken up by partisan election campaigns and statewide issues.



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As the parent of 3 students in the Francis Howell School District & the PTO President of Hollenbeck Middle School, I oppose Senate Bill 1002. We need to keep partisan politics out of schools. There shouldn't be election rules that only apply to St. Charles County. This bill isn't about improving education it's simply pushing a political agenda.



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WITNESS NAME: RITA WATTS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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PLEASE keep politics out of schools. WHY is this only targeting St Charles County?



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT DAVENPORT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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You know this is a bad idea when it is presented for only one county. If it's a good idea, why aren't more counties following this.

St. Charles County school districts were portrayed negatively when partisan politics began to invade school board elections. This would only exacerbate the issue. It's time to stop.

This bill is not about improving public education or helping students be more successful. It's only about a political party trying to gain a win by using dog whistles. Items related to public education should be voted for based on the merits of the item in question as opposed to political party.



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1. This is irresponsible legislation to single out only St Charles county schools. It's obvious you feel YOUR voters did not come out. Did you ever think that perhaps THEY DID?
2. The VOTERS of St Charles county chose this board to lead their school district, not you. We prefer LOCAL control.
3. Most parents want to keep your childish politics out of their children's school.
4. You have offered parents an alternative to public school so why don't you go back to STATE issues?



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I find it interesting that this state bill will only affect one county, the same county where the conservative majority on school boards was recently voted out. If this isn't an attempt to change the rules to try to get a win I don't know what is. I feel this bill is a pathetic attempt by the people we voted out to get back the power they had over our schools.



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Knock it off with the hyper partisan political games. This is Grade A hypocrisy that is typical of the current MO legislature. Don't get the results you want? No problem! Just change the game as many times as it takes! The gamesmanship is a joke. The mid cycle elections worked just fine until the MAGA coalition started losing and NOW it's an issue. Don't want to lose? Start doing right by the people you represent.



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- 4- November elections are filled with expensive state and federal races. The millions spent will flood mailboxes and inboxes with a cloud of information making it more difficult to inform voters on local school topics.

If Senate Bill 1002 was good for education, why doesn't every county want it? It is because no matter if you are red, blue, or purple, you know our school districts should not be partisan.

Please, vote 'NO' on Senate Bill 1002. You don't want it in your county. Regardless of what some legislators elected years ago say, we don't want it in ours.

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As a resident of St. Charles County I thoroughly oppose this bill. I am concerned it places the safety of our school districts and therefore the safety of our children at risk. This bill only allows for funding measures to be put forward to voters every other year. That would be an appalling dereliction of duty to our children. We must give them safe buildings and appropriately paid teachers. We need to be able to do so in a timely fashion and this bill takes that away.

Secondly, we do not need partisanship in our school board elections. Political party affiliation has no place in a public service that is designed to be open to everyone and is centered around children.

To the representatives from outside St. Charles County - I humbly ask for your help as a fellow Missourian. I know this bill originated from St. Charles County but it is with great opposition.

Please stop this bill.



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I OPPOSE partisanship in education. Urgent funding needs could be delayed for approval into the middle of the fiscal year (November) and spaced every other year, rather than annually. New boards would take their seats in the middle of a fiscal year (November instead of April). School Board member Terms (unpaid) would be lengthened to four years. Since these are unpaid roles, the increase in term will increase the burden on volunteer community leaders.



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School board election dates need to remain in April and not be moved to November.



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This testimony is submitted to document constitutional and structural concerns presented by SB 1002 and to preserve those concerns for purposes of judicial review if necessary.

The bill restructures school board election timing, ballot format, and governance terms for a limited subset of Missouri school districts defined by population parameters.

As drafted, the measure raises issues under both the Missouri Constitution and the United States Constitution.

Legal Concerns:

1. Special Law Prohibition and Use of Population Classifications (Mo. Const. art. III, § 40)

SB 1002 applies to school districts located in counties with populations between 400,000 and 500,000. While population classifications are not per se invalid, Missouri courts require that such classifications remain genuinely open-ended and reasonably related to the subject matter of the legislation.¹

Where a statutory classification operates in practice to affect a narrow and identifiable set of political subdivisions, without a clearly articulated statewide rationale tied to the mechanics of the law, courts have treated such enactments as impermissible special laws. The present bill does not, on its face, establish a distinct administrative or electoral condition unique to this population bracket that would necessitate differential treatment.

To the extent the classification functions as a proxy for regulating a limited subset of districts, this raises a constitutionally cognizable concern under Article III, Section 40. This testimony is submitted to preserve that issue.

2. Equal Protection and Consistency of Election Frameworks

The bill establishes a distinct election structure—November general election timing, four-year terms, and modified ballot presentation—for the affected districts, while other districts remain governed by different statutory schemes.

Although rational basis review generally applies, differential treatment must still be supported by a legitimate and non-arbitrary governmental purpose.²

Where a classification alters the structure of local democratic processes for a defined group without a clearly identified statewide justification, it may invite scrutiny as to whether similarly situated districts are being treated inconsistently without sufficient basis.

This testimony preserves any claim that the statutory distinctions lack adequate justification under equal protection principles.

3. Election Burdens and Ballot Structure (First and Fourteenth Amendments)

SB 1002 requires consolidation of school board elections and related ballot measures into November general elections. The fiscal analysis accompanying the bill acknowledges increased ballot length, expanded ballot formats, and greater administrative complexity.

Under established precedent, election regulations imposing burdens on voters must be justified by sufficiently weighty state interests.³

Increased ballot length and complexity can, in practice, affect voter participation and engagement with down-ballot races. The legislative record does not presently demonstrate that these burdens are offset by clearly defined improvements in voter access or election administration.

This testimony preserves any claim that the burdens imposed are not adequately justified under the applicable constitutional framework.

4. Structural Effects on Local Governance Elections

By shifting school board elections into the general election cycle and permitting partisan identification on the ballot, the bill alters the operational context of traditionally local, nonpartisan governance elections.

While states retain broad authority to structure elections, courts have recognized that changes affecting the functioning of electoral systems may warrant scrutiny where they alter the conditions under which voters and candidates engage in the process.⁴

In particular, when structural changes are applied selectively rather than uniformly, questions may arise as to whether the distinctions reflect neutral policy judgments or more targeted legislative design.

This testimony is submitted to preserve those structural considerations for review.

5. Transitional Term Adjustments

The bill extends certain existing terms to align with the revised election schedule.

Transitional provisions are generally permissible; however, they must remain reasonably tailored to the stated administrative objective.

This testimony preserves any claim that such adjustments, if applied in a manner that materially alters electoral expectations without sufficient justification, may implicate due process considerations.

Conclusion:

SB 1002 presents identifiable constitutional considerations, particularly with respect to the use of population-based classifications and the selective restructuring of election systems for a defined subset of districts.

While the legislature retains authority over election administration, the absence of a clearly articulated statewide rationale for these distinctions creates a foreseeable basis for constitutional challenge.

This testimony is submitted to ensure that these issues are reflected in the legislative record and preserved for potential judicial review.

Footnotes:

¹ Mo. Const. art. III, § 40; *Blaske v. Smith*, 821 S.W.2d 822, 832 (Mo. 1991); *Jefferson County Fire Prot. Dists. Ass'n v. Blunt*, 205 S.W.3d 866, 870–71 (Mo. banc 2006).

² U.S. Const. amend. XIV; Mo. Const. art. I, § 2; *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533, 561–62 (1964).

³ *Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 789 (1983); *Burdick v. Takushi*, 504 U.S. 428, 434 (1992).

⁴ *Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party*, 520 U.S. 351, 358 (1997).



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I am firmly against SB 1002 as a resident of St. Charles County who has worked for public schools. This bill stands to usurp and interfere with control over our local elections. Our school board elections held in April have gained many more voters in the past three elections without intervention from legislators.



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School board elections should be nonpartisan and controlled by the people within those districts,
Local autonomy of school board elections should be retained. I do not want politics in my local school
board or in education. Please vote no.



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I oppose this bill because it will drown out local initiatives and would actually be a disservice to education, children and families.



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Leave it alone! School boards should not be partisan. The term lengths should not be extended. We're already stuck w US senators for 6 years - that's too long.



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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to oppose SB 1002.

Let's call this what it is. This bill is being framed as a voter turnout improvement, but it fundamentally changes how school boards are selected and held accountable without demonstrating that it will improve student outcomes.

Moving school board elections to November doesn't just increase turnout. It changes the composition of the electorate. School board races currently decided by engaged community members focused on education will be absorbed into high-volume, partisan election cycles. That's not a neutral change. It shifts influence away from informed local stakeholders and into a broader, less education-focused voting environment.

If the goal is better schools, show the data that this improves outcomes. Otherwise, we're manufacturing a problem that never existed in the first place to introduce a solution not found in any tangible evidence.

Extending terms to four years compounds the issue. School boards are one of the few places where communities have direct, frequent accountability over decisions impacting students. Doubling the term length reduces that accountability by design. If anything, we should be strengthening feedback loops.

And then there's the part that's hardest to ignore:

Why only St. Charles County?

If this is good policy, it should apply statewide. If it's not appropriate statewide, then it shouldn't be applied here. This is selective intervention pretending to be thoughtful reform.

Policy that alters governance structure, reduces accountability, and selectively applies to one region should clear a high bar of evidence and transparency. SB 1002 doesn't meet that bar.

We shouldn't confuse higher turnout with better governance. And we shouldn't accept structural changes to local education without a clear, evidence-based case that they benefit students.

I urge you to reject SB 1002.

**Respectfully,
Shaun Johnson**



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School Board elections should be nonpartisan. Moving the election to November would make it partisan. Candidates should be elected based on their goals, plans, etc. not political affiliation. Plus, electing people in November bring them in over a quarter of the school year, whereas April election brings them in before the school year allowing them to get up to speed on this district, their roles, etc.



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Ridiculous to single out a single county!



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I am writing as a constituent and a registered voter in St. Charles county to let you know of my **OPPOSITION** to SB 1002, and to encourage you to VOTE NO. I believe school board elections should be about educational expertise and community input and should remain non-partisan in April, not moved to November where they will be overshadowed by national politics. Keeping our school board elections in April will help ensure local, not partisan, control over our school districts. We do not need to have politics in our local schools board elections.

Thank you for your service and consideration,
Sherri Lorton
Cottleville, MO 63376



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School board elections should NOT be moved to November. Having a non partisan candidate be forced to choose a party will only hurt our school districts, communities and children.



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This is an unfair change that targets only St. Charles County schools. This will weaken the focus on education specific issues. It will also allow candidates to declare political parties, which will lead to partisan control of school boards and reduce local autonomy.



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Politics should NOT be brought in to school board elections! Some people will vote for a candidate based solely on the political party not on their actual views/platform. This is a huge mistake and should not be passed! The students will be the ones who pay for this! Please listen to the people who IG actually affects!



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This is partisan politics. School boards should be non partisan and focused on issues. Putting the election in November will only cause issues to be overshadowed by national issues.



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Written Testimony in Opposition to SS/SB 1002

House Committee Hearing — May 4, 2026

Submitted by: Stephanie Rittgers, St. Charles County Parent and Resident

My name is Stephanie Rittgers, and I am a parent of children in the Francis Howell School District in St. Charles County. I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to SS/SB 1002.

I want to start with something that doesn't always make it into policy conversations: culture wars are expensive. Not just politically — but financially, and in ways that directly harm our children.

Over the past several years, Francis Howell School District has been in the news repeatedly — and not for the reasons any of us would want. The result? My kids have watched teacher after teacher leave. Some took early retirement. Others moved to neighboring districts where the political climate is quieter and the job feels sustainable. These are experienced, dedicated educators who made a calculated decision that the environment was no longer worth staying in.

Next year, my child's high school will have no AP Chemistry teacher. Let that sink in. Advanced Placement Chemistry — a course that opens doors to medicine, engineering, and the sciences — will be without an instructor because we cannot retain or recruit qualified staff in this climate.

SB 1002 would make this worse.

Allowing school board candidates to declare party affiliation on the ballot is not a neutral procedural change. It is an invitation for the same national partisan forces that have destabilized districts like mine to dig in deeper, recruit more ideologically-driven candidates, and drown out the voices of parents who simply want schools focused on educating children. The cost of that chaos — in teacher turnover, legal battles, administrative churn, and lost instructional time — falls entirely on students.

Beyond partisanship, this bill singles out St. Charles County alone based on population thresholds. That is not good policy — it is political targeting. And it creates an unstable, unequal system: as county populations shift, communities could move in and out of these rules, creating a patchwork of election standards across the state. Missouri's school board elections should be consistent and nonpartisan statewide, not subject to change based on a census number.

Moving bond and levy votes to November also delays urgent funding decisions into the middle of a fiscal year — disrupting budgets that are already stretched thin in districts like mine. And lengthening unpaid board terms to four years will discourage exactly the kind of community-minded parents and volunteers who make the best board members.

We don't need more politics in our schools. We need stability, consistency, and the freedom to focus on kids.

I urge this committee to vote NO on SS/SB 1002.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rittgers
St. Charles County, Missouri



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**These are unpaid roles, the increase in term will increase the burden on volunteer community leaders.
School board candidates to declare party on the ballot has no place in education.**



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School board elections are intended to be nonpartisan, with the aim being to support children without the distinction of the political spectrum going on around us. I am Sen. Schnelting's constituent and oppose his action in proposing this legislation. Lengthening terms for unpaid board positions makes it even further difficult to recruit candidates. School budgets run July to June and installing new board members this far into the fiscal year endangers the accounting and budget-writing process and also endangers the financial stability of our districts. I see no benefit to this proposed legislation.



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Keep party politics out of school board elections; candidates should NOT be designating a political party. This bill is only for St. Charles County; it should not be for ANY county and especially not singling out one county where elections have not gone the way the conservative legislators/voters have liked.



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**SB 1002 is BAD for everyone!!! You are trying to divide school board elections into political parties.
WE. DON'T WANT THAT!!!**



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To politicize school board elections is an unnecessary and divisive power grab. Please REJECT SB 1002.



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I never dreamed when my family moved to St.Charles County that I would be living in a county so blatantly trying to dismantle public education. I am proud of the education my 4 children received in Francis Howell. They are all successful in their respective fields thanks to the dedication of the staff in our schools.

I am dismayed at the controversy and racism that has plagued our district in recent years by school board members who identify as "conservative". While they held a board majority, they began to change the direction of our curriculum, spoke out against our staff members spreading fear and distrust in the community.

Our community spoke quickly to reverse the conservative board majority and return to a district dedicated to all students success.

Not surprisingly, the response we received was to move school board elections to November so a non-partisan election could be made partisan.

I find it appalling that St. Charles County is continually subjected to legislation that would force an entire community to live with the ideals of a very conservative few elected officials.

I ask that SB 1002 be rejected. Do not force St. Charles County to be the only county in Missouri to be a partisan county. We, the people of St. Charles County, deserve more.



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My name is Tammy McGrellis, and I'm a school board member on the City of St Charles School Board. Moving school board elections to November is not a good idea. I say this because that is a time when partisan politics would overshadow the school board elections. School board members are supposed to be NON-PARTISAN. Forcing partisan politics onto these races, whether intentional or not, will destroy the non-partisan values our boards hold dear.

Local elections, such as those for school board candidates, should remain as April elections because focus is on local races, bond issues, etc. The people who pay attention to their local elections educate themselves about candidates and they are the ones who care enough to take the time to vote. Everyone who is a registered voter is able to vote in April, and those who are upset that they didn't win these elections are trying to move the elections because they believe it will help them win. If they are good candidates, people will vote for them in April.

This bill is not about saving money. If it were, it would cover the entire state, rather than only affect St Charles County. This bill is a retaliatory move because the ultra conservative/MAGA candidates in our area have been voted out of their various school boards. This is partisan politics at work because they didn't get their way. Tantrums should not be rewarded. Again, if it were about saving money, it would not only apply to St Charles County.

Please think about what is being asked of you. You are being asked to move school boards elections because certain people are pouting due to the community choosing candidates who care about running school district business as it should be run; in a non-partisan manner.



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I've been a resident of St. Charles since 2005 with children in public schools in the county continuously since that date. Over the last 5 years our school district has faced substantial political interference at the school board level. Public schools are designed to be accessible for everyone without concern for political ideology. This level of interference has caused substantial turnover, particularly among teachers and created instability in my children's education. Moving elections for only our county to November will further force political ideology into the governance of our schools and I am strongly opposed to it. If this is such a good idea why would it only apply to a single county and not the entire state? This bill does not support our children or their education and would only serve to further divide school boards and distract from their true purpose.



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I am grateful for the opportunity to give you my thoughts on Senate Bill 1002. I have lived in St. Charles County since 2003 and have voted in school board elections routinely in the last two decades. These elections became increasingly important to me after the birth of my son and as he moved into the Fort Zumwalt School District. In 2025 and again in 2026, I was a candidate for the Fort Zumwalt Board of Education and was elected to the board in April 2026. I am the newest member of the Board, but as you can tell, I am a long-time resident and voter. I have both experienced losing an election for school board and winning an election for school board. From this background as a resident, voter, and newly elected official, I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 1002.

I oppose Senate Bill 1002 because I do not think it makes sense to apply this election change to one county in the state. If we move school board elections to November in St. Charles County **ONLY**, that creates inconsistency with the rest of the state.

As a voter, I think it would also cause overload - every time I go to vote, there are so many different yard signs for a variety of issues and candidates. Until this year, I had never put a yard sign in my yard for a candidate, and I tended to roll my eyes at many yard signs. Showing up to vote on Election Day in November always feels like my polling station has turned into a parking lot for yard signs.

Having elections in April, largely focused on local elections, has helped me become more knowledgeable about my community and the governmental organizations within it. Did you know that the St. Charles Youth Advisory Council organizes a candidate forum every March for all local candidates? This is an incredible event where I've gotten to hear from and meet local people who choose to run for office because they're invested in their community. Our local-focused April elections help all of us learn more about our community and participate in it.

Did you know that School Board members are required to complete training each year that they serve? This summer, I will undergo training virtually and in person in order to fulfill this requirement. This training is scheduled based on the fact that all Missouri counties hold their elections in April - shifting St. Charles County to a November school board election would require the addition of more new-member and ongoing member training in new times of the year, which would be an added cost to the Missouri School Board Association that facilitates this training. My understanding is that current offerings are scheduled in light of the April elections and are available through the next six months. For example, as a new board member, I could attend training at the school board conference in October; a November election date would mean either that the MO School Board Association would have to create new training in December, January, February, etc, or that new members would have to

go about six months before completing their training based on the schedule that currently exists. That would mean that school district boards would have members who are lacking important knowledge about their roles.

As a voter and private citizen, I also believe that April elections are so important to our local community. While we can have local issues on the ballot at any time, I like knowing that in April I'm focusing on issues that matter most to my local community, from school board to tax issues to funding the ambulance district, or whatever might be on the ballot.

All other counties in Missouri are being allowed to keep their local focus on April elections, including school board elections. Moving ONE county's school board elections to November does not make sense in light of this.

Please do not pass this bill. Thank you for your time reading this, and for allowing me the opportunity to share my perspective.



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Unless all counties and districts are required to change from an April election date to the November election date, St. Charles County shouldn't be any different.



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I do not support this bill or school district elections moving to November in St Charles county. They logistically make sense to have in April. One critical reason is to have them before budgets are being created for the upcoming school year. Please oppose this Bill. From my understanding this is something any other school district in MO is pursuing. The political nature of this bill appears counter productive for what is best for our school district.



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Moving school board elections to November will unnecessarily disrupt normal district budgeting and administration processes. The result of pushing the St Charles district(s) out of sync with the state-level processes will also require special legislation to manage funding and grants. There is no practical upside to doing this.



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There is absolutely no place for political affiliation in public education. The only reason someone should be running for a school board is to put children and their education first- evert student, every day. That purpose should have nothing to do with political viewpoint.