

November 9, 2022

It's over. We made it. It was a long primary season and twisty general election season. Time to take down the ads and frame the yard signs you're hanging onto. But don't get too comfortable - the 2023 general legislative session is on deck.

In addition to choosing their preferred candidates, Missourians weighed in on five ballot initiatives with various issues pertaining to state investments, legalizing recreational marijuana, funding the Kansas City Police Department, creating a new state agency and a call for a state constitutional convention.

A full list of the state of Missouri election results can be found [here](#).

General recaps are below. Please ping us separately for any looming juicy details you want. We're standing by with all of the tea.

Top Ticket Races

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt (R - Missouri) won his race against Trudy Busch-Valentine for U.S. Senate. Schmitt is replacing Senator Roy Blunt (R - Missouri).

Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick (R - Missouri) is the state's next auditor after beating democratic candidate Al Green. Fitzpatrick is replacing State Auditor Nicole Galloway. Galloway is the only Democrat to hold statewide office and opted not to run for reelection this year.

With current Attorney General Eric Schmitt and current State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick winning their prospective races, Governor Mike Parson will now have two statewide offices to fill.

Here's the gossip: Governor Parson is expected to appoint his general counsel Andrew Bailey to the AG spot and Kalena Bruce to the Treasurer spot. Bruce is a CPA and was Parson's pick in CD4 this year.

BOLO this - candidates beginning to announce for 2024 statewide spots. Yes. That's happening.

Governor Parson will be setting a new Missouri record by making a total of five appointments during his tenure as Governor to what typically would be elected statewide offices.

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There were 17 Senate seats up for election. After the general election, 9 Senators held their seats and there are a total of 8 new members in the Senate. The new members include 7 Republicans and 1 Democrat. Republicans continue to maintain a super-majority in the Senate with the margins remaining 24R-10D.

Stay tuned for announcements on leadership races and committee assignments.

MOHouse

All 163 seats were up for election and 95 of those seats had no challenger in the general election. There are a total of 51 new members in the House - 38 Republicans and 13 Democrats. Republicans regained their veto proof majority in the House with the margins now being 111R - 52D.

House Majority Leadership Races

House Speaker: Rep. Dean Plocher (R - Town and Country)

House Speaker Pro Tem: Rep. Mike Henderson (R - Bonne Terre)

House Majority Floor Leader: Rep. John Patterson (R - Lee's Summit)

Assistant Majority Floor Leader: Representative Jamie Burger (R - Benton)

Majority Caucus Whip: Hardy Billington (R - Poplar Bluff)
Majority Caucus Chair: Chris Dinkins (R - Lesterville)
Majority Caucus Secretary: Ann Kelley (R - Lamar)

Ballot Measures

In total, 91 initiative petitions (IP) and referendums were submitted to Missouri Secretary of State John Ashcroft's office and five made it onto the ballot. Yeesh. Tough crowd.

Amendment 1

YES 894,056 45.725%
NO 1,061,253 54.275%

This Constitutional amendment would allow the General Assembly to override the current constitutional restrictions of state investments by the state treasurer and;
Allow state investments in municipal securities possessing one of the top five highest long term ratings or the highest short term ratings.

Amendment 3

YES 1,089,326 53.106%
NO 961,909 46.894%

This Constitutional amendment would remove state prohibitions on purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, delivering, manufacturing, and selling marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of 21;
Require a registration card for personal cultivation with prescribed limits;
Allow person with certain marijuana-related non-violent offenses to petition for release from incarceration or parole and probation and have records expunged;
Establish a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates;
Issue equally distributed licenses to each congressional district; and
Impose a six percent tax on the retail price of marijuana to benefit various programs.

Amendment 4

YES 1,265,938 63.241%
NO 735,835 36.759%

This Constitutional Amendment would authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026 that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities.

Amendment 5

YES 1,193,908 60.235%
NO 788,184 39.765%

This Constitutional Amendment would allow the Missouri National Guard, currently under the Missouri Department of Public Safety, to be its own department, known as the Missouri Department of National Guard.

Constitutional Convention Question

YES 632,200 32.302%
NO 1,324,937 67.698%

Ballot Question: Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the Constitution?

Sam Page Defeats Mark Mantovani

It looked a little bit like 2020 yesterday in St. Louis County. The St. Louis County Executive race was a rematch of the 2020 Democratic primary, when Dr. Sam Page defeated Mark Mantovani, a marketing executive, and two other candidates. Page was facing Mantovani after Republican primary winner Katherine Pinner abruptly quit, and party officials coalesced around him. Page will begin his first full term as county executive in January.

Upcoming Hearings

11/10/2022 Senate Administration Committee – Committee Hearing, Room 326

A vote may be taken to hold a closed meeting pursuant to Section 610.022.2 relating to closed meetings and Section 610.021 (3) relating to personnel matters and Section 610.021 (1) relating to legal matters; and section 610.021 (18) and (19) relating to security.

Key Upcoming Dates:

- November 15-17 – Senate Republican Campaign Committee Summer Caucus
- November 24-25, 2022 – ALL STATE OFFICES CLOSED
- December 1, 2022 – First day of pre-bill filing for the 2023 legislative session
- January 4, 2023 – First day of MO Legislative Session

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