***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Select Committee**

A new Missouri Senate panel has a distinctive goal.

Forming this seven-person group comes as the result of a relatively new state law.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says he has formed the [Missouri Senate Select Committee on the Protection of Missouri Assets from Foreign Entities](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/81)…

 **Rowden :08 Q: other adversarial countries.**

The law in question was passed in 2013, and allows foreign entities to own as much as 1 percent of Missouri farmland.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says the issue of foreign land ownership in our state has been on lawmakers’ minds for several years…

 **Rizzo :06 Q: around well before.**

Several bills have been introduced, this session, to undo the 2013 law.

The new panel’s first hearing has not yet been set.

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