***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Committee Hearings Continue**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more priority legislation making its way through committee…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: on Local Government….**

The week began with the [Missouri Senate Local Government and Elections Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/40) hearing [Senate Bill 44](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44633).

Senator Rick Brattin of Harrisonville is the sponsor. He says his proposal would change the process for maintaining voter registration rolls…

 **Brattin :05 Q: we’re doing that.**

According to the measure, a voter would be taken from the list if he or she missed two general elections.

During committee discussion, Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence told the sponsor he does not believe the bill spells it out in these words…

 **Rizzo 1 :10 Q: be a general?**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 44…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: is an open….**

Tuesday saw the [Missouri Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/75) spend time on [Senate Bill 5](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44587).

Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester is the sponsor. He says this measure seeks to allow the enrollment of nonresident students in public school districts…

 **Koenig :09 Q: or English proficiency.**

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis, who also serves on the panel, talks about changes made to the education foundation formula…

 **Beck :10 Q: formula every year.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 5…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: many of you….**

Wednesday morning saw the [Missouri Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/53) take up [Senate Bill 78](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44429).

Senator Nick Schroer of O’Fallon is the sponsor. He tells colleagues his proposal would modify provisions relating to the operation of certain law enforcement agencies…

 **Schroer :09 Q: decimated by crime.**

During committee discussion, Sen. Brian Williams of University City pointed out St. Louis is not the only law enforcement agency facing a personnel shortage…

 **Williams :06 Q: City of St. Louis.**

Senate Bill 78 awaits a final committee decision…

**Nat Snd 4 :08 Q: out of 50.**

Also this week, the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) started delving into the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says he does not see the need for an “us vs. them” mentality on the budget…

 **Rowden :08 Q: opportunities for kids.**

Senator Rizzo adds he is on-board with many of the priorities the governor has…

 **Rizzo 2 :11 Q: in higher education.**

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: business coming before….**

With four weeks of session now complete, the Missouri Senate will return to action on Monday.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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