***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
FY ’25 Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the steps taken toward completing the Fiscal Year 2025 state operating budget…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Reading, Formal Calendar….**

Each year, the budget process starts in December with what is called the Consensus Revenue Estimate — or CRE — which is the guide for the Legislature and executive branch going into the next calendar year. From there, the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) begins holding hearings on the state’s next operating budget.

The final phase of the process started this week, when Missouri senators created their own version of the state’s next spending blueprint, which they did on Thursday.

By law, the Fiscal Year 2025 state operating budget is delivered to the governor’s office by 6 p.m. on May 10, at the latest. Fiscal Year 2025 will start on July 1.

Immediately following this, Missouri senators sent [Senate Bill 748](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38), the FRA bill, to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :11 Q: petition reform bill.**

Another item some Missouri senators believe to be critical is initiative petition, or I.P., reform. Senator Holly Thompson Rehder of Scott City supports [Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=209), which would ask Missouri voters to modify provisions relating to constitutional amendments…

 **Thompson Rehder :07 Q: several years now.**

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis opposes this idea…

 **Roberts :08 Q: along with them.**

If Missouri senators approve Senate Joint Resolutions 74, et al, the governor would then decide on which month’s ballot this question would go…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: you, Mr. President….**

The governor signed three measures on Wednesday.

Senator Mike Cierpiot of Lee’s Summit handled [House Bill 1751](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1751&year=2024&code=R) in the upper chamber. This new law will modify provisions governing solid waste management permits…

 **Cierpiot :08 Q: rest, I hope.**

House Bill 1751 will become law on Aug. 28.

[Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244) and [House Bill 2287](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2287&year=2024&code=R) are also set to take effect.

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says, while both proposals relate to education, not everyone likes every aspect of these upcoming new laws…

 **McCreery :07 Q: into Boone County.**

Different elements of these new laws will take effect at different times.

The governor signed [House Bill 2634](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2634&year=2024&code=R) on Thursday. This measure modifies provisions relating to public funding of abortion facilities and affiliates, and provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers. House Bill 2634 will become law on Aug. 28…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Bill 1359. Senator….**

Also on Wednesday, Missouri senators sent [Senate Bill 1359](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=2152710) to the governor for his signature. Senator Curtis Trent of Battlefield is the sponsor. He tells his colleagues this measure seeks to modify provisions relating to financial institutions…

 **Trent :04 Q: attain adequate reinsurance.**

During discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City mentions the Missouri House of Representatives made significant changes to the original proposal…

 **Arthur :08 Q: before the Senate.**

If Senate Bill 1359 were to become law, it would take effect on Aug. 28. [House Bill 1803](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1803&year=2024&code=R) is similar to this legislation, which the governor signed into law on Thursday…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: you, Mr. President….**

The final week of the 2024 regular legislative session is slated to start 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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