***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Utility Infrastructure**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another upcoming new state law.

[Senate Bill 872](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=309) was pre-filed on Dec. 1; heard by the Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee on Feb. 6; given preliminary Missouri Senate approval on March 27; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on April 4; sent to the executive branch on May 17; and signed into law on July 9.

This measure was first-discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate on Feb. 27. At that point, another measure had been added. Senator Holly Thompson Rehder of Scott City sponsors [Senate Bill 947](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=240)…

 **Thompson Rehder :21 Q: think it’s fitting.**

Senate Bill 872 would later be amended again.

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County expressed her concern over changing the original proposal…

 **McCreery 1 :22 Q: this omnibus bill.**

This new law will relate to video service providers, wireless facilities, a broadband grant deduction and a sales tax exemption for utilities.

Senator McCreery also says part of Senate Bill 872 draws from [Senate Bill 153](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54245348), which became law in 2021…

 **McCreery 2 :25 Q: kind of compromise.**

Senate Bill 872 will become law on Aug. 28.

Lawmakers are only a few weeks away from the annual veto session, which will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The only vetoes they could consider during veto session would be individual line items from the appropriations measures that comprise the current budget, since the governor struck down no other legislation this year.

Also, the [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Driving Down the Cost of Health Care](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/83) has yet to meet. The panel could decide to hold a hearing around the same time as veto session.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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