

Frequently Requested Resources

People frequently request help in finding the following types of information. Please check the resources listed below for responses to your questions.

1. Who are my elected officials?

You can find your legislators by visiting the Missouri Senate Legislator Lookup website (http://www.senate.mo.gov/llookup/leg_lookup.aspx).

2. How do I contact my legislator?

Each member of the General Assembly has his or her own webpage. Both the Senate and House homepages have links to legislative directories. A legislator's homepage will contain the phone number and address of their Capitol office as well as their email address.

3. How should I address a government official?

When writing a letter to your elected officials there are several things to remember. A good letter should give a complete but brief account of your request, eliminating unrelated information. Include your full name, correct address, and a phone number both at work and at home. If an inquiry involves an agency that uses an identifying case or file number (e.g. Social Security number), it is important to include the number in order to locate records quickly. Include the name of the agency and individual with whom you have dealt concerning the problem. Do not abbreviate, because someone else might not understand your abbreviations. Correct, brief, but complete information means faster and more accurate assistance.

4. How do I learn the correct legislative terminology?

To learn the definition of different legislative phrases, the Missouri House of Representatives provides a Glossary of Legislative Terminology online at:

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/info/glossary.htm>.

5. How do I know when a bill is being heard in committee?

By using the "Bill Search" feature on the homepages of the House and Senate, you can find the bill's webpage. The webpage will provide you with in-depth information on the bill, including if its been scheduled for a committee hearing. You can also go the "Hearing Schedule" links located on the homepages of both chambers.

6. How do I learn the costs associated with a bill?

Each bill has a fiscal note associated with it. This information can be found on the bill's webpage. As the bill is amended, the fiscal note will change.

7. How do I reserve space at the Capitol for my organization’s advocacy day?

Many groups choose to set up tables in the 3rd Floor Rotunda for their advocacy day. This provides legislators with an opportunity to learn more about a group as they enter and exit the chambers. The Senate has a calendar posted online which displays current reservations for the rotunda. Event requests can be submitted at <http://www.senate.mo.gov/RotundaEvents/>. To reserve a House hearing room for your event, please contact the House Post Office at (573) 751-4555.

8. How do I learn who the candidates are for an upcoming election?

The Secretary of State provides a website dedicated to elections. It includes information relating to voter education, candidates, poll workers, election results and statistics and much more. This information is available at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/>.

9. Help! I’m lost and can’t find Room 334.

Before you visit the Capitol, you might want to print off the maps available online at <http://senate.mo.gov/maps.htm>. Having these with you will help you save time and maximize your time at the Capitol.

10. How do I learn about a specific state board or commission?

The Governor’s website hosts pages for each official state board and commission that can be found using the “Boards and Commissions” link (<http://boards.mo.gov/UserPages/Home.aspx>). Information provided on the page includes membership, terms and contact information.

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

Hearing Schedule

All hearings are required to be posted the day before the meeting takes place. Interim hearings will also be posted to these pages.

Senate:

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/hearingsschedule/hrings.htm>

House:

<http://house.mo.gov/HearingsDateOrder.aspx>

House Committees

Information includes committee descriptions, membership, and hearings.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/sitemap.aspx?pid=18>

Journals

During session, each chamber is required to publish a daily record of the floor activities. Information in the Journal includes offered amendments, vote counts, bill introductions and referrals, and committee schedules. *Senate:*

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/13info/jrnlist/journals.aspx>

House:

<http://www.house.mo.gov/journallist.aspx>

Legislator Directory

Each member of the General Assembly has a webpage that can be found by visiting the legislative directory found on each chamber's website. The page includes: contact information, official photograph, biography, sponsored and co-

sponsored legislation, previously sponsored legislation, staff, and committee information.

Senate:

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/13info/SenateRoster.htm>

House:

<http://www.house.mo.gov/member.aspx>

Missouri Constitution

The online version of the Missouri Constitution includes a keyword search field.

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/moconstn.html>

Missouri General Assembly

The Missouri General Assembly maintains a comprehensive legislative information website at the addresses listed below. The sites include complete bill text, bill status information, floor calendars and journals, committee rosters and schedules, and legislative rules, as well as legislators' photographs, biographies, addresses and telephone numbers.

www.senate.mo.gov

www.house.mo.gov

Missouri Revised Statutes

All Missouri revised statutes are available online and can be searched using a keyword or statute number.

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/statutesAna.html>

Online Audio Coverage

On the Senate and House homepages, the links for both chambers' live audio feeds are available on the top-right hand corner of the page.

www.senate.mo.gov

www.house.mo.gov

Senate Committees

The top right corner of the Senate homepage contains information regarding 2020, standing, interim, select, special, statutory, and past committees.

www.senate.mo.gov

Session Information

The Senate homepage "Legislation" and "Session Information" sections on the top-center contain various links including: List of Senate Bills; Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed Bills (TAFP); a Topical Index of Bills; Governor's Letters on TAFP Bills; Daily Action; Weekly Status Reports; SCS Text on House Bills; House Bill Summaries; Bill Status Reports; and Major Dates.

www.senate.mo.gov

Tracking a Bill

Search for bills using a bill number, keyword, or sponsor/co-sponsor. The "Year" field must be correctly populated in order for the query to be successful.

Senate:

http://www.senate.mo.gov/BTS_Search/BTS_Search.aspx

House:

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx>

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Attorney General

The official website of Missouri's Attorney General.
<http://ago.mo.gov/>

Auditor

The official website of Missouri's Auditor.
<http://www.auditor.mo.gov/>

Blue Book

Every two years, Missouri publishes the Official Manual of the State of Missouri, known as the "Blue Book." The Blue Book provides information on local, state and federal governments, as well as stories, essays and pictures related to Missouri.
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/BlueBook/>

Elections/Ballot Initiatives

Information regarding all Missouri elections and ballot initiatives are available on the Secretary of State's website. Links include election night reporting, election results and statistics, and information for candidates and poll workers.
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/>

Governor

The official website of Missouri's Governor.
www.gov.mo.gov

Lieutenant Governor

The official website of Missouri's Lieutenant Governor.

<http://www.ltgov.mo.gov/>

Missouri Accountability Portal

The Missouri Accountability Portal provides information on state departments' expenditures, federal grants, and employees. You can search for state employees by name, position, or department.
<http://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov/>

Missouri Ethics Commission

The Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) homepage contains information regarding campaign finance and lobbying.
<http://www.mec.mo.gov/>

All registered lobbyists must file an online monthly report via the MEC. The MEC provides information to determine if an individual should register as a lobbyist.
http://www.mec.mo.gov/EthicsWeb/Lobbying/Lob_Info.aspx

Secretary of State

The official website of Missouri's Secretary of State.
www.sos.mo.gov

State Employee Telephone Directory

The Missouri State Employee Telephone Directory is a searchable department and employee database. Searches can be conducted for a person's first or last name, function, or the department. Official department addresses and fax numbers are available by city.

<http://www.mo.gov/search-results?mode=people>

State Register

The Missouri Register is the official source of state government information. It is published semi-monthly and includes proposed administrative rules, regulations and emergency rules. Online versions are available via the Secretary of State's website.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/moreg/moreg.asp>

State Website

The official Missouri state government website contains numerous links resources within the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

www.mo.gov

Treasurer

The official website of Missouri's Treasurer.

<http://www.treasurer.mo.gov/>