

# Issues and Insights: The 2021 Political Landscape in Missouri

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# Presenters



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# Missouri General Election

- Official SOS certification of results no later than Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Results

- 5 Statewide
- 17 Senatorial
- 163 State Representatives

185  
Elections

- 1 House Seat in Springfield, MO went to recount and flipped to blue

Flipped  
Seats

# Statewide Officials

Republican  
Candidates  
all took at  
least 57% of  
the  
statewide  
vote

Governor Mike Parson (R)

Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe (R)

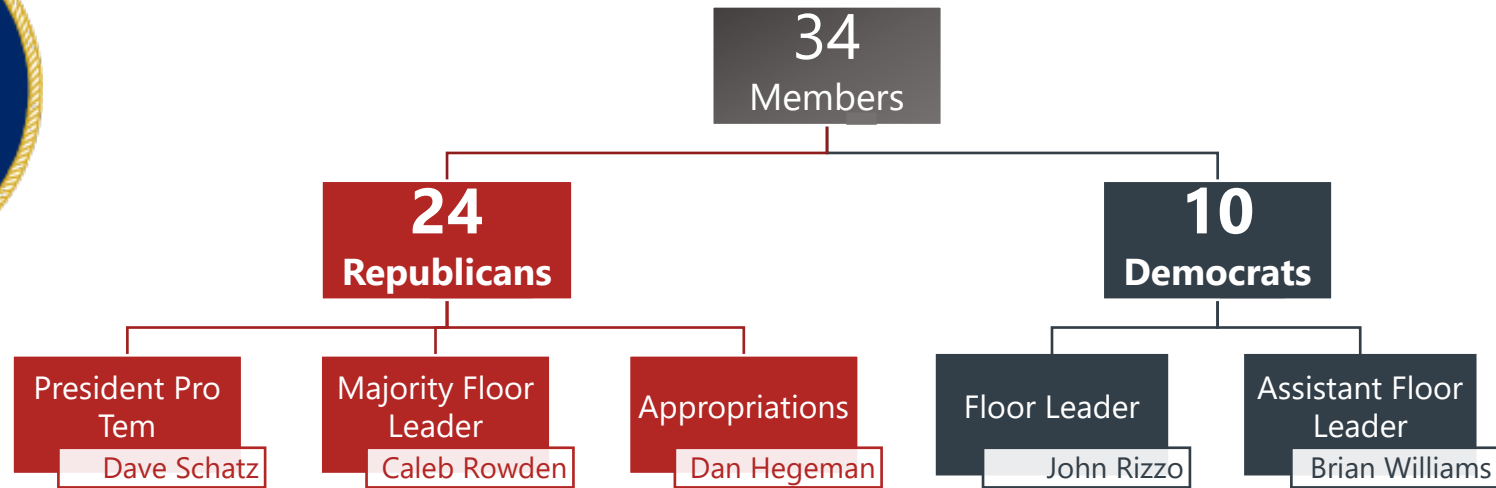
Attorney General Eric Schmitt (R)

Secretary of State John R. (Jay) Ashcroft

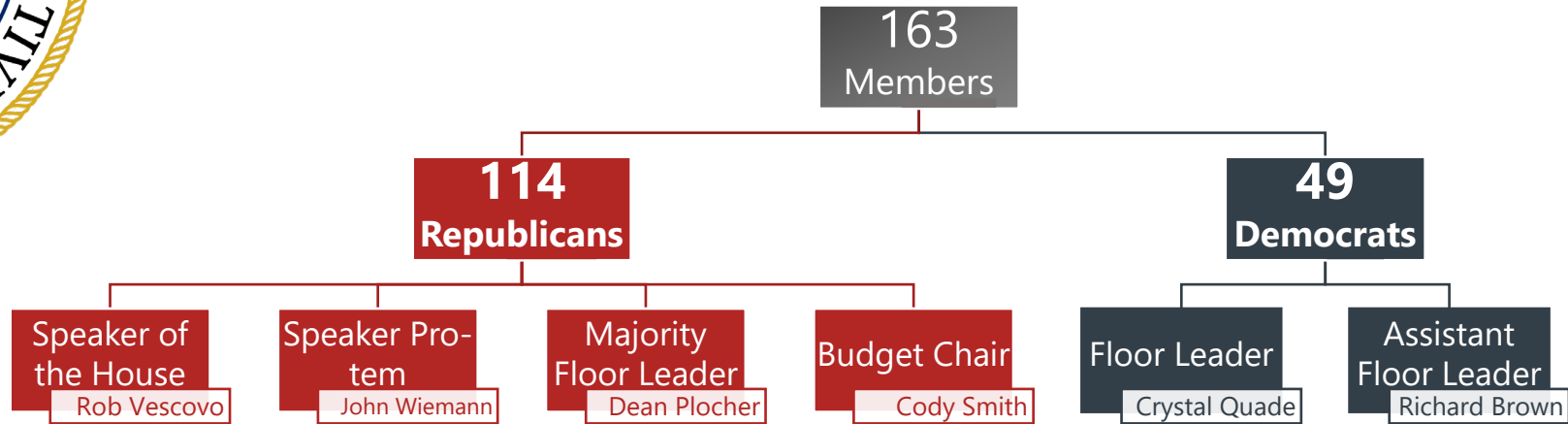
State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick (R)

*\*Nicole Galloway (D) will continue to serve as  
State Auditor until 2022 Election*

# Missouri Senate



# Missouri House of Representatives



# Looking Forward 2024 Senate Race

## Confirmed Candidates

Eric Greitens (R)

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt  
(R)

Former State Sen. Scott Sifton (D)

Marine Corp Veteran Lucas Kunce (D)

Progressive Activist Timothy Shepard  
(D)

Air Force Veteran Jewel Kelly (D)

STL County Businessman Spencer  
Toder (D)

## Potential Candidates

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (R)

Congressman Jason Smith (R)

Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R)

Missouri Senate Pro Tem Dave Schatz  
(R)

Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas (D)

State Senator Brian Williams (D)

# Missouri COVID-19 Activity

## State of Emergency

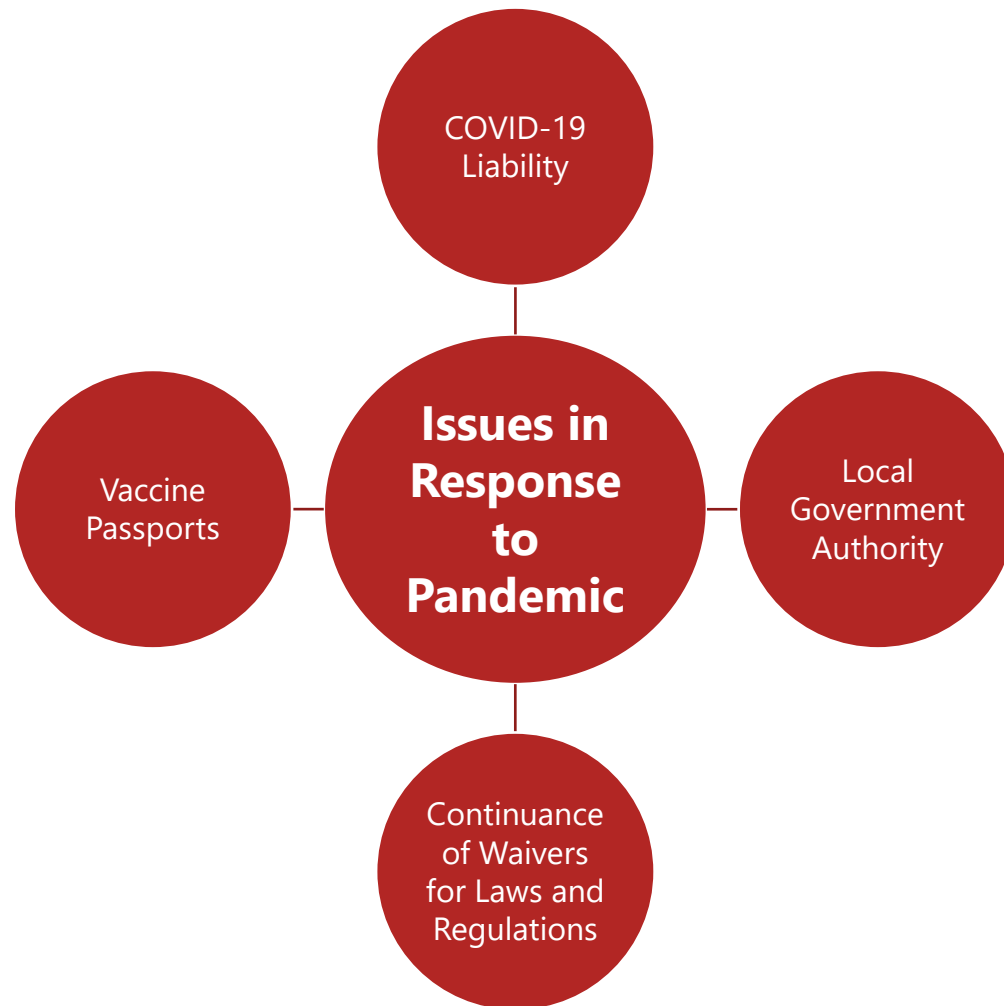
- Extended until August 31, 2021
- Extended the suspension of waivers and regulations

## Vaccine Rollout

- Vaccines available to all Missouri residents aged 16 and older
- 31% of Missourians are fully vaccinated.
- 70% of Missouri's older age ranges are vaccinated



# 2021 Reactionary Issues



# 2021 Session

## Big Picture Issues

### Medicaid Expansion

- State budget approved by legislature without funding for expansion
- Parson Administration laying groundwork for expansion

### American Rescue Plan Act

- Missouri to receive \$2.7 billion in federal funding
- An additional \$2.5 billion in direct aid for counties and cities
- The legislature and the Governor's office have indicated they will not propose a spending plan for the state's portion until 2022

# 2021 Legislation

## Wayfair Tax Implementation

### Summary

A Wayfair Tax would require internet purchases to be taxed in the same way as purchases at brick-and-mortar businesses. Missouri is one of only two states that have not implemented a Wayfair Tax.

### Bills

HB 554 (Rep. J. Eggleston)

Motion to Do Pass Failed in S Governmental  
Accountability and Fiscal Oversight on 5/10/21

SB 153 (Sen. Andrew Koenig)

Placed on H Informal Calendar on 4/29/21

# 2021 Legislation

## Gas Tax Increase

### **Summary**

SB 262 would increase the state motor fuel tax by 12.5 cents a gallon by 2025. The tax would grow by 2.5 cents each fiscal year until 2025 and the legislation provides a rebate option for motorists to get their money back. The increased funding would go to improving state roads and bridges. It would be the first increase since 1996.

### **Bills**

SB 262 (Sen. Dave Schatz)

Truly Agreed and Finally Passed on 5/11/21

# 2021 Legislation

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## Election Reform

### **Summary**

The Missouri Legislature is considering a series of changes in state election law following the 2020 election. Proposed changes include voter ID, absentee ballots, and changes to the referendum process.

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### **Bills**

HB 334 (Rep. John Simmons)

Reported Do Pass from S Local Government and Elections on 5/6/21

HB 738 (Rep. Don Rone)

Reported Do Pass as substituted from S Local Government and Elections on 5/6/21

SB 282 (Sen. Dan Hegeman)

Placed on S Informal Calendar on 4/13/21

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# 2021 Legislation

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## Securitization

### Summary

Securitization would permit utilities to refinance remaining debt on power plants as bonds backed by a ratepayer guarantee. This tool is used to reduce the financial impact when utilities retire coal plants before they have finished paying for their construction.

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### Bills

HB 734 (Rep. Michael O'Donnell)

Referred to H Fiscal Review on 5/10/21

SB 202 (Sen. Mike Cierpiot)

HCS reported Do Pass from H- Rules –  
Administrative Oversight on 5/6/21

# Questions?



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