

ELECTION PROTECTION



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MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION

It's National Voter Education Week!

**#NVEW2020
CHECKLIST!**

YOU CAN FIND EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO COMPLETE
YOUR VOTING CHECKLIST AT
VOTEREDUCATIONWEEK.ORG

ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE
CALL OR TEXT **866-OUR-VOTE**
TWEET **@866OURVOTE**

**NATIONAL VOTER
EDUCATION WEEK**



5 STEPS FOR VOTING SUCCESS

Do this yourself or help your friends and family do them!



MONDAY #VoteReady

REGISTER TO VOTE OR CHECK YOUR STATUS



TUESDAY #MailReady

REQUEST YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT



WEDNESDAY #VotePlanReady

MAKE A VOTING PLAN (WHEN, WHERE, HOW)



THURSDAY #BallotReady

CHECK TO SEE WHAT WILL BE ON YOUR BALLOT



FRIDAY #WeReady2020

LEVEL UP YOUR VOTING ENGAGEMENT

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MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION

- I. Policy Advocacy
- II. Legal Advocacy & Litigation
- III. Education and Engagement
- IV. Election Protection



NAACP & LWW v. Missouri Lawsuit



ORAL ARGUMENTS

OCT 6



Supreme Court of Missouri

Post Office Box 150

Jefferson City, Missouri

65102

CHAMBERS OF
MARY R. RUSSELL

MO  **PC**
#ProtectMoVoters



Voting Rights Advocates Sue to Protect the Right to Vote of Missourians in the November 2020 Election

Challenge seeks to streamline processes for absentee and mail-in ballots and ensure counting of ballots cast by valid voters.

September 17, 2020

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ST. LOUIS, MO—Today, the Organization for Black Struggle, Missouri Faith Voices, the St. Louis and Greater Kansas City Chapters of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis Section filed a [federal lawsuit](#) against Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft and Missouri's 116 local election authorities alleging that the state's absentee and mail voting systems place unlawful restrictions on Missourians' right to vote. The American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri, Dēmos, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition jointly represent the Plaintiffs.



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What is Election Protection?

- Nation's largest **non-partisan** Voter Protection Coalition
- Hundreds of participating organizations
 - Legal Hotline
 - Poll Monitors
 - Social Media Monitors
- **Goal:** Every eligible voter is able to cast a ballot



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Purpose of Election Protection

- ☑ Help voters - ensure all voters can cast a ballot
- ☑ Identify and Solve Problems
- ☑ Stop Deceptive Practices
- ☑ Stop Voter Suppression
- ☑ Collect data – uncover obstacles, identify trends for advocacy & legal action



Why do we need Election Protection?

□ Help Voters

- ▣ Many voters are unaware of voting rules or changes
- ▣ Voters are empowered with information to assert their right to vote
- ▣ Identify problems and help voters advocate solutions
- ▣ Voter is able to cast a ballot

□ Collect Data

- ▣ Streamline the process
- ▣ Make the case for reforms
- ▣ Identify barriers and solutions on how to address them
- ▣ Identify impacted voters & witnesses

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The Process

COMPONENTS OF ELECTION PROTECTION:

1. Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE

- Call Center Lawyers
- Escalation Lawyers

2. Field Monitors

- Poll Monitors
- Social Media Monitors

3. Social Media Monitors



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Questions or Problems Voting?
CALL 1-866-OUR-VOTE

(1-866-687-8683) 866ourvote.org



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Questions about Voting?
Call us! We can help!

www.866ourvote.org

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866-OUR-VOTE
866-687-8683

SPANISH/ENGLISH

888-VE-Y-VOTA
888-839-8682

ASIAN LANGUAGES/ENGLISH

888-API-VOTE
888-274-8683

ARABIC/ENGLISH

844-YALLA-US
844-925-5287

English



866-OUR-VOTE

Spanish



888-VE-Y-VOTA

Asian Languages



ASIAN AMERICANS
ADVANCING
JUSTICE



ASIAN AND
PACIFIC ISLANDER
AMERICAN VOTE

888-API-VOTE


Arabic



844-YALLA-US



CHAT WITH ELECTION PROTECTION

- 1) Go to 866ourvote.org
- 2) Click on chat icon 
- 3) Complete the form and click "Start Chat" to get voting help



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2020 Volunteer Roles

I. **LEGAL** (lawyers, law students, paralegals)

- ★ Respond to Voter Calls into 866-OUR-VOTE
- ★ Answer Questions from Field & Remote volunteers
- ★ Research, Advocacy & Litigation Support

II. **FIELD**

- ★ Contactless Poll Monitors (stay in car)
- ★ Contactless Roving Monitors

III. **SOCIAL MEDIA MONITOR**

- ★ Remote-monitor media from home; stop misinformation

IV. **SUPPORT**

- ★ Put out signs, admin, etc.

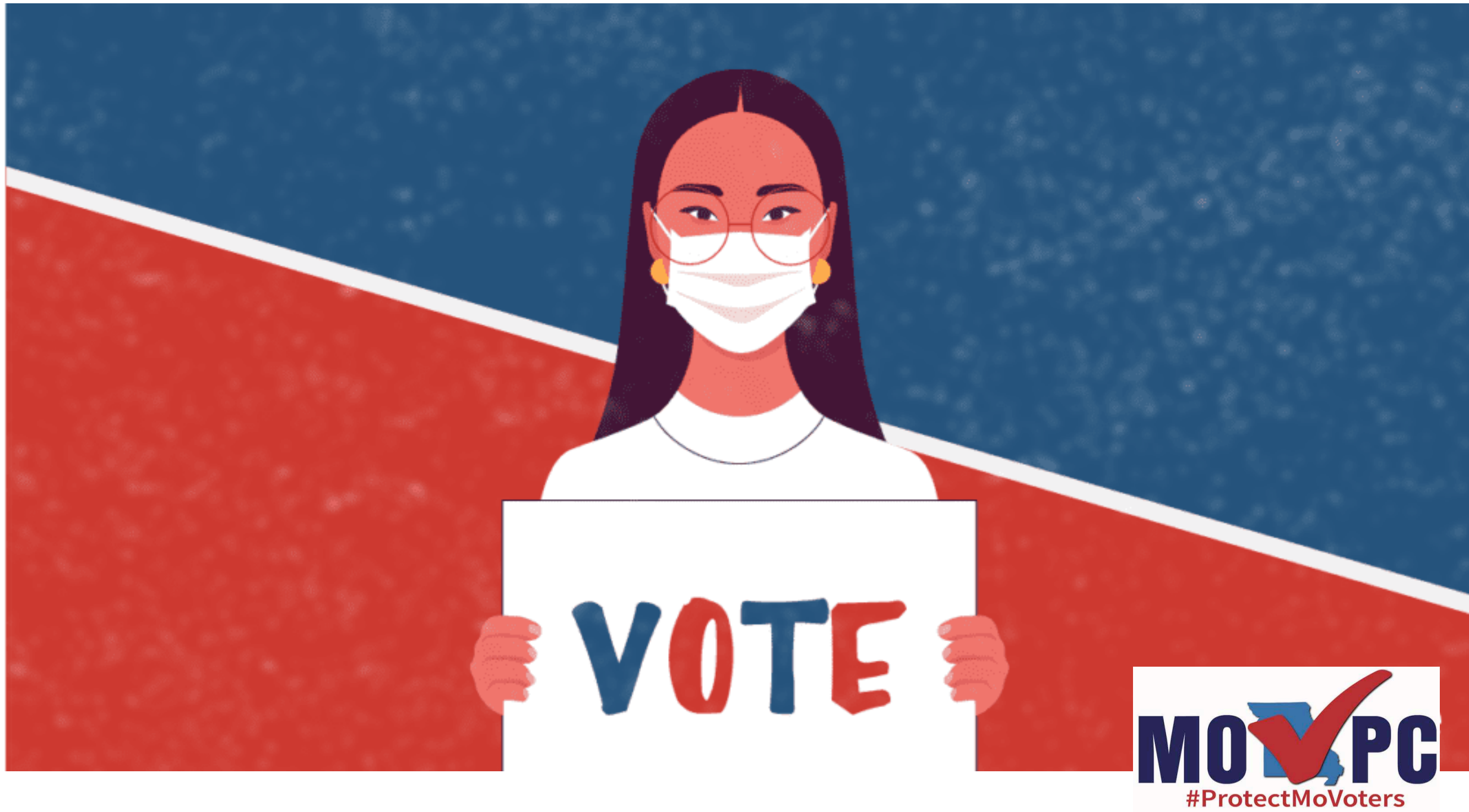


SIGN UP at ProtectTheVote.net

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Election Protection in the age of COVID



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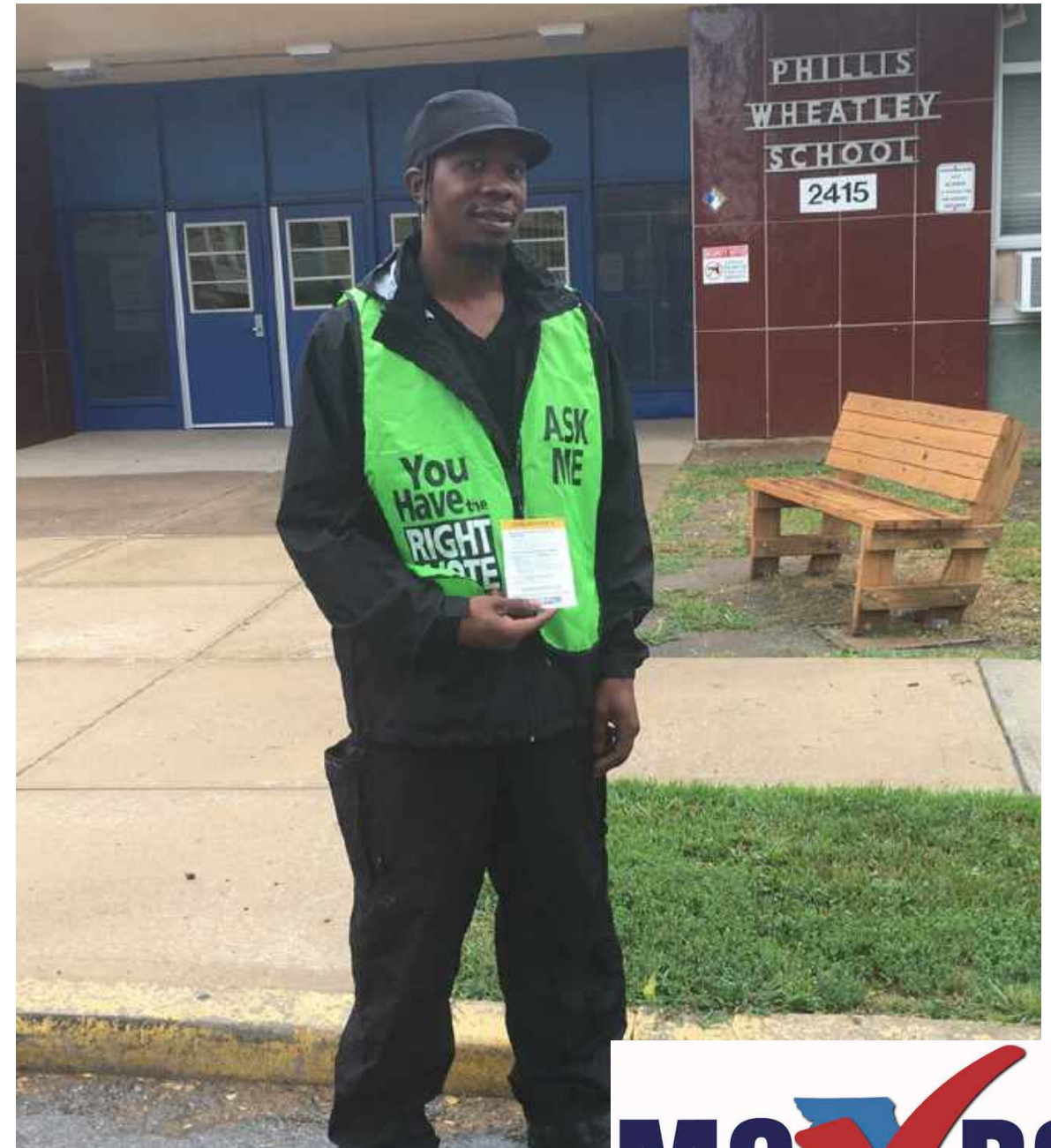


ELECTION PROTECTION COMMAND CENTER St. Louis - 2018

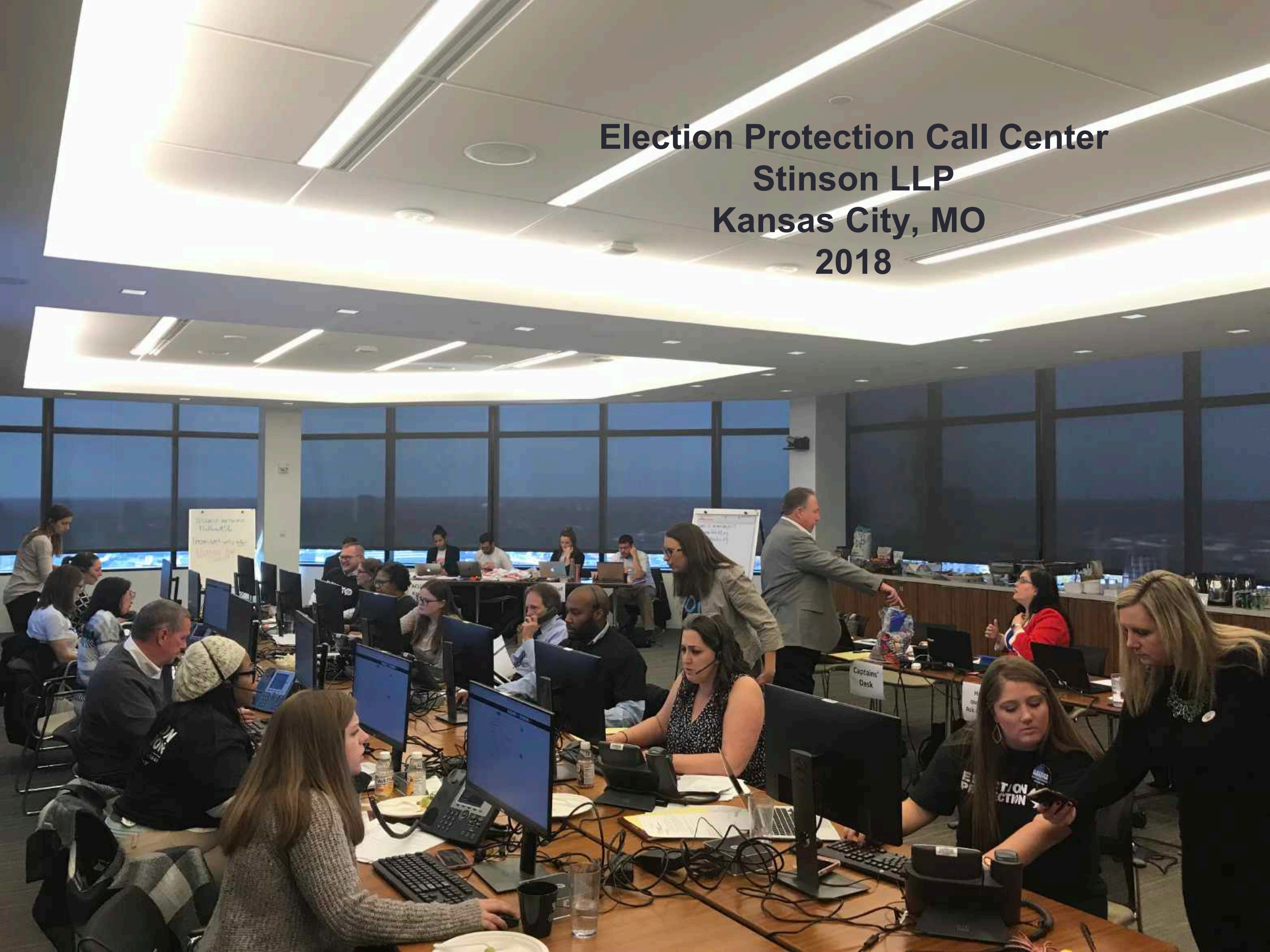


ELECTION PROTECTION POLL MONITORS Kansas City - 2018

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**Election Protection Call Center
Stinson LLP
Kansas City, MO
2018**





Election Protection in the Age of COVID

- ☑ Missouri Call Center is remote
- ☑ Lawyers handling escalated tickets to work remotely
- ☑ Field Program
 - ☑ Contactless Roving Monitors (stay in car)
 - ☑ Contactless Polling Place Monitors (with PPE)
 - ☑ Remote Monitors (monitor media from home)
 - ☑ More Yard Signs





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Contactless Poll Monitors



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Roving Poll Monitors



Poll Monitor Basics

- ☑ Review your suggested route/Polling place list
- ☑ Have your mask, hotline sign or magnet
- ☑ Visit your assigned polling places during peak hours
- ☑ Observe conditions (i.e., lines, PPE, police



ELECTION PROTECTION SHIFT SHEET

Tally Sheet
Polling Place Checklist

POLLING PLACE CHECKLIST

Name _____ Shift Date _____

Polling Place _____ Shift Time _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Clearly marked as a Polling Place	<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Shift: Open on Time
<input type="checkbox"/> No political signs within 100 feet	<input type="checkbox"/> Closing Shift: No line after Polls Closed
<input type="checkbox"/> All curbs & stairs have wheelchair access	

TALLY SHEET

VOTER ID	REGISTRATION + PROVISIONAL BALLOTS
ASSISTANCE WITH VOTING	WHERE TO VOTE
POLITICAL APPAREL + ELECTIONEERING	

75%



Help ?



Questions

Responses

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Missouri Primary Election - Election Protection Roving Poll Monitor Reporting

Please complete this form after you visit each polling location during your shift. If there are immediate issues that you want to flag for the Missouri Command Center, please call 866-OUR-VOTE.

Name *

Short answer text

Polling Place *

Short answer text

Poll Monitoring Shift Time *

Time

**Was the polling place open at the time of your visit? ***☐ Yes☐ No☐ Other...**Is there clear and visible signage to indicate that the location is a polling place? ***☐ Yes☐ No

Document!





At The Polling Place

- Things to Look Out For:

- ☒ 866-OUR-VOTE sign visible
- ☒ Long lines
- ☒ PPE available
- ☒ Voting Machines Not Working
- ☒ Make sure polls are opened and closed on time



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Social Media Monitors



Leon X the Unknown @LeonX · Jun 9

.@GaSecofState It's primary day and the GA My Voter Page cannot locate my registration. What exactly is going on?



Leon X the Unknown @LeonX · Jun 9

.@GaSecofState I mean it's bad enough you couldn't get my absentee ballot to me in a timely manner and now this?



Common Cause @CommonCause · Jun 9

Hi Leon - Sorry you are having issues casting your ballot today. Can you please call @866OURVOTE to speak with a trained nonpartisan volunteer? They are working to make sure voters get access to the ballot box and this information would help!



On the ground before election day:

- ☑ Confer with election officials
- ☑ Prepare for Election Day protocols
- ☑ Legal advocacy where needed
- ☑ Support non-partisan civic engagement organizations
- ☑ Voter education/RTV workshops



Process

1. Voters and monitors call into 866-OUR-VOTE hotline.
2. Call center lawyers gather information about the voter's situation and provide needed information to the voter.
3. If it was an inquiry, stop there. We're done.
4. All other unresolved issues go to lawyer escalation team, who call voter back, ask additional questions, document situation and assist voter or monitor in advocating their rights.
5. Next steps: coordination with legal team (on Zoom), research, written documentation & advocacy with election officials.
6. If demands not met, litigation team considers further action
7. Litigation as a last resort



□ EP Database Documents calls into 866-OURVOTE

- ✧ Jurisdiction
- ✧ Issue
- ✧ Polling Place
- ✧ Demographic Info

[Contact](#)[Issue](#)[Voter status](#)[About](#)

Inquiry

- ☐ Polling place
- ☐ Registration
- ☐ Early voting
- ☐ Absentee ballot
- ☐ Criminal status
- ☐ General



Problem

- ☐ Polling place
- ☐ Registration
- ☐ Poll worker
- ☐ Absentee ballot
- ☐ ID
- ☐ Accessibility
- ☐ Language access
- ☐ Electioneering
- ☐ Provisional ballot



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☐ Voter

☐ Person assisting voter

☐ Election Protection volunteer

☐ Poll worker

☐ Other

Race

☐ Alaskan native

☐ American Indian

☐ Asian

☐ Black

☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Pacific islander

☐ White

Heard through

☐ Fliers

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Registration

☐ Registered

☐ Unregistered

Precinct

Polling place name

Polling place address

Early voting site

☐ Polling place is an early voting site



Election Protection | Missouri Overview

Filters

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NOTE: You can only search for tickets as far back as Monday, October 29, 2018.

Ticket status

Issue type

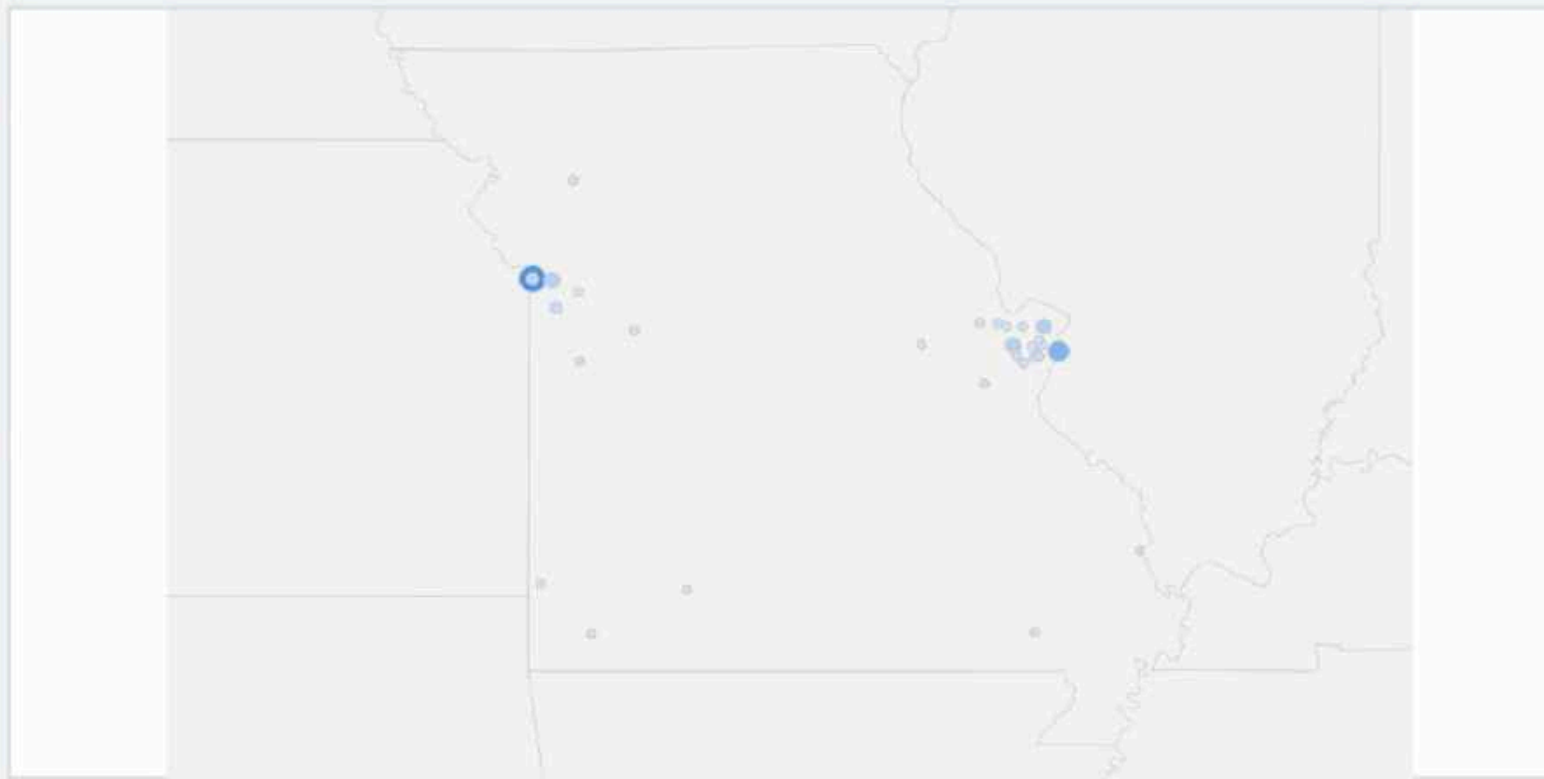
Voter race

County

City

Polling Place

of tickets
215

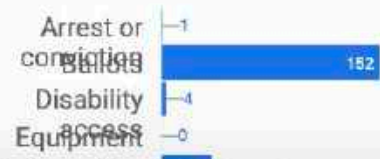


County	#
1. St. Louis County	92
2. Jackson County	38
3. City of St. Louis	18
4.	9
5. St. Louis city	8
6. Greene County	8
7. DeKalb County	5
8. St. Charles County	5
9. Franklin County	4
10. Clay County	3
11. Platte County	3

City	#
1. Saint Louis	48
2. Kansas City	29
3. St. Louis County	21
4. St Louis	16
5. Springfield	8
6. Florissant	7
7.	7
8. Chesterfield	7
9. Independence	6
10. Missouri	5
11. Jackson County	4

Polling Place	#
1.	189
2. null	17
3. Kaiser Elementary Sc...	1
4. BEULAH MISSIONARY...	1
5. Louis and Clark	1
6. City of Refuge	1
7. St. Ann's	1
8. MOHART MULTI-PUR...	1
9. Shaw VPA Elementary...	1
10. Walbridge Community...	1
11. MISSOURI SCHOOL F...	1

Tickets by issue type



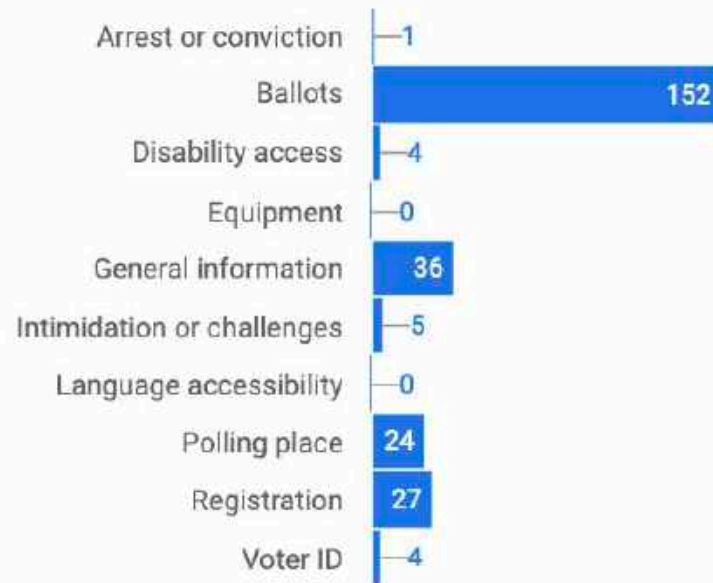
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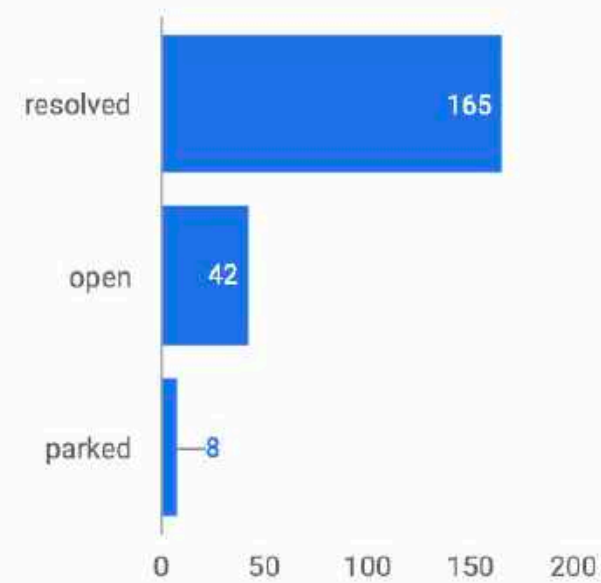
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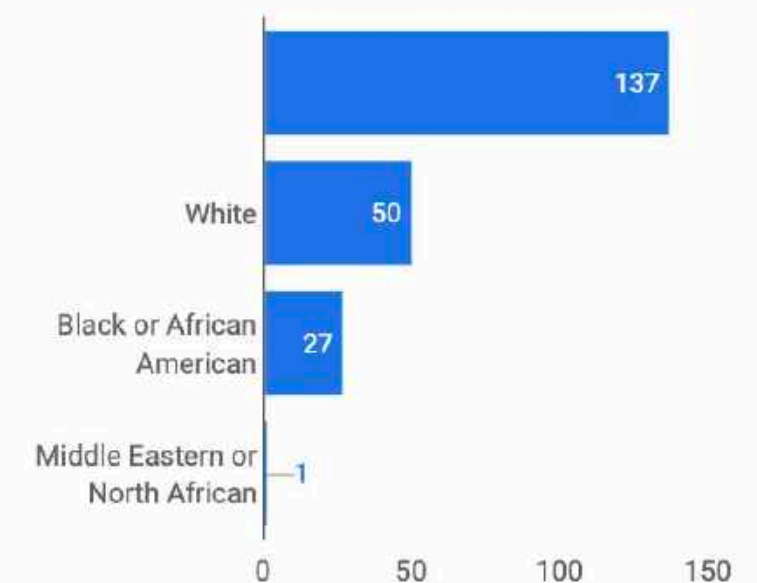
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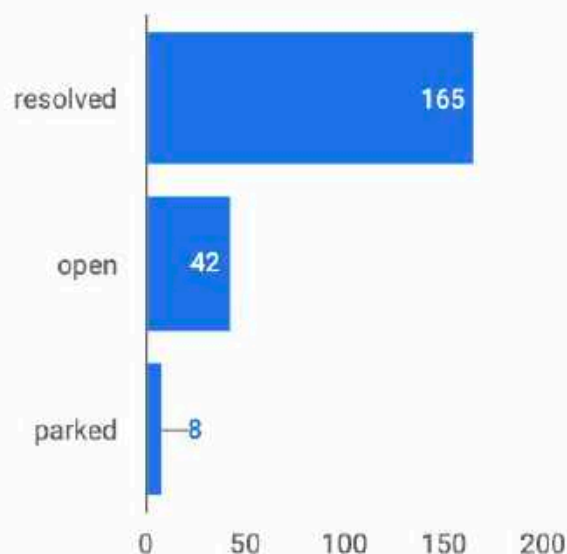
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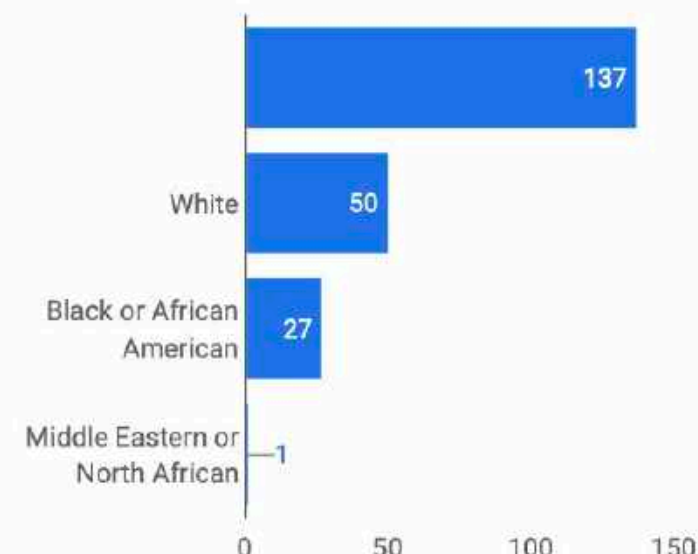
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Remember:

- ☑ Call the EP hotline (866-OUR-VOTE) 866-687-8683 to report problems and get help answering questions.
- ☑ We are nonpartisan we help all voters. Don't share your political beliefs with voters or other volunteers. You cannot advocate for a candidate or ballot issue while volunteering for Election Protection



- ☑ Do not refer to a voter as a client. Refer to yourself as an Election



KEY ISSUES IN MISSOURI IN 2020

1. Remote & Absentee voting: Absentee, Mail Ballots & Notary Requirements
2. Voter ID Requirements
3. Criminal Record Restrictions
4. Polling Place Closures
5. Curbside & Accessible Voting Requirements
6. Misinformation
7. Voter Intimidation



Voting in the age of COVID



MOVPC Recommendations to Ensure Voting in Missouri Amid the COVID-19 Crisis

1. All voters should be able to cast an absentee ballot by mail.
2. In-person advance voting.
3. Bolster voter registration opportunities.
4. Polling place modifications consistent with CDC Guidelines for Polling Sites.
5. Robust voter education.







Make A Voting Plan!

Make sure you are registered & make a plan to vote!

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I NEED TO VOTE BY MAIL

In Missouri, the best, most flexible way to vote by mail in 2020 is to request an **ABSENTEE BY MAIL** ballot using the excuse that best fits your situation. Health-related excuses #2 and #7 will not require a notary. Use **MOVOTE.ORG** for a quick online application process. This ballot can be returned **IN PERSON** or by a close family member to avoid mail delays.

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I CAN VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON

If you have one of the seven excuses for voting absentee, you can cast that ballot **IN PERSON** at your election authority office starting on September 22, 2020.

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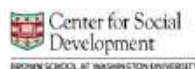
I CAN VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

Wear a mask and gloves, and bring your own pen if possible. Or you can vote **CURBSIDE** from your car if you cannot go inside.

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I HAVE QUESTIONS

Call **1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)** to get free help for any questions or problems you have.



Missouri Absentee & Mail Ballots-2020

Excuse-based ABSENTEE Ballot

1. Away from jurisdiction
2. Confined due to illness or disability (or serving as a caretaker) - **NO NOTARY**
3. Religious belief
4. Working as a poll worker
5. Incarcerated
6. Address confidentiality program
7. At-Risk Category for COVID-19 - **NO NOTARY**

No-Excuse MAIL-IN Ballot

- Any Missouri Voter Can request a Mail-in Ballot
- ☑ ***All Mail-in Ballots Must Be Notarized***
- ☑ ***All Mail-in Ballots Must be Returned by US Mail***



New Law for Voting in 2020

- **Have** or in **at risk** category for **COVID-19?** vote absentee

**– NO NOTARY
REQUIRED**

- All other Missouri voters can vote by mail in 2020

**– BALLOT MUST
BE NOTARIZED**

“at-risk” Categories - NO NOTARY Req’d

“at-risk” for COVID includes any voter who is:

- over age 65+
- in a long term care facility,
- chronic lung disease, or moderate/severe asthma
- serious heart condition,
- immunocompromised,
- diabetes,
- liver disease,
- chronic kidney disease/dialysis

MISSOURIANS CAN VOTE BY MAIL IN 2020



Questions or problems? Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE

MAKE YOUR BALLOT COUNT IN 2020



Questions or problems? Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE

ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS SEPT. 22

STEP 1: ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT?

By Mail: Voters with an excuse (such as confinement due to illness, or those at risk for COVID-19, including ALL voters over age 65) can vote Absentee by Mail. Others can cast a no-excuse Mail-in Ballot.

In Person: Voters can vote Absentee in person at their local election office starting September 22, 2020

STEP 2: APPLY FOR YOUR BALLOT!

To get an Absentee or no-excuse Mail-in Ballot by mail, send a request to your local election office. Find an application at sos.mo.gov. Ballot requests must be received by Oct. 21, but send it in as early as you can! Your application must be signed and if voting absentee, must list the reason you are voting absentee.

STEP 3: SEND THE FORM TO YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE

Mail-In Ballot requests must be delivered in person or by mail. Absentee Ballot applications can be sent by email or fax as well as mailed or delivered in person. The request must be received by Oct. 21 but send it AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE!

STEP 4: MAKE SURE YOUR REQUEST WAS ACCEPTED

Mistakes in filling out the form can result in your ballot request being rejected. Call after you send it in to make sure everything is OK, giving yourself time to correct any errors.



Call your local election office to make sure they mailed your ballot to you. If you don't receive a ballot within two weeks of confirming your application, you can request a replacement, vote absentee in person or vote at the polls on Election Day.

STEP 5: CAST YOUR BALLOT

Voters have a right to assistance if they need help casting their ballot. The assistant will need to sign the ballot envelope where indicated. For nonpartisan information on what's on your ballot, visit Vote411.org



STEP 6: SEAL, SIGN, & DELIVER

Once you have voted, put the ballot in the envelope and seal it. Complete the statement on the envelope, verify your address, and sign the ballot envelope, in front of a notary if required. Absentee ballots cast for to a health-related reason DO NOT require a notary.



STEP 7: MEET THE DEADLINE

Your ballot must be RECEIVED at your local election office by 7pm on Election Day. Absentee Ballots can be mailed in or dropped off in person. Mail-In Ballots can ONLY be submitted by US mail. Mail your ballot well in advance. Call to make sure it was received & accepted, and your options to vote at the polls if it hasn't arrived.



BY MAIL:

What Kind of Mail-Ballot is Right for Me?

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☑ ***All Mail-in Ballots Must be Returned by US Mail***



What's the difference between Absentee by Mail & No-Excuse Mail ballots?

Absentee: Requires excuse

Application can be returned by:

- ☒ Email
- ☒ Fax
- ☒ Mail
- ☒ In-person

By the voter or close relative

Ballot can be returned:

- ☒ US Mail
- ☒ In-person

By the voter or close relative

Some Must Be Notarized

Mail: No excuse

Application can be returned by:

- ☒ Mail
- ☒ In-person

By the voter or close relative

Ballot can be returned:

- ☒ US Mail Only

All Must be Notarized

Know the difference

BETWEEN ABSENTEE BY MAIL
& MAIL-IN BALLOTS IN MISSOURI

Absentee By Mail

- Requested using an EXCUSE indicated on the application. Health-related excuses waive the ballot envelope notary requirement, but other absentee ballot envelopes will need to be notarized

- Applications can be submitted by email or fax in addition to in-person or by mail

- Ballots can be returned to the Election Board in person or by an immediate family member

- Voters can also simply vote absentee in person at the election board

Mail-In

- No excuse needed

- Applications can only be submitted in person or by mail

- Ballot envelopes must be notarized

- Ballots can ONLY be returned via US MAIL

REQUEST FOR MISSOURI ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2020



Voter's Name: _____

For identification purposes: Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ or last four digits of Social Security number _____

Registered Voting Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address to which ballot is to be mailed (if different than above): _____

ZIP Code: _____

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST (select ONE reason):
(NOTARY REQUIRED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED BELOW)

- ☐ Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered
- ☐ Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability. **(No Notary Required)**
- ☐ Religious belief or practice
- ☐ Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place
- ☐ Incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting
- ☐ Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.661, RSMo, because of safety concerns
- ☐ I have contracted or am in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome, coronavirus 2 (COVID-19), pursuant to Section 115.277.6, RSMo. **(No Notary Required)**

At-risk voters are individuals who:

- Are 65 years of age or older
- Live in a long-term care facility licensed under Chapter 198, RSMo.
- Have serious heart conditions
- Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Are immunocompromised
- Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis
- Have liver disease
- Have diabetes

If you request an absentee ballot, this form may be returned to your local election authority in person, by mail, by fax, or by email.

MAIL-IN BALLOT REQUEST:
(NOTARY REQUIRED FOR ALL MAIL-IN BALLOTS)

Any registered voter can request a mail-in ballot. **If selecting this option, this form must be delivered to your local election authority in person or by mail only.**

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Registered Voter _____ Date _____

Return this completed form to your local election authority. Contact information can be found on the Missouri Secretary of State's website. Missouri law requires that requests for ballots to be mailed to you must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2020.

REQUEST FOR MISSOURI ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Voter's Name: _____

For identification purposes: Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____ or last four digits of Social Security number _____

Registered Voting Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address to which ballot is to be mailed (if different than above):

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST (select ONE reason):
NOTARY REQUIRED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED BELOW

☐ Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered

☐ Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability. **(No Notary Required)**

☐ Religious belief or practice

☐ Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place

☐ Incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting

☐ Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681, RSMo., because of safety concerns

☐ I have contracted or am in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome, coronavirus 2 (COVID-19), pursuant to Section 115.277.6, RSMo. **(No Notary Required)**

At-risk voters are individuals who:

- Are 65 years of age or older
- Have serious heart conditions
- Are immunocompromised
- Have liver disease
- Live in a long-term care facility licensed under Chapter 198, RSMo.
- Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis
- Have diabetes

If you request an absentee ballot, this form may be returned to your local election authority in person, by mail, by fax, or by email.

MAIL-IN BALLOT REQUEST:
NOTARY REQUIRED FOR ALL MAIL-IN BALLOTS

☐ Any registered voter can request a mail-in ballot. **If selecting this option, this form must be delivered to your local election authority in person or by mail only.**

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Registered Voter _____ Date _____

Return this completed form to your local election authority. Contact information can be found on the Missouri Secretary of State's website. Missouri law requires that requests for ballots to be mailed to you must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2020.

Absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are two different things.

If you are using this application, found on the MO SOS website, fill out one section or the other, NOT BOTH. Filling out both sections may result in delays in your application being processed.

→ This section is for absentee ballots.

→ This section is for mail-in ballots.

In-Person Absentee Voting: Sept. 22

Excuse-based Absentee Ballot

1. Away from jurisdiction
2. Confined due to illness or disability (or serving as a caretaker)
3. Religious belief
4. Working as a poll worker
5. Incarcerated
6. Address confidentiality program
7. At-Risk Category for COVID-19

IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

- In-person absentee voting begins Sept. 22, 2020
- Can vote absentee in-person until 5p.m. Mon. Nov. 2
- In-person absentee voting available Saturday Oct. 31
- Vote in-person at local election authority (& satellites)
- Must present ID
- NO notary required





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How do I vote?

Download our quick reference guide and make sure your voice is heard.

[Download the Guide](#)



Get My Ballot Notarized

[Find A Notary](#)

Become A Notary

Interested in becoming a notary so that you can notarize ballots? We'll walk you through the process

[Become A Notary](#)

Organize

Does your organization that wants to host a notarization drive? We'll connect you to notaries.

[Get Connected](#)

Get Your Ballot Notarized

Need your ballot notarized? We'll help you find a notary.

[Find A Notary](#)

Help Notarize Ballots

Already a notary? Volunteer to notarize ballots.

[Volunteer](#)



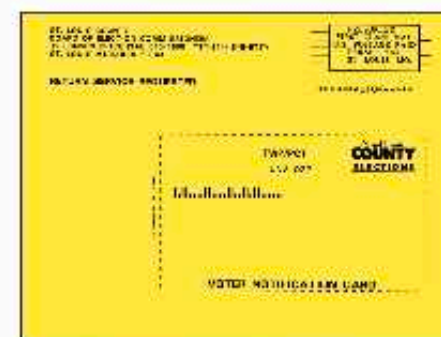
Acceptable IDs to Vote

Present **ONE** of the following forms of identification (examples).

ID issued by state of Missouri or the U.S. government

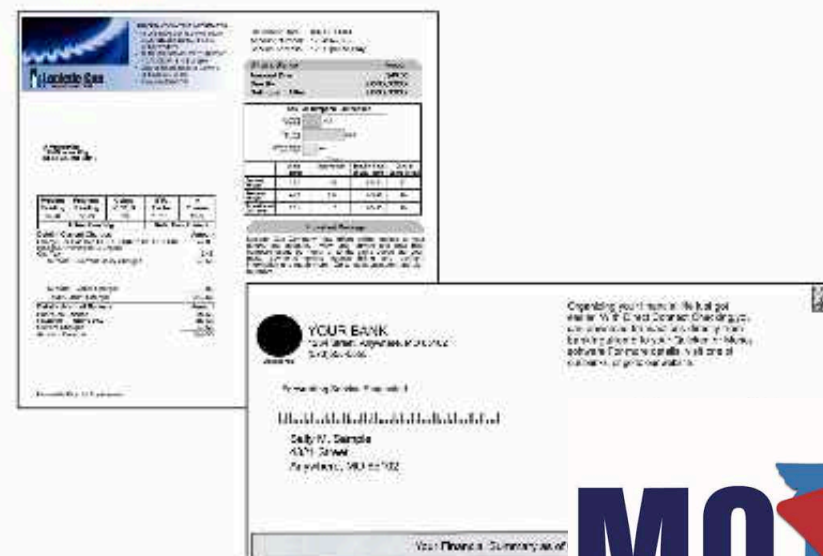


ID issued by a local election authority



A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter

ID from a Missouri university, college, vocational or technical school



NO ID? Provisional Ballot

Registered, but have no ID. Vote a provisional ballot.

The image shows a sample of a Missouri Provisional Ballot form for Registered Voters. The form is titled "Provisional Ballot for Registered Voter" and includes a section for "County and Precinct Name in the envelope". It has fields for "Name", "Address", "City", "State", and "Zip". There are also checkboxes for "I am a Missouri resident" and "I am a registered voter". The form is blue and white with red text.

There are two ways your vote counts:

1. If you come back to your polling place on election day and show a photo ID, your vote counts.
2. If your signature matches the signature in the voter registry, your vote counts.

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If you're a registered voter, you can vote!

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Accessibility

- More than 35 million Americans with Disabilities
 - 1/6 of the total electorate
 - are eligible to vote in the U.S. but many face accessibility barriers in registering and voting.
- [Help America Vote Act](#) – requires accessible voting equipment & ballots
- [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) – prohibits discrimination based on a disability
- [Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act](#) – mandates accessible polling places
- [Voting Rights Act Sec. 208](#) – ensures the right to assistance in voting



Assistance at Polling Place 115.445 RSMo

- ☑ Voters can request help from a pair of election officials OR bring any person of their choice if they need help before, during or after voting
- ☑ Assistant does not need to be 18, a registered voter or US citizen.
- ☑ Children ARE allowed in polling place



Accessible Voting 115.436 RSMo

- ☑ Curbside voting
- ☑ Hospital voting
- ☑ All polls must have accessible voting machines
- ☑ Reassign polling place
- ☑ Permanent absentee voter list



ELECTION PROTECTION



Misinformation & Intimidation

- ❑ False rhetoric of voter fraud and “rigged” elections
- ❑ Deceptive flyers & social media
- ❑ Misleading robocalls
- ❑ Targeting of particular communities for voter challenges; use of flawed lists
- ❑ Unwanted/invasive photography
- ❑ Undue police presence at the polls
- ❑ Brandishing weapons
- ❑ Blocking or impeding entrances to polling places
- ❑ Aggressive poll watchers
- ❑ Baseless Challenges



Everyone's Talking About Disinformation

That Uplifting Tweet You Just Shared? A Russian Troll Sent It

Here's what Russia's 2020 disinformation operations look like, according to two experts on social media and propaganda.

By **DARREN LINVILL & PATRICK WARREN**



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Facebook civil rights audit warns of Trump, voter suppression ahead of presidential election

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How TikTok could be a player in election disinformation

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Study: Chinese-American immigrants fall prey to WeChat's misinformation problem

or people who feel unsafe about voting in person but now fear the USPS will be unable to deliver a "mail-in" ballot in a timely fashion — here is a way around it:

1. Request a mail-in ballot.
2. Do not mail it.
3. Go to your supervisor of elections to see where you can drop off your mail-in ballot. It's usually NOT THE POLLING PLACE. All states allow this! Here is what you're accomplishing by doing this:

1. Your ballot gets in on time no matter what happens to the USPS.
2. You don't have to worry about standing in a long line and contracting infection. You're skipping by to drop it off.
3. You still voted! Hooray!
4. Also, when you drop it off, find out how to track it online to make sure it is verified. California, Oregon, Washington, and Colorado have systems that can track your ballot just like tracking a package from Amazon.

**In Missouri,
only Absentee
by Mail
Ballots can be
returned in
person.
No-excuse
Mail-In
Ballots can
only be
returned by
mail.**



WELL-INTENTIONED
MISINFORMATION IS
STILL HARMFUL

**STOP
BEFORE
YOU
SHARE**

voting info online

- DON'T COPY & PASTE POSTS WITH VOTING INFO
- DON'T SHARE MEMES OR GRAPHICS THAT YOU CAN'T TRACE DIRECTLY TO A KNOWN AUTHORITY SUCH AS MOVPC OR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
- CALL THE ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE AT 1-866-OUR-VOTE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS



Source: The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition

The New York Times

Trump Renews Fears of Voter Intimidation as G.O.P. Poll Watchers Mobilize

Republicans are putting together what they call an army of Trump supporters to monitor election procedures.

Sept. 30, 2020





"I'm urging my supporters to go into the polls and watch very carefully, because that's what has to happen. I am urging them to do it,"

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The Trump Campaign Is Deploying “Army” of Poll Watchers to Intimidate Voters

“What we’re seeing include calls for civil war and race-based conflict through increased acquisition of weapons and also calling for a physical response and presence at polling places.”

- Former FBI Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Frank Figliuzzi



Voter Intimidation

Voter suppression, intimidation, misleading information and disorderly conduct are illegal under federal and Missouri law.

baseless challenges

intimidating voters

spreading false information

interfering with a voter or polling place

Police presence



Who Can Be at the Polls in Missouri

• Poll Watchers

- Outside the Polls
- Anyone
- No list or credential
- Must Stay within buffer zone (no closer than 25 feet)
- Can impede or block entrance/exit
- Cannot intimidate voters

• Challengers

- Can be inside polls
- Credentialed by political parties
- Names submitted ahead of time
- Can stand next to check-in table and challenge eligibility of voters
- Cannot talk to voters
- Cannot disrupt voting process



Rules Prohibiting Intimidation at the Polls

Prohibited everywhere:

- ☑ Intimidation
- ☑ Discrimination or targeting voters based on race, sex or disability or other characteristics
- ☑ Baseless challenges
- ☑ Interfering with right to vote.

Differs by state:

- ☑ Challenge protocols
- ☑ Buffer zone lengths
- ☑ Poll watcher rules
- ☑ Photography
- ☑ Firearms



ELECTION PROTECTION



Voting Rights Act Sec. 11(b)

“No person, whether acting under color of law or otherwise, shall intimidate, threaten, coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of such other person to vote or to vote as he may choose, or of causing such other person to vote for, or not to vote for, any candidate for [federal] office.”



Federal Law Prohibits Intimidation

- Intimidating voters is a 5-year felony.
—52 USC 20511
- Conspiring to intimidate voters is a 10-year felony.
— 18 USC 241
- Violence to interfere with voting is a 10-year felony.
— 18 USC 245

Fact Sheet: Unlawful Militias in Missouri

What is a militia?

Federal and state laws generally use the term “militia” to refer to all able-bodied residents between certain ages who may be called forth by the government to defend the United States or an individual state. *See* 10 U.S.C. § 246. When not called forth, they are sometimes referred to as the “unorganized militia.” A group of people who consider themselves part of the able-bodied residents referred to as members of the militia under state or federal law is not legally permitted to activate itself for duty. A private militia that attempts to activate itself for duty, outside of the authority of the state or federal government, is illegal.

How do I know if a group of armed people is an unauthorized private militia?

Groups of armed individuals that engage in paramilitary activity or law enforcement functions without being called forth by a governor or the federal government and without reporting to any government authority are acting as unauthorized private militias. They sometimes train together and respond to events using firearms and other paramilitary techniques, such as staking out tactical positions and operating in military-style formations. They often purport to have authority to engage in military and law enforcement functions such as protecting property and engaging in crowd control.

These groups often engage in behaviors that show their intent to act as a private militia, such as wearing military-style uniforms, tactical gear, or identifying insignia; wielding firearms or other weapons; and operating within a coordinated command structure. Other factors—such as statements by leaders or members’ efforts to direct the actions of others—also may suggest that a group is acting as a private militia. Groups of armed individuals may engage in unauthorized militia activity even if they do not consider themselves to be “members” of a paramilitary organization.

Does the Second Amendment protect private militias?

No. In fact, the Supreme Court decided in 1886—and repeated in 2008—that the Second Amendment “does not prevent the prohibition of private paramilitary organizations.” *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 621 (2008) (citing *Presser v. Illinois*, 116 U.S. 252 (1886)).

Is it legal to act as a private militia in Missouri?

No. All 50 states prohibit private, unauthorized militias and military units from engaging in activities reserved for the state militia, including law enforcement activities. Some, including Missouri, also prohibit paramilitary activity during or in furtherance of a civil disorder. Missouri’s laws are described below:

Missouri Constitution: The Missouri Constitution forbids private military units from operating outside state authority, providing that “[t]he military shall be always in strict subordination to the civil power.” Mo. Const. art. I, § 24.

Missouri Statute – Prohibition on paramilitary activity: It is a felony in Missouri to “teach[] or demonstrate[] to any other person the use, application, or construction of any firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury or death to any person, knowing or intending that such firearm, explosive, or incendiary device be used in furtherance of a civil disorder.” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 574.070(2).



Missouri Law

It is illegal to induce, threaten, impede or prevent or attempt to impede or prevent someone from voting by abduction, duress or any fraudulent device.

115.635 RSMo



ELECTION PROTECTION



No one may electioneer or try to influence a vote within 25 feet of the entrance of the polling place

Electioneering & intimidation
115.637 RSMo



ELECTION PROTECTION



**Electioneering &
intimidation
115.637 RSMo**

No one at a polling place may interfere with voting or intimidate voters, including police.



ELECTION PROTECTION



MYTHS!

You can still vote!



- ☒ **Felony***
- ☒ **Foreclosure**
- ☒ **Unpaid Tickets**
- ☒ **Unpaid Child Support**
- ☒ **Unpaid Taxes**
- ☒ **Warrant**

Election Protection



1-866-OUR-VOTE
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THANK YOU!

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