

Platte County, Missouri

Federal, State, and County Candidates, State and Local Questions for the November 8, 2016 General Election

For President and Vice-President

Democrat – Hillary Rodham Clinton/Timothy Michael Kaine

Republican – Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence

Libertarian – Gary Johnson/Bill Weld

Constitution – Darrell L. Castle/Scott N. Bradley

Green Party – Jill Stein/Ajamu Baraka

For United States Senator

Democrat – Jason Kander

Republican – Roy Blunt

Libertarian – Jonathan Dine

Constitution – Fred Ryman

Green – Johnathan McFarland

For Governor

Democrat – Chris Koster

Republican – Eric Greitens

Libertarian – Cisse W Spragins

Green – Don Fitz

Independent – Lester Benton (Les) Turilli, Jr.

For Lieutenant Governor

Democrat – Russ Carnahan

Republican – Mike Parson

Libertarian – Steven R. Hedrick

For Secretary of State

Democrat – Robin Smith

Republican – John (Jay) Ashcroft

Libertarian – Chris Morrill

Green – Julia Carlson

For State Treasurer

Democrat – Judy Baker

Republican – Eric Schmitt

Libertarian – Sean O’Toole

Green – Carol Hexem

For Attorney General

Democrat – Teresa Hensley

Republican – Josh Hawley

For United States Representative- District 6

Democrat – David M Blackwell

Republican – Sam Graves

Libertarian – Russ Lee Monchil

Green – Mike Diel

For State Representative

District 11 – Republican – Galen Wayne Higdon Jr.

District 12 – Democrat – Sandy Van Wagner

Republican – Kenneth W. Wilson

Libertarian – Glenn A. Gustitus

District 13 – Democrat – Tyler J. McCall

Republican – Nick Marshall

District 14 – Democrat – Martin T. Rucker II

Republican – Kevin Corlew

For County Assessor

Republican – David Cox

For County Commissioner – District 1

Republican – Dagmar Wood

Independent – Andy Smith

For County Commissioner – District 2

Democrat – John Fairfield

Republican – John Elliott

For County Treasurer

Republican – Robert Willard (incumbent)

For Public Administrator

Republican – Jera Pruitt

For Sheriff

Republican – Mark Owen (incumbent)

Judicial Ballot

Submitting to the voters whether the Judges named below, whose terms expire December 31, 2016, shall be retained in office for new terms.

VOTE ON EACH JUDGE

Missouri Supreme Court Judge

Shall Judge RICHARD B. TEITELMAN of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?

YES

NO

Circuit Judge – 6th Judicial Circuit- Division No. 1

Shall Judge THOMAS C FINCHAM, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office?

YES

NO

Associate Circuit Judge-6th Judicial Circuit –

Division No. 3

Shall Judge ABE (QUINT) SHAFER, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office?

YES

NO

Division No. 4

Shall Judge W. ANN HANSBROUGH, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office?

YES

NO

Division No. 5

Shall Judge DENNIS C. ECKOLD, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office?

YES

NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Constitutional Amendment No. 1

Proposed by Article IV, Section 47(c)
Missouri Constitution
(SJR 1, 2005)

Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?

The measure continues and does not increase the existing sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for 10 years. The measure would continue to generate approximately \$90 million annually for soil and water conservation and operation of the state park system.

YES

NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 2

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- establish limits on campaign contributions by individuals or entities to political parties, political committees, or committees to elect candidates for state or judicial office;
- prohibit individuals and entities from intentionally concealing the source of such contributions;
- require corporations or labor organizations to meet certain requirements in order to make such contributions; and
- provide a complaint process and penalties for any violations of this amendment?

It is estimated this proposal will increase state government costs by at least \$118,000 annually and have an unknown change in costs for local governmental entities. Any potential impact to revenues for state and local governmental entities is unknown.

YES

NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 3

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- increase taxes on cigarettes each year through 2020, at which point this additional tax will total 60 cents per pack of 20;
- create a fee paid by cigarette wholesalers of 67 cents per pack of 20 on certain cigarettes, which fee shall increase annually; and
- deposit funds generated by these taxes and fees into a newly established Early Childhood Health and Education Trust Fund?

When cigarette tax increases are fully implemented, estimated additional revenue to state government is \$263 million to \$374 million annually, with limited estimated implementation costs. The revenue will fund only programs and services allowed by the proposal. The fiscal impact to local governmental entities is unknown.

YES

NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 4

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to prohibit a new state or local sales/use or other similar tax on any service or transaction that was not subject to a sales/use or similar tax as of January 1, 2015?

Potential costs to state and local governmental entities are unknown, but could be significant. The proposal's passage would impact governmental entity's ability to revise their tax structures. State and local governments expect no savings from this proposal.

YES

NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 6

Proposed by the 98th General Assembly
(Second Regular Session)
SS HJR 53

Shall the Constitution of Missouri be amended to state that voters may be required by law, which may be subject to exception, to verify one’s identity, citizenship, and residence by presenting identification that may include valid government-issued photo identification?

The proposed amendment will result in no costs or savings because any potential costs would be due to the enactment of a general law allowed by this proposal. If such a general law is enacted, the potential costs to state and local governments is unknown, but could exceed \$2.1 million annually.

YES

NO

STATUTORY MEASURE

PROPOSITION A

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- increase taxes on cigarettes in 2017, 2019, and 2021, at which point this additional tax will total 23 cents per pack of 20;
- increase the tax paid by sellers on other tobacco products by 5 percent of manufacturer’s invoice price;
- use funds generated by these taxes exclusively to fund transportation infrastructure projects; and
- repeal these taxes if a measure to increase any tax or fee on cigarettes or other tobacco products is certified to appear on any local or statewide ballot?

State government revenue will increase by approximately \$95 million to \$103 million annually when cigarette and tobacco tax increases are fully implemented, with the new revenue earmarked for transportation infrastructure. Local government revenues could decrease approximately \$3 million annually due to decreased cigarette and tobacco sales.

YES

NO

**Consolidated Library District #3
(Passage Rate: Simple Majority)**

QUESTION

For the purpose of renovating and replacing aging library facilities, enhancing spaces and programming for children and adults, expanding services and collections to service public demand, and for the general operation of public libraries, shall there be an eight cent tax increase over the thirty-two cent tax per hundred dollars assessed valuation for Consolidated Library District #3, known as the Mid-Continent Public Library?

YES

NO

City of Kansas City
(Passage Rate: Simple Majority)

QUESTION NO. 1(Park Property)

Should the City of Kansas City remove from the park system vacant property of about 1.2 acres located generally between E. 23rd Street and E. 24th Street west of Flora Avenue, which has been determined by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners to be no longer necessary or appropriate for park, parkway, or boulevard use?

YES

NO

QUESTION NO. 2(Park Property)

Should the City of Kansas City remove from the parks system vacant property of approximately 2.6016 acres located generally east of Lister Avenue and south of E. Linwood Boulevard, which has been determined by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners to be no longer necessary or appropriate for park, parkway, or boulevard use?

YES

NO

QUESTION NO. 3(Light Rail Sales Taxes)

Shall the City of Kansas City enact the following three sales taxes:

- (a) a new 1/8 cent sales tax for 25 years beginning April 1, 2017, pursuant to sections 94.600 through 94.655, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the transportation sales tax; and
- (b) a shifting of the current 3/8 cent sales tax currently devoted to the KCATA, for 25 years beginning April 1, 2024, pursuant to sections 94.600 through 94.655, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the transportation sales tax; and
- (c) a new ¼ cent sales tax for 25 years beginning April 1, 2017, pursuant to sections 94.575 through 94.577, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the capital improvements sales tax,

with the proceeds of said taxes and any other additional funds, which may include federal matching funds, to be used for the purpose of funding, or funding as much of as is possible, the construction, operation and maintenance of a citywide light rail transit system (rapid electric trains operating in their own right-of-way separated from traffic) to include a north/south line operating from Kansas City International Airport to the Cerner Campus at Bannister with scheduled stops at Twin Creeks, Vivion Road, North Kansas City, Downtown, Union Station, the Plaza, Brookside, and the Kansas City Zoo; and including an east/west line operating from Union Station to the Jackson County Sports Complex (utilizing Linwood Boulevard and the Rock Island Rail right-of-way) with scheduled stops at Troost Avenue and Prospect Avenue (to connect to the city's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system), and also including a fleet of electric mini-buses (to transport passengers to and from light rail stations) with all station stops at or near designated locations and with the light rail system utilizing, where possible, city parkland, medians of city boulevards, and existing rail right-of-ways, and including necessary bridges and other infrastructure?

YES

NO

Smithville R-II School District

QUESTION NO. 1 (Passage Rate: 4/7)

Shall the Smithville R-II School District issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$12,500,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving, furnishing and equipping school facilities, including renovating the Primary Elementary School, classroom additions and renovations at the High School, roofing and asphalt improvements, and security enhancements, resulting in no estimated increase in the District's debt service tax levy?

If this question is approved, the District's debt service tax levy is estimated to remain unchanged at the current levy of \$1.0467 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

YES

NO

QUESTION NO. 2 (Passage Rate: Simple Majority)

To provide funds for constructing, furnishing, equipping, operating and maintaining a third elementary school, shall the Board of Education of the Smithville R-II School District be authorized to increase the District's operating tax levy ceiling by \$0.79 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, such levy increase to terminate after the earlier of (1) a period of 25 years, or (2) full payment of any obligations issued to construct, furnish and equip such third elementary school?

If this question is approved, the District's operating tax levy ceiling is estimated to increase from \$3.3808 to \$4.1708 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

YES

NO