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2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



**ADVOCATING FOR
CONSTITUTIONALLY SOUND
SOLUTIONS TO MISSOURI'S
BIGGEST CHALLENGES**



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The Freedom Principle MO is a 100% volunteer-led grassroots organization focused on promoting principled policy solutions. Our members are Missourians, who believe we should put Missouri and America First.

Legislative priorities are determined by and approved by our members. The following are the member-approved 2024 legislative priorities. The Freedom Principle MO will be monitoring legislation in the House and Senate that addresses these key priorities. We are collaborating with other local, state, and national grassroots organizations on these legislative priorities in the upcoming session. The Freedom Principle MO's legislative priorities address these key issues:

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| 1. Education Reform and Accountability | 5. Judicial Reform | 9. Energy/Environment |
| 2. Election Integrity | 6. Medical Freedom/Healthcare | 10. Gender Issues |
| 3. Crime and Public Safety | 7. Economic Development | 11. Illegal Immigration |
| 4. Taxation/Budget | 8. Second Amendment | |

The Freedom Principle MO will, at the end of the 2024 legislative session, compare these legislative priorities with all bills that are Truly Agreed to and Passed (TAP), Perfected bills, key amendments, and votes on key department appropriations bills to compile its 2024 Legislative Scorecard.

For more information about the Freedom Principle MO 2024 legislative priorities or to download our legislative priorities, please visit our website at <https://www.freedomprinciplemo.org/legislative-advocacy-center>.

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Education Reform

- Prohibit all curricula from all Missouri K-12 schools that promote the following concepts: One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex; The United States is fundamentally racist or sexist; An individual, by his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously; An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex.
- Repeal the Outstanding Schools Act (SB 380) which expanded the role of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).
- Support a constitutional amendment declaring that every parent has a fundamental right to exercise exclusive control over all aspects of their minor children's lives without government interference, including, but not limited to, decisions regarding their minor children's custody, upbringing, education, religious instruction, discipline, physical and mental health care, and place of habitation.
- Form a Missouri version of the "1776 Commission" to develop a curriculum based on "A restoration of American education grounded in the principles of our founding that is accurate, honest, unifying, inspiring and ennobling."
- Allow parents to recall school board members via the petition process.
- Require school districts to provide parental review and comment on classroom curricula before implementation.
- Prohibit school districts, colleges, and universities from hiring CRT consultants.
- Prohibit any institutions of higher learning, that receive state funding, from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies the creation and/or activities of a student association based on religious and/or political beliefs.
- Allow any student beginning kindergarten or already enrolled in a public school to attend any public and/or charter school in a nonresident district if there is an opening in their respective grade level.



Election Integrity

- State legislature passing Concurrent Majority Ratification using State Representative Districts.
- Missouri eliminating electronic voting and tabulating machines and using paper ballots only.
- Require only U.S. citizens to vote in local and state elections.
- State legislature passing a constitutional amendment protecting the one-person-one-vote process and prohibiting any version of rank choice or approval voting process at the federal, state, or local level.
- Expand term limits to include all local municipal elected officials.
- Support the establishment of closed primaries for elections.

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Crime and Public Safety

- Support returning control of the St. Louis City Police Department to the state Board of Police Commissioners.
- Allowing the Governor and/or Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor for a period of up to five years if the rate of homicides in any circuit or prosecuting attorney's jurisdiction exceeds a certain percentage of cases or if the circuit attorney or prosecuting attorney refuses to prosecute violent criminals.
- Support the state by prohibiting any grants or aid to local governments that slash the budget (more than 5%) for law enforcement.
- Support allowing the state to waive sovereign immunity to allow a victim (individual and/or business) of a crime related to a violent or disorderly assembly to sue the local government for damages where the local government is negligent in protecting persons or property.
- Support legislation banning municipalities from implementing cashless bail.
- Support legislation making the killing of a police officer or first responder a federal crime



Taxation/Budget

- Support legislation eliminating personal property tax.
- Support legislation for the state legislature to eliminate the earnings tax in St. Louis City and Kansas City.
- Support a constitutional amendment that would establish a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) limiting the amount of revenue the State of Missouri can retain and spend. Specifically, TABOR would allow the state to retain and spend an amount based on the prior fiscal year's actual revenue or limit, whichever was lower, grown by Missouri inflation and population growth, and adjusted for any "voter-approved" revenue changes.
- Support repealing the gas tax.
- Support the state in reducing its dependence on federal funds.



Judicial Reform

- Support eliminating the Missouri Plan regarding how judges are appointed.

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Medical Freedom/Healthcare

- Support passing a proposed Constitutional Amendment protecting Missouriian's right to informed consent and prohibiting government entities, elementary, secondary, and institutions of higher learning from implementing vaccine and mask mandates and requiring labeling of all products containing mRNA and/gene-altering therapies.
- Support repealing the Certificate of Need for healthcare facilities.
- Support prohibiting any healthcare facility from refusing to provide treatment, transplant, or services to an individual based on the COVID-19 vaccination status of the individual.
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Second Amendment

- Establish anti-red flag laws that provide that any federal order of protection or other judicial order issued by a court to confiscate any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition from any law-abiding citizen shall be considered an infringement on the people's right to keep and bear arms.
- Allow concealed citizens with conceal carry permits to carry on public transit, such as Metro Link in St. Louis



Economic Development

- Support the establishment of gold and silver as legal tender.
- Support legislation prohibiting the sale or ownership of any property by foreign entities.
- Support legislation prohibiting the state from participating in the establishment of a central digital banking currency system.
- Support legislation prohibiting government agencies, banks, or private investors from using Environmental/ Social/ Governance (ESG) scoring as a factor in lending to a project.
- Support legislation prohibiting government agencies, banks, or private investors from using racial quotas of corporations and businesses as a factor in lending to a project.
- Support legislation prohibiting government agencies, banks, or private investors from basing funding for a project on the project's "carbon footprint."

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Gender Issues

- Support legislation prohibiting “non-binary” as an option for any official state ID type.
- Support establishing a law prohibiting any school official at public or charter school from encouraging a student under the age of 18 years old to adopt a gender identity or sexual orientation.
- Support legislation amending the definition of “sexually oriented business” to include any nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial enterprise that provides to an audience a drag performance, meaning a performance in which a performer exhibits a gender different from the biological sex assigned at birth.



Energy/Environment

- Support the United States in establishing a strong domestic energy policy that promotes drilling on U.S. land, fracking for natural gas, and restarting the Keystone XL pipeline.
- Support the expansion of nuclear energy in Missouri.
- Oppose using taxpayer dollars for green energy expansion of windmills and solar panels.
- Oppose using taxpayer funds to provide incentives for EV charging stations.



Illegal Immigration

- Support requiring private-sector businesses and NGOs, who facilitate illegal immigration to Missouri, to provide compensation to the state of Missouri to cover all costs that fall on taxpayers.
- Support mandating county and local jails, as well as courts, to collect immigration status data at the time of a suspect’s arrest and conviction. The information will be reported to the Missouri Department of Corrections.
- Support prohibiting Missouri officials from providing any discretionary benefits to illegal aliens while the state agency and hospitals will be required to annually report taxpayer-funded expenses for illegal aliens.
- Requiring the Missouri Department of Revenue as an enforcer of the E-Verify System.