

Building a Political Farm System:

From Walking to Running



Purpose of this Class

- Dissect the Political Farm System & the Walking to Running idea and to find where you and your co-workers fit in.
- Grow our active pool of members to help us when needed.
- Build a force in Missouri to hold legislators accountable and to change the dynamics of Missouri politics.

Farm System

In sports, a **farm system** is generally a team or club whose role is to provide experience and training for young players, with an agreement that any successful players can move on to a higher level at a given point.

THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS, WINNING, AND YOUR LEADERSHIP FARM SYSTEM

BY BEN TRUEBLOOD



A graphic celebrating the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series victories. It features the MLB logo at the top, the team name 'ST. LOUIS' in large white letters on a red background, and the Cardinals logo in the center. Below the logo are two silver World Series trophies. At the bottom, the text 'WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS' is followed by a list of the years they won: 1926, 1931, 1934, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1964, 1967, 1982, 2006, and 2011.

ST. LOUIS

WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

1926 1931 1934
1942 1944 1946
1964 1967 1982
2006 2011



Quad City River Bandits.
A.
[Davenport, IA.]

Chicago

BATAVIA
Batavia Muckdogs.
A-Short Season.
[Batavia, NY.]

New York City

St. Louis Cardinals
St. Louis,
Missouri.

Washington, DC.

Springfield Cardinals.
AA.
[Springfield, MO.]

JOHNSON CITY
CARDINALS
Johnson City Cardinals.
A-Short Season.
[Johnson City, TN.]

MEMPHIS
REDBIRDS
BASEBALL
Memphis Redbirds.
AAA.
[Memphis, TN.]

Palm Beach Cardinals.
Advanced-A.
[Jupiter, FL.]

Gulf Coast Cardinals.
R.
[Jupiter, FL.]



Year	Age	AgeDif	Tm	Lg	Lév	Aff
2001	18	-2.1	Johnson City	APPY	Rk	STL
2002	19	-2.5	Peoria	MIDW	A	STL
2003	20	-4.2	Tennessee	SOUL	AA	STL
2004	21	-8.4	STL	NL	MLB	STL
2004	21	-6.2	Memphis	PCL	AAA	STL
2004-05	21		Carolina	PRWL	FgW	
2005	22	-7.4	STL	NL	MLB	STL

The Crowd



What to look for in yourself or others?

- Working Class minded
 - Care about the community
 - Doing what's right
 - Opinionated/ Strong willed
 - Passionate
 - Asking questions/ talking to people
 - History of family being Union
 - Compassionate
 - College students
 - Doesn't have to just be a co-worker or yourself
- Involvement**

Stepping Up

Who believes talking about
politics is taboo?



Working together



Walking

- Volunteering
- Lobbying
- Loss Time
- Registering people to vote
- Talking and understanding ABC
- Signing Pledge Cards Against RTW
- Testifying/ Spokesperson
- Join a political group
- Volunteer to work the polls/pollster for candidate(s)



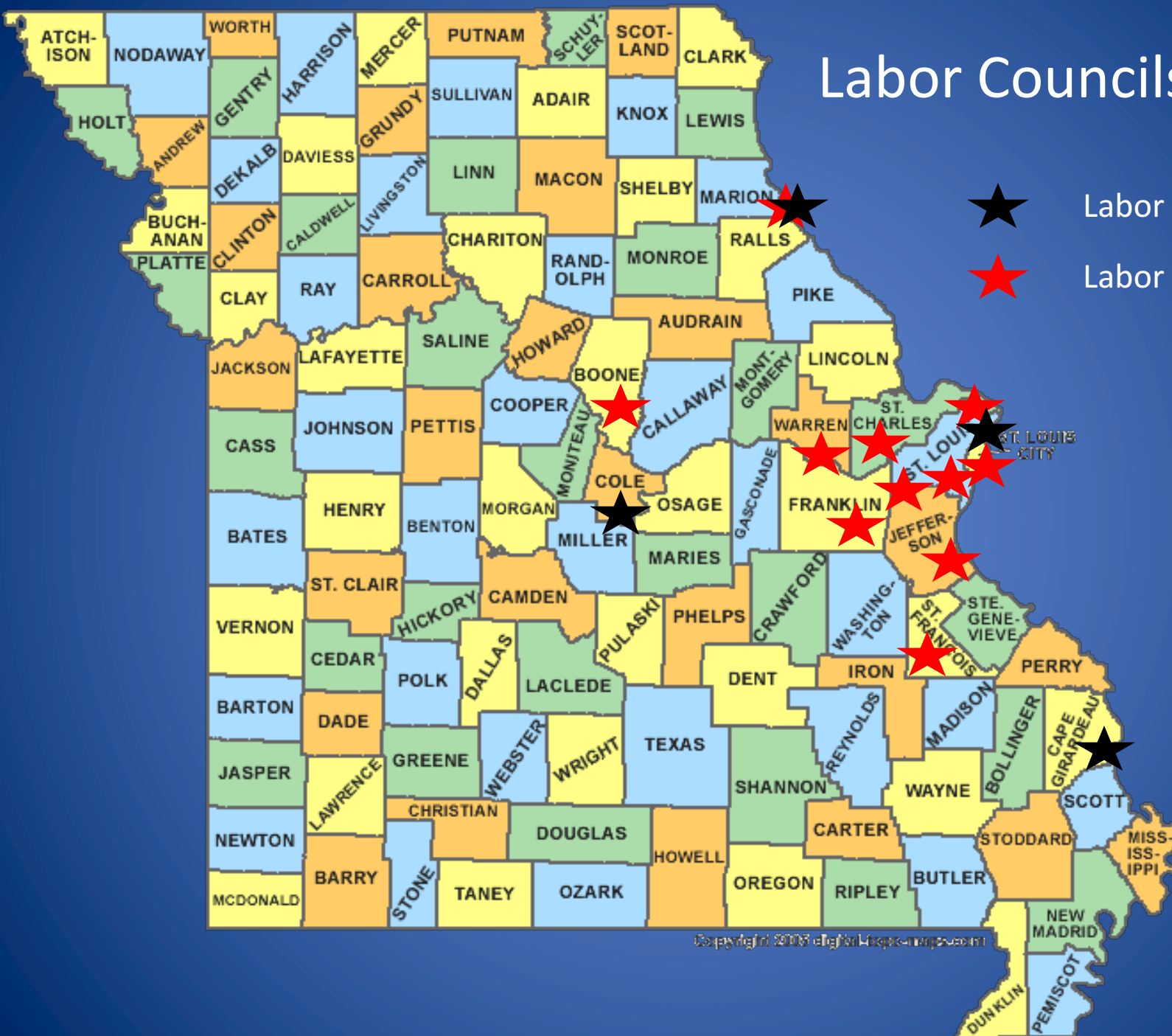
Responsibilities

- Phone Banking
- Door to Door
- Lit Drops
- Attending meeting
- Taking a leadership role in a club or group
- Having conversations

Before running full speed let's walk...

- Joining a labor club or labor council in your area
- Political group

Labor Councils/ Clubs



Black Star Labor Councils

Red Star Labor Clubs



Jogging

- Treasurer
- Assessor
- Auditor
- Alderperson
- County Council
- City Council
- Water Board
- Planning & Zoning
- Fire Board
- School Board
- Collector
- Port Authority
- Sewer District



Responsibilities- Ex. Fire Board

- Providing district residents with the best fire protection the district can afford. It is the board's responsibility to see that members of their fire department(s) have the proper equipment and training necessary to serve district residents.
- To determine a general fire protection and rescue program for the district



**Time
to Run**



Running

- House Representative
- Senate
- US Congress
- Missouri Statewide offices
- Local Mayor
- County Executive
- Sheriff
- Fire Board



Responsibilities- Ex. State Rep

- Include **passing bills on public policy matters, setting** levels for state spending, **raising** and lowering taxes, and **voting** to uphold or **override** gubernatorial vetoes.
- Being a voice for hope.

How Local 655 can help

- Dialer room
- Meeting space
- Training
- Help & support
- Volunteers
- Open doors
- Access

Why Should I Run?

- If not you then who?
- What is important to you, your family and your community?
- Does your elected official have your best interest at heart?
- Labor Candidates protect our future from bad legislation like Work-For-Less bills.

Why Labor Wants Friendly Candidates

- School Board- Schools and facilities could be built with union labor which puts money back into the community.
- House Rep/Senate- Stand with us against bad legislation that is destroying the middle class.
- They stand up against those who want to destroy working class families and their values.

The Basics of Top Level Missouri Politics

House of Representatives

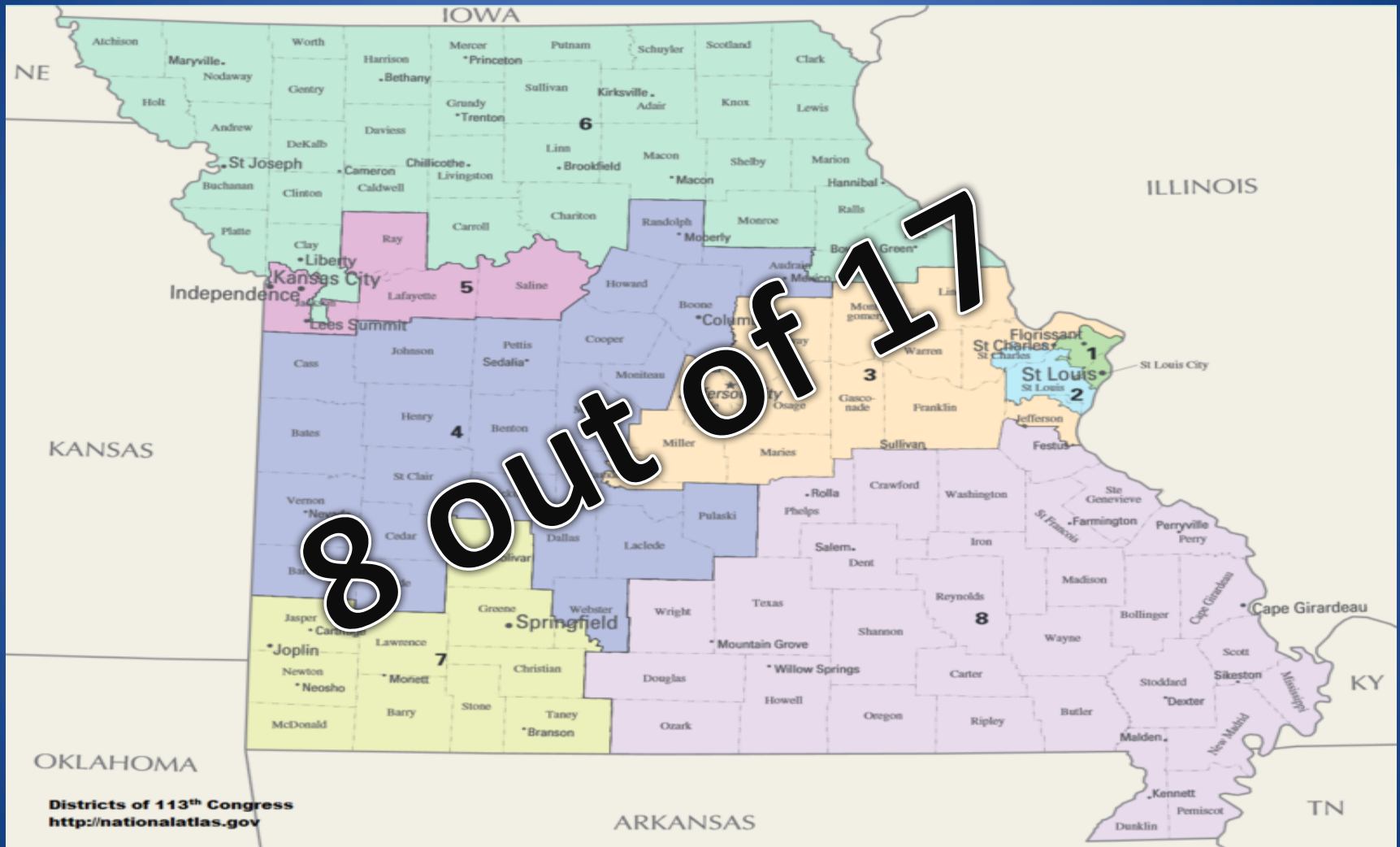
The Missouri House of Representatives has 163 members. Each representative is limited to four, two-year terms.

Senate

The Missouri Senate has 34 members, and each senator is limited to two, four-year terms.



Unopposed State Senate seats in 2016



*34 Senators- 17 that were up for election/ re-election

Political Competitiveness

Races with Incumbents

Shows % of races with incumbents running for re-election

Incumbents without Primary Challengers

Shows % of incumbents running unopposed in their party's primary

Unopposed R/D Races

Shows % of general election races where one major party fields no candidates

MO in 2016	77.9% ▲	85.1% ▲	58.0% ▲
MO Average (2010-2014)	70.0%	81.3%	57.6%
MO in 2014	83.3%	86.7%	49.4%
MO in 2012	67.2%	72.2%	80.6%
MO in 2010	59.4%	85.1%	42.8%
U.S. Average (2010-2014)	81.1%	77.5%	38.0%

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*Higher than average figures mean races are **less competitive**.*

*Lower than average figures mean races are **more competitive**.*

DATA & ANALYSIS BY
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2018 - Current Landscape

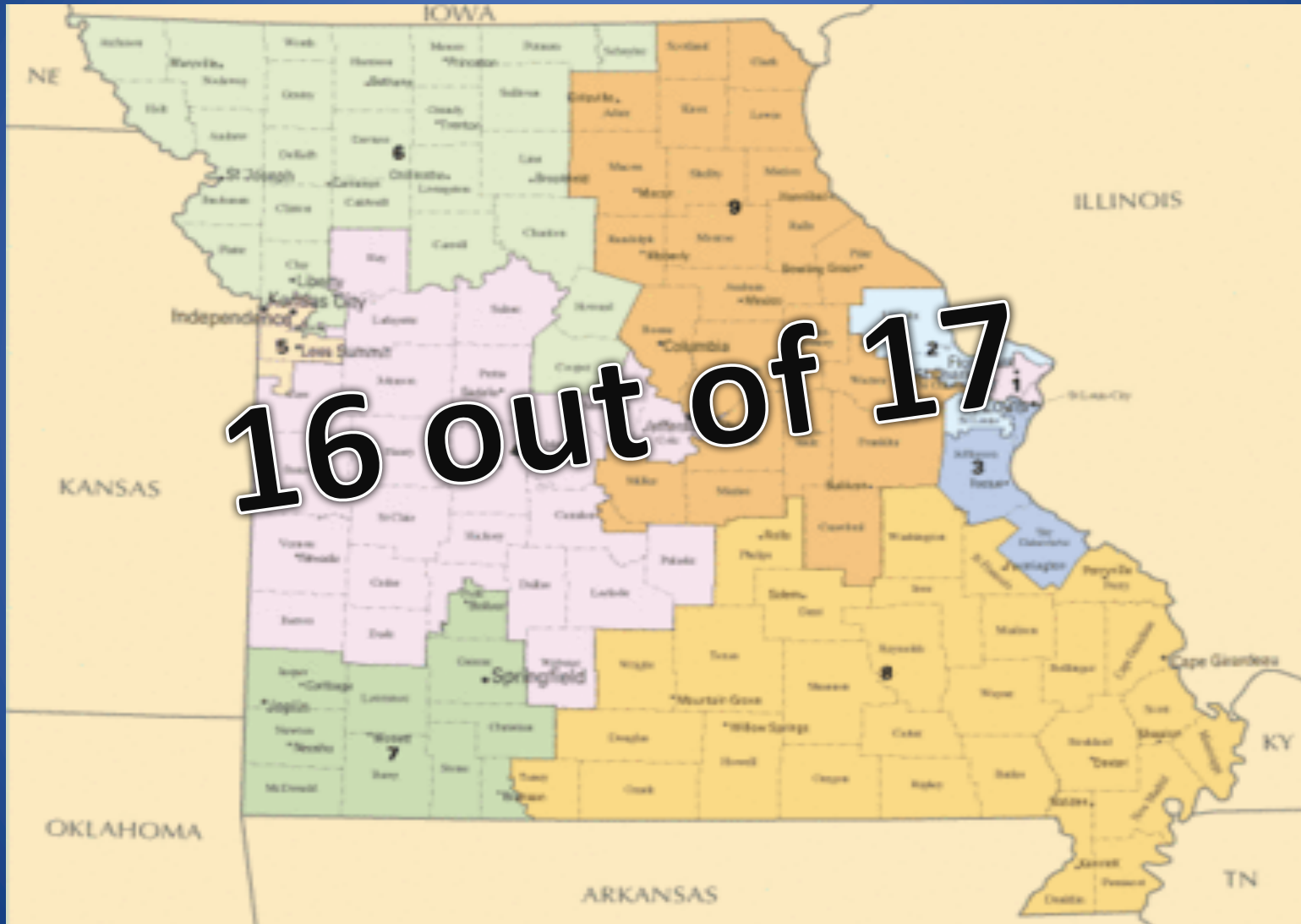
Missouri House

Party	As of March 2018
Democratic Party	46
Republican Party	112
Vacancies	5
Total	163

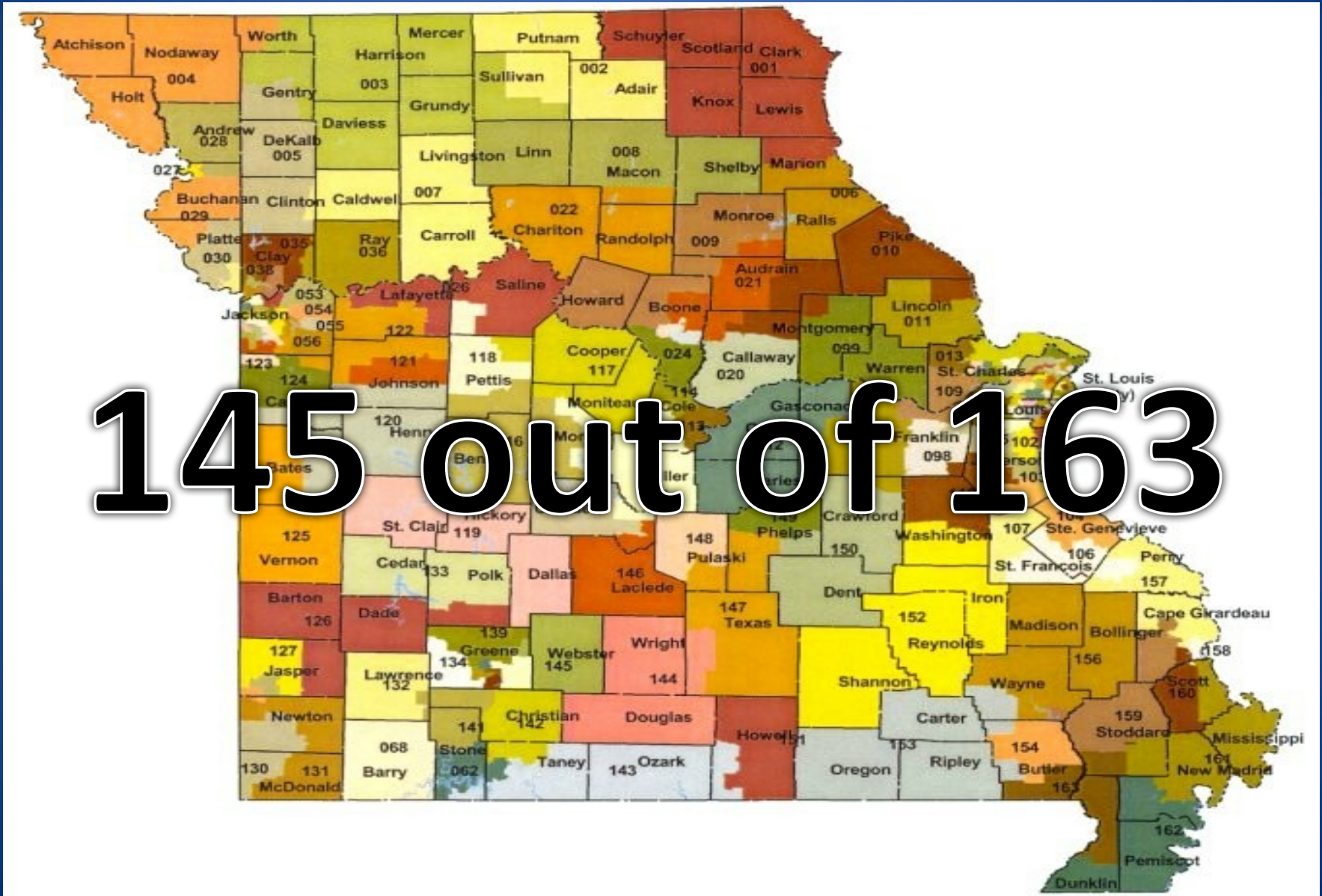
Missouri Senate

Party	As of March 2018
Democratic Party	9
Republican Party	24
Vacancies	1
Total	34

2018 Unofficial Filing so far



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Requirements

- Present proof of identity
- Declaration of Candidacy
- File an affidavit with the Missouri Department of Revenue
- An individual can seek the nomination of a state-recognized political party.
- An individual can run as an independent. Independent candidates often must petition.
- An individual can run as a write-in candidate.

Requirements cont.

State Representative - Art. III § 4, Constitution of Missouri & § 21.080, RSMo

- At least 24 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter for 2 years before election
- Resident of the district which he is chosen to represent for 1 year before election

State Senator - Art. III § 6, Constitution of Missouri & § 21.070, RSMo

- At least 30 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter for 3 years before election
- Resident of the district which he is chosen to represent for 1 year before election

Impact of Running

- Money spent by opposition
- Incumbents not being challenged/ complacent
- Giving a voice to folks that aren't heard/ a voice for working people
- Helping gain strength in the state on a statewide
- Fire boards, boards of education, planning & development boards, etc...
- Helping your community

What the parties think of the current political ecosystem?

“And so that’s hard and it does suggest that particularly in Republican districts that are not competitive the democrats don’t have a voice, and nobody to sort of, make their case for them.”

University of Missouri Political Science
Professor Peverill Squire

“...having both parties on every ballot isn’t necessary...“the people vote by choosing to not to fill a vacancy.”

“In a lot of these districts, a Republican is going to win, with or without a Democratic opponent. Generally, I believe that having someone fill a ballot slot is not going to affect the outcome of an election greatly,”

Jonathon Prouty, the executive director of the Missouri Republican Party,

Headline
NEWS

“You CAN Make a Difference: Why Every Single American Should Vote” – Huffington Post

“Survey: 60% of Young Americans Are Fed Up and Plan to Show It by Voting in the Primaries” -

Cosmopolitan

Meet the Transgender Americans Who Won on Election Day- *Human Rights Campaign*

“Republicans prepare for recount in Pennsylvania special election” -Politico

“How Doug Jones Beat Roy Moore and Shocked the World” -Time

“Meet the First Black Woman to Run for Illinois' 14th District” -Elle

Now Introducing the
Candidate for the 113th District

KAREN
SETTLEMOIR-BERG

State Representative 113

A photograph of Karen Settlemoir-Berg, a woman with brown hair wearing a tan blazer, smiling and talking to an elderly woman with white hair and glasses. They are in front of a purple and orange campaign backdrop with 'KAREN SETTLEMOIR-BERG State Representative 113' written on it.

**KAREN
SETTLEMOIR-BERG**
State Representative 113

**Fighting
for a Stronger
Middle Class**

A photograph of Karen Settlemoir-Berg smiling, wearing a teal button-down shirt, with her arms crossed. She is standing outdoors in front of green trees and a lawn.

In Jefferson City, Karen will work to:

- ✓ **Build a Stronger Middle Class**
- ✓ **Invest in our Public Schools**
- ✓ **Support our Veterans**

**KAREN
SETTLEMOIR-BERG**
State Representative 113

BergForChange.com

Panel Discussion



Vicki Villani
Mike Koeller
Amy Jennewein

A New Face for the Board!



Vote Yes

Amy Jennewein

Northwest R1 School Board





2nd Congressional District
SHOW ME2016
Sanders Delegate

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FOLLOW THROUGH



**Text 314-520-6329
with your name**

**“Bad officials are elected
by good citizens who do
not vote.”**

George Jean Nathan Born 1882, American editor,
author and critic