Jan. 21, 1826

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Jan. 21, 1826, the day marking the final time the Missouri Senate would meet in St. Charles.

Between 1821 and ’26, St. Charles served as Missouri’s state capitol. It was during this time when officials were looking for a permanent capitol. St. Charles was chosen over eight other towns, in part, because citizens there agreed to offer free meeting space.

The second floor of two Main Street buildings — owned by the Peck brothers and Chauncey Shepard — would house the Legislature, governor and one committee room.

The First General Assembly would later meet for a special session, starting on June 4, 1821, and for its Second Regular Session between Nov. 5 and Jan. 12 of the following year.

A special session of the Third General Assembly met Jan. 19-21, 1826. After that, offices had to be moved and relocated into the new building in Jefferson City. St. Charles actually remained as the seat of Missouri government until Oct. 1, 1826.

Jan. 21, 1826, the date marking the final time the Missouri Legislature met in the temporary Capitol in St. Charles, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: historicstcharles.com, greatriverroad.com, *Missouri Senate Journal*)