



THE WHITE PAGES

CAPITOL REPORT

WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2019

Prefiling Begins in the Senate

December 1, 2019 marks the first day members of the Missouri General Assembly can begin to prefile bills that will be potentially discussed during the 2020 legislative session.

In lieu of the upcoming deadline, I have begun working on several pieces of legislation that I plan to file prior to the start of session.

I plan on introducing legislation that discusses punitive damages in civil lawsuits. This bill would address issues in court when a party has done something so egregious and horrendous that it not only calls for the injured party to be compensated for their loss, but the action would also require the defendant to pay an additional award to punish and deter future similar behavior;

The second piece of legislation I have been working on deals with the integrity and safety of our water systems.

Another piece of legislation I plan to file would modify the qualifications for those who can be deemed an executor of a will or an estate plan.

In addition, I also plan to file legislation that would establish an electronic notary, as well as legislation that addresses mental health treatment and intravenous drug usage.



**OCTOBER
BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH**

As a member of the governor's Health Insurance Innovation Task Force, our goal is to make insurance more available and affordable, while maintaining quality coverage for all Missourians. This includes those who have been diagnosed with cancer and other chronic illnesses that can be expensive to treat. This month, I encourage every Missourian to celebrate a breast cancer survivor and to take time to learn how this cancer affects many of our loved ones.

Assistance for Missouri Farmers

As the harvest season begins, it is important for all Missourians, especially those who own farmland, to be aware of a few resources that are available through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Over the course of the year, there has been numerous international conflicts that have affected the cost of crops for our local farmers. Any farmer who has been negatively affected by the increased tariffs has until Dec. 6, 2019, to take advantage of the USDA's Market Facilitation Program. Under this program, the federal government will provide up to \$14.5 million in direct payments to producers of crops, as well as those raising hogs and milking cows.

In addition, crop farmers can also apply for the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. The ARC program provides income support tied to historical base acres, not the current production of covered commodities. The payments are issued when the actual county crop revenue of a covered commodity is less than the guarantee for the covered commodity. The PLC program kicks in when the commodity price falls. The deadline to apply for both of these programs is March 15, 2020. All applicants must have a valid adjusted gross income certification form, also known as the CCC-941 form, on file with their recording county farm service agency.

To learn more about these programs, please contact your farm service agency county office.



CONSTITUENTS IN THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT

NOTABLE EVENTS FOR THE SENATOR



On Oct. 13, Sen. Bill White and Rep. Ann Kelley, R-Lamar, presented resolutions to Roger Steeley, superintendent of Antioch Christian Church, and Bert Ward, pastor, in celebration of their church's 175th anniversary.



Senator Bill White was recently recognized by the Department of Defense for his continued work to assist those in our nation's armed forces who are living and working in the great state of Missouri.



On Sept. 28, the senator attended Bluegrass on the Square & Fall Festival in Greenfield, Missouri.



Senator Bill White was honored to join State Rep. Bob Bromley, R- Carl Junction, and Rep. Lane Roberts, R-Joplin, along with other local, state and federal officials in congratulating LifeChoices Health Network for 30 years of dedication and service to Southwest Missouri.

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