



Missouri Association of Levy Boards & Senior Organizations

2023 Legislative Review

Legislative Wrap-Up Overview

- General Session Overview/Political Landscape
- Legislation and budget items of interest sent to the Governor
- Other legislation of interest not passed
- Key upcoming dates between now and next session
- Goals for future advocacy



General Session Overview

- 2023 legislative session marked by: budget surplus, upcoming elections, house & senate infighting...
- Only 38 non-budget bills were finally passed, the fewest since 1981 (with exception of COVID-2020)
- Lawmakers approved the largest budget in the state's history - \$50 billion
- The General Assembly welcomed eight new senators and 49 new state representatives
- The super-majority party failed to pass several caucus priorities



Aging Issues Passed and Awaiting Signature

Budget Items

- Senior Growth & Development Fund (\$32M)
- Increases for Home & Community Based Services
- \$250 million to boost pay for direct care aides
- \$30 million to support the fund paying for operations at veterans nursing homes. The homes were funded in the past from casino boarding fees, but far fewer people are visiting gambling boats than in the past.
- Statewide Implementation of Give 5



Aging Issues Passed and Awaiting Signature

SS SB 190 -- TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS -SENIOR CITIZEN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

This bill authorizes a county to grant a property tax credit to eligible taxpayers residing in such county if: the county adopts an ordinance to do so; or a petition in support of such credit is delivered to the governing body of the county and is subsequently submitted to and approved by the voters, as described in the bill.

Eligible taxpayers are defined as residents who:

- (1) Are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits;
- (2) Are the owner of record of or have a legal or equitable interest in a homestead; and
- (3) Are liable for the payment of real property taxes on such homestead.

The amount of the property tax credit shall be equal to the difference between the real property tax liability on the homestead in a given year minus the real property tax liability on such homestead in the year in which the taxpayer became an eligible taxpayer.

A credit granted pursuant to this bill shall be applied when calculating the eligible taxpayer's property tax liability for the tax year. The amount of the credit shall be noted on the statement of tax due sent to the eligible taxpayer by the county collector.

The amount of property tax credits authorized by a county pursuant to this bill shall be considered tax revenue actually received by the county for the purposes of calculating property taxes.

Aging Issues Passed and Awaiting Signature

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Assistance Program (SNAP), the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF), or MO HealthNet to a one-page form that is easily accessible on the Department of Social Services' website.



Aging Issues Passed and Awaiting Signature

SOCIAL SECURITY EXEMPTION

Currently, taxpayers with a certain filing status and adjusted gross income below certain thresholds are allowed to deduct 100% of certain retirement and Social Security benefits from the taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income, with a reduced deduction as the taxpayer's adjusted gross income increases. For all tax years beginning January 1, 2024, this bill allows the maximum deduction to all taxpayers regardless of filing status or adjusted gross income.



Aging Issues Passed and Awaiting Signature

LICENSING ISSUES

Healthcare access allowed by changes in statute for APRNs, Physician Assistants, Professional Counselors, and rural hospitals



Aging Issues Passed and Signed by Governor

TICKET TO WORK HEALTH ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program provides medical assistance through MO HealthNet for employed disabled persons who meet certain qualifications, including asset limits and earned, net, and gross income calculations.



Aging Issues Not Passed

- Circuit Breaker Tax Credit
- Tax-related issues – assessment freezes, personal property tax, etc.
- SNAP Restaurant Meals Program



Upcoming Dates:

- June 30, 2023 – Last day for Governor to sign or line-item veto budget items
- July 1, 2023 – First day of the new fiscal year
- July 14, 2023 – Last day for Governor Parson to sign or veto policy legislation
- August 28, 2023 – Effective date for policy bills without an emergency clause
- September 13, 2023 – Veto Session
- December 1, 2023 – First day of bill filing
- January 3, 2024 – First day of Legislative session



Discussion Around Plans for Future Advocacy

