



Make a Plan to Vote on or Before August 4th!



Missouri voters will decide several important statewide constitutional amendments on the August 4 ballot, including measures affecting taxes, the initiative petition process, and local government. **These issues will have a lasting impact on our state, making every vote count.**

Below is a brief overview of each amendment, courtesy of our friends at [Beacon Reproductive Health Network](#):

- **Amendment 1:** Renews Missouri's existing one-tenth-cent sales tax that supports state parks, historic sites, and soil and water conservation. It's not a new tax. *NCJWSTL has not taken a position on Amendment 1.*
- **Amendment 2:** Requires all Missouri charter counties, including Jackson County, to elect a county assessor. All other charter counties already do this. *NCJWSTL has not taken a position on Amendment 2.*
- **Amendment 4:** Would make it harder for citizen-initiated constitutional amendments to pass. The proposal would require majority approval in all congressional districts instead of statewide voter support. Previous citizen-led amendments have included Medicaid expansion and enshrining our abortion rights. **NCJWSTL encourages you to vote NO on Amendment 4.**
- **Amendment 5:** Eliminates the state income tax and relies more heavily on sales and use taxes to fund government services. Would lead to higher taxes on purchases such as groceries, healthcare, childcare, and other everyday goods and services, while shifting more of the tax burden onto middle- and lower-income Missourians. **NCJWSTL encourages you to vote NO on Amendment 5.**

[Click here](#) to check your voter registration, confirm your polling place, review what's on your ballot, and make your voting plan before **early voting begins July 21st and polls officially open on Tuesday, August 4th.**

Virtual Weekly Phone Bank to Keep Abortion Legal in Missouri

When: Wednesdays beginning July 22 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

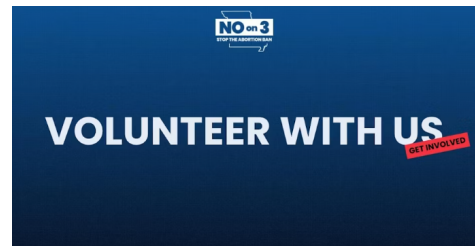
Where: Virtual

[Register Here](#)

Missourians voted to protect reproductive freedom, and now we must do it again. Amendment 3 is an attempt to overturn the will of the voters and pave the way for another abortion ban in Missouri. Every conversation matters, and **phone banking is one of the most effective ways to educate voters and mobilize support to defeat Amendment 3.**

Join the [Stop the Ban Coalition](#) every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM to help stop Amendment 3. They will provide the training and support you need to get started, and once you're trained, you can phone bank whenever it works best for your schedule. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or making your first calls, your voice can make a difference in protecting abortion rights in Missouri.

Please [click here](#) to register for one or more phone banking opportunities.



Tell Congress: Don't Silence Millions of Voters



The [SAVE Act](#) could keep millions of eligible U.S. citizens from being able to vote, severely restrict vote by mail, and increase federal control over state and local elections.

Despite multiple bipartisan votes rejecting this legislation in the Senate, President Trump continues to demand passage of the SAVE Act, even threatening to derail bipartisan housing affordability legislation unless it is passed.

This isn't about protecting elections. It's about putting new barriers in front of millions of eligible voters, especially women, LGBTQ+ people, older adults, and voters of color.

For example, **69 million married women do not have a birth certificate** that matches their current legal name. Under these laws, they, and millions of others, could face new hurdles just to exercise their basic right to vote.

As Jewish advocates, we are called to pursue justice and protect the dignity and rights of all people. Our democracy is strongest when everyone can participate.

[Click here](#) to urge your members of Congress to oppose the SAVE Act bills and protect our sacred right to vote.

Become a Court Watch Volunteer!



We are excited to announce that NCJWSTL is now coordinating the [Domestic Violence \(DV\) Court Watch Program](#). Court Watch is a volunteer-powered initiative designed to bring transparency, accountability, and humanity to domestic violence and Order of Protection cases in St. Louis. This is an opportunity for individuals seeking to make a measurable difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and strengthen accountability in our justice system. No legal background is required. NCJWSTL will provide comprehensive training and ongoing support to all participants.

Are you interested in learning more? Watch for information regarding future trainings and volunteer registrations. For more

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition, and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2026, [now is the time to act](#).

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock on doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved, please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries

Protect the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

Support Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.

- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community.
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.

Get the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting Missouri's Libraries](#).



Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!

NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with [Beacon Reproductive Health Network](#) to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits**! This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.



Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, NCJWSTL, and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Take Action & Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to ensure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2026! Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2026.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color.

[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.

[Click here](#) to see the latest A-List Ad.

Join the A-list [here](#).



Interesting Reading



There's a television ad making the rounds for Amendment 5, and it would like you to be angry at a hum.

Pass Amendment 5, the Missouri Promise PAC ad promises, and the state fixes the big-tech loophole.

It's a tidy story. It's also misleading in most of the places that matter. Amendment 5 does not repeal the data center

exemptions.

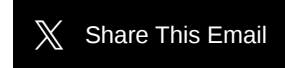
[Click here](#) to read Jason Hancock's article from *The Missouri Independent*, "What Amendment 5 Ad Gets Wrong About Missouri Data Centers."

Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

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