



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! **Early voting began on July 21st and polls officially open on Tuesday, August 4th.**

Volunteers Needed for Election Protection



If you agree that every eligible voter deserves to have their voice count, you can take action by serving as a nonpartisan Election Protection volunteer for the upcoming August 4th Primary Election.

NCJWSTL's coalition partner The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) is mobilizing thousands of volunteers to help our fellow Missourians navigate the

voting process and cast their votes without obstruction, confusion, or intimidation. [Will you sign up to be one of them?](#)

As a nonpartisan Election Protection volunteer, you will assist voters who encounter any problems voting. You will receive training.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to sign up to protect the vote with MOVPC's Election Protection program in Missouri!

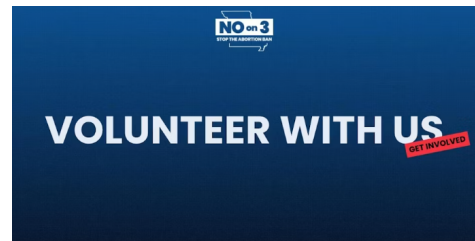
Virtual Weekly Phone Bank to Keep Abortion Legal in Missouri

When: Every Wednesday | 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 the Senate: Protect the Freedom to Read!



Parents should decide what their children read, not politicians. [S. 4925](#) threatens to hand over parents' rights to lawmakers, letting them decide what books students can access in their school libraries.

The bill is dangerously broad, withholding critical school funding for the mere mention of transgender people or nudity. Such a sweeping prohibition threatens health, art, and science education. The bill's language also

targets LGBTQIA+ communities. It's ideological grandstanding and political overreach, pure and simple. This type of fear-mongering and censorship can't become law.

Protecting the freedom to read means trusting families, supporting libraries, and ensuring that everyone has access to the knowledge and stories that help us better understand the world.

[Click here](#) to urge your Senators to oppose this dangerous book-banning bill.

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 information about Court Watch, please contact Jen Bernstein, NCJWSTL Director of Advocacy, at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call [314-514-4974](tel:314-514-4974).

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 over 1,200 individuals and 103 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

"One pregnant patient who was miscarrying looked at me and begged, 'I don't want to die, please don't let me die,'" Ivey told Courier Texas. "I reassured her, but she was absolutely terrified. She had



miscarried too early in her pregnancy for her fetus to survive, and at the time, I wasn't legally allowed to perform an abortion because her fetus still had a heartbeat."

It was only after the patient developed a dangerous infection in her uterus that Ivey was finally permitted to terminate her pregnancy and save her life.

[Click here](#) to read Bonnie Fuller's article from Ms. Magazine, "'I Don't Want To Die': Texas Patients Are Afraid to Get Pregnant."

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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