



- Week of March 10, 2023

Hello there, dear Jackson County residents, and thank you for reading my legislative column. I know many of you are gladly welcoming longer days and springing your clocks forward. I also welcomed some passionate, outstanding advocates and the opportunity to spring forward one of my proposals this week.

On March 6, I presented [Senate Bill 446](#) to members of the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Identical to a bill passed out of this committee in 2022, SB 446 modifies who qualifies to receive restitution payments for serving time in prison for crimes they did not commit. In 2006, the Missouri Legislature passed a law which granted payments to people who have been proved innocent of their charged crimes due to new DNA evidence. This bill doesn't increase the amount of these payments, it just permits anyone whose actual innocence has been proven, regardless of how, to apply for restitution.

Ironically enough, the day after the hearing for SB 446, the Missouri Justice Coalition hosted a Day of Empathy at the Capitol. With its mission to end the prevalence of wrongful convictions and sending innocent people to prison, this determined group of advocates and community organizers used the event to raise awareness, share stories and advocate for justice for those serving time for crimes they did not commit. I was honored to introduce coalition members Shyretta Smith and Amy Wilkinson to my colleagues on the Senate floor.

#### **Celebrating Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Day**

March 8 was a hectic but wonderful day as my distinguished sorority sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. gathered at the Capitol for their annual advocacy day. Founded in 1908 at Howard University by St. Louis native Ethel Hedgemon Lyle and a few African American college-educated women, AKA has grown to more than 300,000 members representing chapters across the globe. I was proud to present a resolution to Midwestern Regional Director Anika A. Wilson Starling to honor those who are "Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood." Under the leadership of the International President Dannette Anthony Reed, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will address the disparaging issue of Black maternal mortality.



Senator Washington joins her sorority sisters, for "Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol."

### Showing Solidarity

I was also happy to meet with members of Teamsters Local Union 541 from Kansas City and representatives from the Missouri Workers Center who were advocating at the Capitol this week. The Workers Center’s tagline sums their advocacy efforts up perfectly: “United against racism – Good jobs for all!”



Senator Washington meets with members of the Teamsters 541.



Representatives from the Missouri Workers Center meet with Sen. Washington.

### Senior Service Awards

Each year, the lieutenant governor honors senior citizens who have gone above and beyond by volunteering in their communities. If you know a deserving resident from our community over the age of 60, please nominate them for a Senior Service Award before the March 20 deadline. Click on the image below for more information or call 573-751-1088.

A promotional graphic for the Lieutenant Governor Senior Service Award. On the left is a photograph of a smiling woman with short white hair, wearing a blue patterned shirt and a white apron. On the right, the text reads: "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SENIOR SERVICE AWARD" in large blue letters. Below that, in smaller text: "The Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award is intended to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments Missouri's senior citizens provide their local communities." At the bottom right is a blue button with the text "NOMINATION FORM" in white.

### Save the Dates!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these upcoming community events. On March 25, I'll host a discussion on "Literacy in Kansas City," followed by serving as a panelist in a Voter Rights Forum. June 24 is my annual Public Health and Safety Fair. Please share the below images on your social media channels to help spread the word. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events.

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THIETA BOULÉ - KANSAS CITY

PRESENTS

# VOTERS RIGHTS FORUM

Join us for a robust discussion on voter's rights in America broadly and more specifically voters rights in Missouri, past and present...  
Where do we go from here?

**Saturday, March 25th, 2023**  
Times: 10:00 AM  
Refreshments served

**Location**  
Anthony Student Services Center  
URAC Campus  
Person Auditorium  
5000 Holmes St.  
Kansas City, MO 64110






Representative Emanuel Cleaver II, U.S. House Representative, Missouri 1st District  
*Panelist*



Honorable Barbara Washington  
State Senator, 39th Senator of District, State of Missouri  
*Panelist*



Malah Thompson, Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at UMKC Law School  
*Panelist*




Denise Johnson, Adjunct Professor of Law, Washington University School of Law specializing in civil liberties, civil rights and constitutional law and nationally recognized voter's rights leader  
*Panelist*



Ronald Chavis, Attorney and President of the NAACP for the State of Missouri  
*Moderator*


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## DISCUSSION:

# Literacy *in* Kansas City

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
St. Mark's Center  
Theater Room  
2008 E. 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64127



**Attention PARENTS, educators and literacy advocates:**  
Let's work together to find solutions for improving our children's reading and writing.  
A question and answer session will follow.  
*Breakfast will be served.*

For more information, call 573-751-3158 or email [Brian.Farmer@senate.mo.gov](mailto:Brian.Farmer@senate.mo.gov).





Below is a list of the bills I have sponsored in 2023. If you have questions or need additional information or assistance, please reach out.

**Senator Washington's Sponsored Legislation for 2023**

Bill Number	Description	Status
<a href="#">Senate Bill 423</a>	Modifies provisions relating to certification of juveniles for trial as adults.	Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#">Senate Bill 424</a>	Creates new provisions on discriminatory practices relating to hair.	Referred to Progress and Development
<a href="#">Senate Bill 425</a>	Authorizes a tax credit for the purchase of certain homes.	Referred to Economic Development
<a href="#">Senate Bill 433</a>	Authorizes a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products.	Referred to Economic Development
<a href="#">Senate Bill 434</a>	Authorizes a tax credit for providing services to homeless persons.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
<a href="#">Senate Bill 435</a>	Creates a Text-to-Donate program for homeless services in certain cities.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
<a href="#">Senate Bill 437</a>	Authorizes a tax credit for providing housing to victims of domestic violence.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
<a href="#">Senate Bill 438</a>	Creates a pilot program for incarcerated mothers to have access to their children.	Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#">Senate Bill 439</a>	Creates the offense of unlawful possession of a handgun.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<a href="#">Senate Bill 440</a>	Establishes the "Cronkite New Voices Act" to protect the freedom of press in school-sponsored media.	Referred to Progress and Development
<a href="#">Senate Bill 441</a>	Creates provisions relating to firearms.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<a href="#">Senate Bill 442</a>	Modifies provisions relating to concealed firearms.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety

<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 443</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to medical marijuana program participants in family court matters.	Referred to Health and Welfare
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 444</u></a>	Creates provisions relating to reporting requirements of law enforcement agencies.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 445</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to use of force by law enforcement officers.	Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 446</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to restitution for individuals who are actually innocent.	Hearing conducted on March 6.
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 447</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to criminal records.	Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 531</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to expungement.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 561</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to earned discharge from probation.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 562</u></a>	Creates new provisions relating to state contracts for minority and women's business enterprises.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 563</u></a>	Creates a DWI diversion program.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 579</u></a>	Modifies the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 580</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 581</u></a>	Creates provisions relating to parole eligibility.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 582</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to terms of probation.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 583</u></a>	Authorizes a tax credit for the purchase of electric vehicles.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 641</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to the certification of juveniles for trial as adults.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 643</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to offenses against employees of election authorities.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 675</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to legal representation for certain court proceedings involving children.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 676</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to the offense of filing false documents.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 713</u></a>	Enacts provisions relating to health insurance coverage of maternity services.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 714</u></a>	Establishes standards for demographic data collection by certain entities.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 715</u></a>	Creates a health advocate program in the Department of Health and Senior Services.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 716</u></a>	Enacts provisions relating to motor vehicle sales tax payment plans.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 722</u></a>	Modifies provisions relating to tax increment financing.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Bill 723</u></a>	Relates to voter registration.	First Read
<a href="#"><u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 14</u></a>	Apologizes for the State of Missouri's role in slavery.	Referred to Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and

		Ethics
<a href="#"><u>Senate Joint Resolution 36</u></a>	Places limits on increases of the assessment of certain properties.	Referred to General Laws
<a href="#"><u>Senate Joint Resolution 40</u></a>	Exempts from taxation real and personal property of citizens over the age of 65.	Referred to General Laws

*It is an honor representing the great people of Jackson County's 9th Senatorial District. If you need assistance navigating state government or understanding the legislative process, please contact me by calling 573-751-3158 or emailing [Barbara.Washington@senate.mo.gov](mailto:Barbara.Washington@senate.mo.gov). My team is here for you!*