



Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report

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REPUBLICANS TAKE ANOTHER SHOT AT PHOTO VOTER ID

The House of Representatives on Feb. 26 granted preliminary approval to legislation that takes a third shot at trying to require voters to possess government-issued photo identification in order to cast a ballot. The Missouri Supreme Court struck down the first two laws Republicans enacted to impose a photo voter-ID requirement, ruling they unconstitutionally infringed on voting rights. The most recent ruling came in January.

Republican supporters claim a photo voter ID requirement is needed to stop voter fraud. However, as the Supreme Court noted, voter impersonation at the polls is the only type of fraud a photo ID could prevent, but there has never been a documented case of voter impersonation in Missouri. Democrats contend the true purpose is to disenfranchise racial minorities and certain other demographic groups that are most likely to lack a government-issued photo ID and, not coincidentally, tend to support Democrats.

The House approved the measure, House Bill 1600, on a voice vote. A second, recorded vote is required to send the bill to the Senate. If HB 1600 clears both chambers and is signed into law, another lawsuit challenging the bill as unconstitutional is expected.

FILIBUSTER ON ONE BILL ENDS WITH DEAL ON ANOTHER

After a nearly 19-hour filibuster by Democrats, the Republican-controlled Senate on Feb. 26 backed off of legislation to make it substantially harder for victims of asbestos poisoning and their families to sue to obtain compensation relating to ailments caused by their exposure.

In exchange for the asbestos bill being pulled, Democrats agreed not to block separate legislation to further restrict punitive damage awards in civil lawsuits and tighten the requirements for bringing cases under the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, a state consumer protection law. The Senate granted first-round approval to that measure, Senate Bill 591, on a voice vote right after the asbestos filibuster ended.

Both bills are part of a years-long Republican effort to make Missouri courts friendlier to

businesses by reducing their litigation costs. Critics contend such legislation tips the scales of justice against Missourians harmed by corporate wrongdoing.

Opponents of the asbestos measure, House Bill 591, said it is particularly egregious since it appeared designed to run-the-clock on Mesothelioma victims and prevent their cases from being resolved before their deaths, which tends to quickly follow a diagnosis.

HOUSE VOTES TO PARTIALLY REPEAL MINIMUM WAGE HIKE

The House of Representatives voted 94-53 to send Republican-sponsored legislation to the Senate that would partially repeal a minimum wage increase Missouri voters overwhelmingly approved in 2018. Democrats unanimously opposed the bill, while all but a few Republicans supported it.

Missouri voters approved the wage-hike measure, Proposition B, with 62.3 percent support in November 2018. It gradually increases the standard statewide minimum wage to \$12 an hour over several years, ending in 2023. So far, two of five annual incremental increases have taken effect to put the state wage floor at \$9.45 an hour. The minimum wage is set to increase to \$10.30 an hour on Jan. 1, 2021.

House Bill 1559 would exempt private schools from following Proposition B and allow them to go back to paying the previous statewide minimum wage of \$7.85 an hour. Since private schools are required to pay the \$9.45-an-hour wage currently in effect, those schools could cut employee wages if HB 1559 becomes law. A similar bill died last year for lack of action in the Senate.

DEMOCRATS OPPOSE GOP BILL TO ELIMINATE MARRIAGE

On a straight party-line vote of 9-4, the House General Laws Committee on Feb. 26 advanced legislation to eliminate marriage in Missouri and reclassify it as a “contract of domestic union.” The unified support from majority Republicans came as a surprise since several had joined Democrats in criticizing the bill a week earlier during a public hearing on it.

Critics say House Bill 2173 is a petulant response from those still opposed to the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2015 ruling legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. The bill’s Republican sponsor claims he simply wants to remove government from its long-standing and traditional role in legally sanctioning marriage. The bill must now go to the full House of Representatives for consideration.



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Dear Neighbor,

My name is Mark A. Sharp and I am the newly elected State Representative for District 36th. I wanted to present to you my new weekly "Capitol Report" which will include the latest news and legislative updates about major developments here at the state capitol. As a new member of The 100th General Assembly, 2nd Session, I am proud to serve the people of South Kansas City.

My office in Jefferson City is available to assist you with questions you may have about state government or legislative issues. Please call, email or write anytime. If you are unable to reach me, my assistant Brian Farmer is ready to help you. If you are in Jefferson City, come by my Capitol office in room 109-G, and introduce yourself. The door is always open and I encourage you to visit.

Please forward this email to your friends and family who want to know how what is happening in Jefferson City will impact them here at home.

Yours in Service,
Mark A. Sharp



Candidates file for election in Jefferson City



Mark Sharp, right, waits in line with a crowd of other hopeful candidates outside the Missouri Secretary of State's office in Jefferson City to file paperwork to become a candidate for Missouri House of Representatives 36th District seat on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020. Photo by David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com



A special moment meeting Lynne M. Jackson
(Great-great-granddaughter of Dred Scott)

My Legislation

[HB2107](#)- Modifies residency requirements for the A+ Schools Program

[HB2169](#)- Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence

[HB 2635](#) - Provides that the period of detention on arrest without a warrant is 48 hours for criminal offenses involving a dangerous felony or deadly weapon

[HB 2636](#) - Modifies provisions regarding the expungement of records

[HB 2690](#) - Establishes a Negro Leagues Baseball Museum special license plate

Update: [HB2169](#) was referred to General Laws Committee. Hearing is tentatively expected to be this upcoming Wednesday



Missouri Legislative Black Caucus meeting with Governor Parson. Talked about James Milton who opened the first African-American school in KCMO

Local Events

Lights on KC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

February 28, 2020 6:00- 11:00PM
Middle School and High School Students

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Arts and Crafts Stations
Silent Disco with DJ
Free Dinner 6:30-8:00
Special Guest Speakers

Connection Point Church Raytown Campus
10500 East 350 Highway
Raytown, Missouri 64138

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**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
816-474-TIPS HOTLINE**

PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the

case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



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816-474-8477

Web Tips

www.KCcrimestoppers.com

Free Mobile App

www.P3Tips.com

WatchKC

WatchKC Partnership

The KCPD takes a proactive and innovative approach to deterring and investigating crime. If you want to help KCPD in this proactive approach, you could play a major part in the identification of suspects and evidence of crimes.

If you or your business owns a surveillance camera you can be part of the solution to crime in our city.

Similar programs have been implemented by other agencies across the nation with great success. The registration process is simple, and available to any home or business located in Kansas City, Missouri.



Here's how it works

Video Surveillance is a great crime deterrent and offers investigative leads in the event a crime does occur. Many homes and businesses have surveillance cameras installed. Often times the surveillance system might catch something useful when KCPD is investigating a crime. However, it may go unnoticed if the owner is unaware of the crime.

Once registered with WatchKC, camera locations will be mapped for detectives and officers to easily see. In the event of a crime nearby they can then contact registrants to see if any possible evidence was captured. Someone from KCPD will then arrange to obtain the footage at a time that is convenient for you. KCPD will never have access to footage without your knowledge. Participation is 100% voluntary and you can opt out at any time.

Registration

If you would like to participate in the program and partner with KCPD to help solve more crimes click to fill out the online form. All information provided will be for official use only and will remain confidential and not be disseminated to anyone outside of the KCPD.

For more information, or to register now, please visit the below website: www.kcpd.org/get-involved/



Kansas City Missouri Police Department
Law Enforcement Resource Center
1125 Locust Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

816-234-5000

E-mail: RTCC@kcpd.org

Frequently Asked Questions

• Will KCPD Be able to see live footage at my house or business?

No, the Kansas City Police Department will not be connecting to your cameras in any capacity. You are simply telling us that you have cameras, and where they're located, nothing more.

• What if I don't want my information "out there?"

Your privacy is important to us, and the Kansas City Police Department will make every effort to protect it. This information will not be released to any company or person outside of the Department. Even within the Kansas City Police Department, only those officers/detectives who have a reason to have the information will have access to it.

• What if I move?

Please let us know that you're moving via the form here:

www.kcpd.org/get-involved/watchkc/



FAQ (CONT.)

• What if I don't want to participate anymore?

Please let us know that you would like your information removed from the registry here: www.kcpd.org/get-involved/watchkc/removeupdate/

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KCPD CAREER FAIR

February 29
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Black Archives
of Mid-America in KC
1722 E. 17th Terrace

HIRING

Police Officers
Parking Control
Dispatchers
Desk Clerks
Building Maintenance
Detention Officers
Mechanics



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