

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has adjourned its regular legislative session without having enacted new congressional district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 45 of the Missouri Constitution authorizes the General Assembly to divide the state into districts for the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri's current congressional district map may be vulnerable to a legal challenge under the Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment, due to a lack of compactness in certain districts; and

WHEREAS, our congressional delegation should reflect the values of Missourians; and

WHEREAS, congressional candidate filing for the 2026 election cycle begins on February 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, legislation to establish new congressional districts for the State of Missouri cannot be accomplished in the 2026 Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, the failure to establish new congressional districts constitutes an extraordinary occasion that warrants immediate legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the swift and efficient resolution of this matter is necessary to prepare for the upcoming election cycle and to provide certainty for voters; and

WHEREAS, a fair and transparent initiative petition process is essential for the citizens of the State of Missouri to propose and enact laws; and

WHEREAS, the current initiative petition process may be vulnerable to foreign and out-of-state influence; and

WHEREAS, certain ballot initiatives can be confusing to voters and lead to unintended consequences; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 9 of the Missouri Constitution authorizes the Governor on extraordinary occasions, to convene the General Assembly by proclamation, specifying each matter requiring action.

NOW, THEREFORE, on the extraordinary occasion that exists in the State of Missouri:

I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution of the State of Missouri, do, by this Proclamation, convene the One Hundred Third General Assembly in the Second Extraordinary Session of the First Regular Session; and

I HEREBY call upon the Senators and Representatives of said General Assembly to meet in the State Capitol in the City of Jefferson at the hour of 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025; and

I **HEREBY** state that the action of said General Assembly is deemed necessary concerning each matter specifically designated and limited hereinafter as follows:

1. To enact legislation to establish new congressional districts for the State of Missouri.
2. To enact legislation to amend the state's initiative petition process as follows:
 - a. To ban foreign nationals from contributing to committees for or against a statewide ballot measure; and
 - b. To establish a criminal election offense for fraudulently signing or gathering signatures for a statewide ballot measure; and
 - c. To provide that a statewide ballot measure be passed only if a majority of voters statewide and a majority of voters in each congressional district vote to adopt the proposed measure; and
 - d. To require that before a statewide ballot measure is certified for signatures to be gathered, there shall be an opportunity for public comment; and
 - e. To require that the full text of a statewide ballot measure be printed and available to voters at all election sites and polling places.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 29th day of August, 2025.

MIKE KEHOE
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DENNY HOSKINS
SECRETARY OF STATE