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Subject: FW: Governor Kehoe Places Four Constitutional Amendments on August Primary Election Ballot
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Good afternoon,

Please see the announcement below from the Governor and Department Director Schaefer regard the ballot the tax will be placed.

If you need any more of the informational brochures, please contact your district coordinator. Remember districts can only provide information on how the funds generated from the tax can be used. There can't be any promotion on how to vote for the tax.

Thanks.

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Good afternoon –

Governor Kehoe announced this afternoon the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax will be on the August 2026 ballot.

Missouri's Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax is a statewide one-tenth of 1% sales tax. It provides dedicated funding for Missouri state parks and historic sites along with soil and water conservation efforts.

Missouri citizens have shown strong support for soil and water conservation and state parks by first approving it in 1984 as a constitutional amendment.

The tax was reapproved by two-thirds of Missouri voters in 1988, 1996, 2006 and 2016. The tax now appears on the ballot every 10 years to reaffirm the voters' support of the parks system and soil and

water conservation efforts.

You can learn more at <https://dnr.mo.gov/land-geology/soil-water-conservation/parks-soils-water-sales-tax>.

Thanks,
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From: Office of Governor Mike Kehoe <mogov@mogov.dmarc.public.govdelivery.com>
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From the Communications Office of Governor Mike Kehoe

Mike Kehoe Missouri Governor



Governor Kehoe Places Four Constitutional Amendments on August Primary Election Ballot

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 22, 2026

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Today, Governor Mike Kehoe announced that he has signed proclamations placing **Amendment 1**, **Amendment 2** (HJR 23/3), **Amendment 4** (HJR 3), and **Amendment 5** (HJR 173/174) on the August primary

election ballot. The primary election will take place on August 4, 2026.

"With several significant issues set to appear before Missouri voters this year, it is important that we both prepare for the outcome of each proposal and allow each issue to receive the careful public consideration it deserves," said **Governor Kehoe**. "Modernizing Missouri's outdated tax code, specifically, will be a momentous task for the Missouri General Assembly, and placing the measure to phase out Missouri's income tax on the August ballot gives lawmakers additional time to prepare for the next phase of implementation. As Missourians continue supporting policies that make our state more competitive, we want to ensure the legislature is positioned to act responsibly following the direction of the voters."

A brief summary of each ballot measure is below:

- **Amendment 1** - if approved by the voters, continues for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites.
- **Amendment 2** - if approved by voters, requires that all charter counties, including Jackson County, elect a county assessor and that such assessors comply with training requirements established by state law.
- **Amendment 4** - if approved by voters, modifies current requirements that a simple statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution, requires a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution, and makes available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot.
- **Amendment 5** - if approved by voters, requires the phase out and elimination of the individual income tax based on revenue growth, requires the reduction of property taxes and other local taxes to offset any local sales tax revenue increases, while preserving local funding for public schools.

All other ballot measures, if certified, will be on the November general election ballot.

The proclamations will be uploaded at [Governor.mo.gov](https://governor.mo.gov).

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Governor Mike Kehoe



About Governor Mike Kehoe

Mike Kehoe was sworn in as Missouri's 58th Governor on January 13, 2025. Guided by a dedication to public service and a commitment to Missouri families, Governor Kehoe has made public safety, education, economic development, and agriculture the cornerstones of his administration.

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