

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed” Luke 4:18*

# PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS

## Primary Election August 2, 2022

The 2022 Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, August 2, 2022**

1. Confirm that you meet the requirements for voting.
  - You are a **U.S. citizen** and a **Missouri resident**.
  - You are at least **17-1/2 years** of age to register. You must be 18 years of age to vote.
  - You have an [acceptable form of identification](http://www.sos.mo.gov) [www.sos.mo.gov].
2. Verify your current voter registration status in one of the following ways:
  - Visit the Missouri Secretary of State website and [verify that you are a registered voter in Missouri](http://s1.sos.mo.gov) [s1.sos.mo.gov], or
  - Call the Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 622-4336 Monday through Friday and staff will help you confirm your voter registration status.
  - Search the [Inactive Voter List database](#) and see if you are listed. If listed, you'll have to re-register with your current address.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### In-Person

1. Go in person and register at:

Board of Election Commissioners  
300 N. Tucker Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63101

or at the following alternative registration locations:

- Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles
- Health and Social Services Offices
- Any Public library
- School or other tax-supported public agencies that has a Deputy Registrar on site.

# PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS

## INSTRUCTIONS (continued)

2. Submit your application in person with an [acceptable form of identification](#). [www.sos.mo.gov]

### By Mail

1. Download, print, complete, date and sign the [Voter Registration Application](#).
  - o Confirm you checked "New Registration" in form box 3.
2. Mail the application to:

Board of Election Commissioners  
300 N. Tucker Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63101

Submitting a Voter Registration Application by mail or to an individual other than the Election Board does not ensure timely voter registration. If you are unsure about the status of your voter registration, contact the Election Board by phone or in-person.

### Online

Use the Begin Online button below to begin the online voter registration process.

Begin online [www.sos.mo.gov]

### Sample Ballots

For a samples of St. Louis City ballot go to: <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/board-election-commissioners/documents/upload/August-2022-All-Races-Combined-Ballot.pdf>

# Voter Registration

If you have not registered to vote, need to fill out information for a change of address or have questions pertaining to voting, the Social Justice Ministry will have voter registration tables available, on Sundays, at both West Side Missionary Church locations.



**Request an Absentee Ballot  
or Mail-in Ballot**  
*(If you have never voted in person, you will  
need to send in a copy of your Missouri ID  
with this request.)*

[Form to request an absentee ballot](#)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**July 20, 2022 – Last day to request absentee**

**August 1, 2022 – Last day to vote absentee**

**August 2, 2022 – Primary Election**

**November 8, 2022 – General Election**



H.B. 1878 has been sent to Missouri Gov. Mike Parson for his signature. Please sign this petition to urge Gov. Parson to VETO H.B. 1878 to uphold the rights of all Missourians to free, fair and accessible elections. H.B. 1878 undermines Missouri's democratic institutions and access to the ballot through a variety of measures, by upsetting the balance of powers, thwarting voter registration, making it illegal to provide absentee ballot applications and enshrining strict photo ID requirements to vote.



Is Fear motivating your decisions? We often say Christians are not allowed to be fearful. Matthew 6:34 New International Version 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Yet, the world is full of fearful, terrifying things.

1) Fear can sway opinions. For example, fear can be used to drive votes toward a particular candidate or party—a method that relies on our natural instinct to find safety in numbers.

2) “A large part of politics is getting people to think about things as part of a group,” says Christopher Federico, PhD, professor of political science and psychology at the University of Minnesota. Politicians using this strategy must first show that, they (or their party), are best suited to address a specific issue. Once that is established, making people scared about that issue can cause them to seek comfort by joining the ranks of the group perceived as most capable. Campaigns also use fear to drive votes away from political opponents. This strategy may involve factual or misleading statements about the opposing candidate’s limitations or claims that an election victory for the opposition will lead to outright disaster.

3) “If someone is highly anxious about an election or candidate, they may avoid consuming any information about the candidate or the election,” says Leonie Huddy, PhD, professor of political science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. “This may extend to voting abstention because thinking about the election is overly aversive.” Raising anxiety around an election or candidate is a tactic often used to decrease voter turnout among an opponent’s supporters (The Journal of Politics, Vol. 73, No. 1, 2011; Political Research Quarterly, Vol. 66, No. 2, 2013)

Perhaps the best way to prevent being manipulated is to understand the emotion of fear itself. “Fear induces withdrawal, stepping back, being cautious,” says Federico. “Fear and anxiety get us to stop and re-assess.”

4) God’s word tells us, Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. What may be perceived as fear, may be God’s way of saying,



## Legal Corner (continued)

“Let’s get activated. Let’s work to spread the truth and the facts.” Perhaps you are afraid that your Rights may be taken away. Perhaps, you are afraid the Gun violence is taking over the country. What can be done? Are you motivated to make change? What can you as an individual do?

### ***Arm Yourself with Your Legal Rights*** (From Missouri Secretary of State Website)

#### **FAQs Voting Rights (mo.gov)**

- What are the qualifications to be a voter? In order to register to vote, an individual must be:
  1. A citizen of the United States;
  2. A resident of the State of Missouri; and
  3. 17 years and 6 months of age (must be 18 by Election Day). If an individual meets these requirements, they are entitled to register to vote.
- To be entitled to vote, a person:
  - Must be registered to vote in the jurisdiction of the person's domicile prior to the election;
  - Cannot be imprisoned;
  - Cannot be on probation or parole after conviction of a felony;
  - Cannot have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor connected to voting; and
  - Cannot have been declared incapacitated.
- I was convicted of a felony and have completed my probation and parole. Can I vote?
  - Yes. Upon completion of your sentence and probation or parole, you are eligible to vote in elections. Individuals who have been convicted of an election offense, whether a felony or misdemeanor, are not allowed to vote.
- Can I vote without my voter identification card or without a photo ID?
  - You can vote without your voter identification card as long as are a registered voter. [Click here to see your options.](#)
- I will be out of town on Election Day. How will I vote?
  - If you are going to be unable to vote on Election Day due to:
    - Absence from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which you are registered to vote,
    - Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including primary caregivers
    - Religious belief or practice



## Legal Corner (continued)

- Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than your polling place,
  - Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained, then you are eligible to vote by absentee ballot, and
  - Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.
- The absentee voting period begins on the sixth Tuesday before the date of the election. All requests for an absentee ballot should be submitted by the day before the election if voting in person, or by 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday before the election if requesting a ballot by mail. The election authority must receive all absentee ballots by the close of polls on Election Day in order to be counted.
  - You can apply for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, or a guardian or close relative (parents, siblings, children, grandchildren, grandparents, as well as these relationships through marriage) may request in person an absentee ballot for you. Each application should be made to the election authority of the jurisdiction in which you are registered. The application needs to be in writing and needs to give the following information:
    - Name
    - voter registration address
    - reason for voting absentee
    - the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if requested
    - which party's ballot is requested, if it's a primary election.
  - For more details or to answer specific questions on absentee voting contact your local election authority or contact the Secretary of State's Election Division at (800) NOWVOTE or [elections@sos.mo.gov](mailto:elections@sos.mo.gov).
- I need help when I vote. What are my options?
    - Curbside Voting If you have limited mobility, you may be able to vote "curbside" or outside the polling place.
    - You should go to your polling place and ask someone to go in and ask poll workers to bring a ballot out to you. The poll workers should bring you a ballot within a reasonable period of time.



## Legal Corner (continued)

- Accessible Voting Systems Every polling place must have an accessible voting system for individuals with disabilities including audiovisual accessibility.
  - Accessible systems include an audio ballot to make selections or the ability to enlarge text so that you can read the on-screen ballot with ease.
- Permanent Absentee Voting If you have a permanent physical disability you may request to be placed on a designated list so that your local election authority can automatically mail an absentee ballot application directly to you prior to each election.
  - You will need to make this request directly your local election authority who will send you further information.
  - Personal Assistance If you cannot read or write, are blind or have another physical disability and cannot vote your ballot, you may choose to bring in a person to help you vote.
  - Your assistant does not have to be over the age of 18 or must be a registered voter. Additionally, a bipartisan team of poll workers can assist you upon request.

God can and does miraculously save people from injury or heal them, but, He works through humans to accomplish those works. Christians may disagree on the best means by which we can protect and save lives, but we can't allow fear to stop us in our tracks. Get knowledge of the facts, help to spread the truth, allow others to stand in their truth without fear of reprisal. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? (James 2:14) 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (James 2:17)

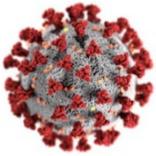


# Your Input Is Important

The Social Justice Ministry wants to know what your interests are and where you might want to serve in this work. Please click on this link,

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wDxxG11gUUOIdkFdXri68RfoHdutwkBMmrmP7NXDUKZURFRXUzNMM1VZRFA3WFhLUTY4QkhYTzNSOC4u> and let us know how and where you want to get involved.

We'll follow up with you right away!



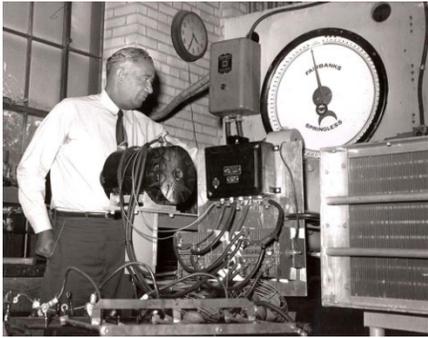
Coronavirus Update; (Data as of July 11, 2022)

**BA.5, now the dominant U.S. variant, may pose the biggest threat to immune protection yet. FDA recommends including omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5 in fall Covid boosters. Moderna says bivalent vaccine appears to work against omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5**

For more on the latest updates on the coronavirus disease visit:

<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/coronavirus/>





Frederick Jones, May 17 1893 - February 21, 1961

In 1944, Frederick Jones became the first African American elected to the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers. In 1991, Frederick Jones was posthumously awarded the National Medal of Technology, becoming the first African American to receive the honor.

Frederick Jones was an inventor best known for the development of refrigeration equipment used to transport food and blood during World War II.

After a challenging childhood, Frederick Jones taught himself mechanical and electrical engineering, inventing a range of devices relating to refrigeration, sound and automobiles. Portable refrigeration units developed by Jones helped the United States military carry food and blood during World War II.

### **Inventions**

Jones had talent for and an interest in mechanics. He read extensively on the subject in addition to his daily work, educating himself in his spare time. By the time he was twenty, Jones was able to secure an engineering license in Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I where he was often called upon to make repairs to machines and other equipment. After the war, he returned to the farm.

It was on the Hallock farm that Jones educated himself further in electronics. When the town decided to fund a new radio station, Jones built the transmitter needed to broadcast its programming. He also developed a device to combine moving pictures with sound. Local businessman Joseph A. Numero subsequently hired Jones to improve the sound equipment he produced for the film industry.