



*MOPP E-NEWS!*

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**ELECTION DAY**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

**There will be several special elections throughout the State on 11/08/2011.**

**\*\*Do your homework/know the candidates\*\***

***State Representative - District 15***

The Governor issued a Writ of Election to fill the vacancy in the office of State Representative, District 15. This vacancy was created by the resignation of Representative Sally Faith.

**Certified Candidates**

Paul Woody (Democrat)  
1022 Sherbrooke Rd.  
St. Charles, MO 63303

Chrissy Sommer (Republican)  
6 Williamsburg Ct.  
St. Charles, MO 63303

Bill Slantz (Libertarian)  
1620 Congress Way  
St. Charles, MO 63303

***State Representative - District 39***

The Governor issued a Writ of Election to fill the vacancy in the office of State Representative, District 39. This vacancy was created by the resignation of Representative Jean Peters-Baker.

**Certified Candidates**

Judy Morgan (Democrat)  
3837 Campbell St.  
Kansas City, MO 64109-2611

Jamie Barker Landes (Republican)  
4310 Charlotte Street  
Kansas City, MO 64110

**State Representative - District 41**

The Governor issued a Writ of Election to fill the vacancy in the office of State Representative, District 41. This vacancy was created by the resignation of Representative Shalonn "Kiki" Curls.

**Certified Candidate**

Brandon Ellington (Democrat)  
PO Box 22352  
Kansas City, MO 64113-0352

**State Representative - District 83**

The Governor issued a Writ of Election to fill the vacancy in the office of State Representative, District 83. This vacancy was created by the resignation of Representative Jake Zimmerman.

**Certified Candidates**

Jeff O'Connell (Democratic)  
11 West Sherwood  
Overland, MO 63114

Patrick Brennan (Republican)  
10200 Burdeau Ln  
St. Louis, MO 63114

Tracy McCreery (Independent)  
41 Rye Lane  
St. Louis, MO 63132

***NOTE: Even though every county in Missouri may not have a "special election", please check your County's Board of Elections to find out other issues that may be on the ballot in your precinct/township/county on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Voting for individuals or slates is really set by "rules" of each county. This is how the selection of delegates is OFTEN used and rules can vary by county.***

**EXAMPLE:** In Audrain County, at this link you will find a sample ballot of the issues that will be included on that county's ballot. Click [here](http://audraincounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/November-8-2011-Special-Election-Sample-Ballot.pdf) (<http://audraincounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/November-8-2011-Special-Election-Sample-Ballot.pdf>)



**CHAMPION THE VOTE**

- **DO YOU KNOW...that in MISSOURI in the 2008 election the voting margin between the two major candidates was only 3903 VOTES!**
- **DO YOU KNOW...that in MISSOURI there were 102,522 unregistered Christians?**

**Missouri Precinct Project (MOPP) is pleased to announce that we will be participating in the "Champion the Vote" campaign.**

**Champion the Vote's program to identify and register unregistered Christian voters (see bullet points above), will serve as a useful tool in accomplishing MOPP's goal to contact, verify and register any/all conservative voters in Missouri to increase voter turnout in 2012 and beyond, so we can restore the values and principles to government and our elected officials from the bottom up!**

**Are you frustrated at the direction our country is taking? ...then we hope you will join us, because ONE person CAN make a difference! To join MOPP go to <http://mopprecinctproject.org/> and click on "Contact Us".**

**To see a youtube video that explains the goals of "Champion the Vote" ctrl+click [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMPS7_hncYg)...or here... [www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMPS7\\_hncYg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMPS7_hncYg)**

You are cordially invited to attend...

In conjunction with the "Champion the Vote" program, Missouri Precinct Project (MOPP) will be joining with Concerned Women for America (CWA) to co-host a "One Nation Under God" viewing party on Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 1 to 3:30 p.m....see details below.

## **"ONE NATION UNDER GOD" Viewing Party**

*(co-hosted by MOPP and CWA)*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011**

**1-3:30 p.m.**

**At**

**Pillar in the Valley**

**229 Chesterfield Business Parkway**

**Chesterfield, MO 63005**



Missouri Precinct Project (MOPP) and Concerned Women for America (CWA) are co-hosting this viewing party

"Join us and thousands of Christians nationwide! On Saturday, November 12, United in Purpose presents One Nation Under God – a national, two-hour premiere event featuring top American thinkers and political leaders who will bring the truth about God and America to people gathered in homes and churches across the nation. We can make a difference - one person, one household, one neighborhood at a time!"

*(NOTE: CWA and the Missouri Patriot Express will also meet from 9-11 a.m. at the Pillar with guest speakers Jennifer and Dave Roland, Freedom Center of Missouri and State Senator Brian Nieves (R). You are invited to come early and attend both meetings...there will be time to grab lunch in-between the 2 meetings...you can "brown bag" it, go to one of the many fast food restaurants in the \$5.00 that will be available at the Pillar.)*

RSVP is not necessary, but if you would like to RSVP via Facebook ctrl+click [here](#) ...or here...  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=122574464518180>

**NOTE:** There will be a total of three viewing parties in the St. Louis/St. Charles area on November 12 so you can choose the time and location most convenient for you...

- **9:00 a.m.:** Family Vision Library, St. Peters, Missouri, 2020 Parkway Drive, 636-536-6506
- **1:00 p.m.:** Pillar in the Valley, Chesterfield, Missouri, 229 Chesterfield Pkwy, 63005, 636-379-0128  
<https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=122574464518180>
- **6:30 p.m.:** Midwest Music Conservatory, 15977 Clayton Rd.,  
[www.facebook.com/events/#!/event.php?eid=174798989273906](http://www.facebook.com/events/#!/event.php?eid=174798989273906)

To see the "One Nation Under God" trailer ctrl+click [here](#) ... or here...

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bh1f8uCFd0Q>**

It's not too late to sign up for the...

# TURN THE TIDE CAMPAIGN SCHOOL

## This Friday, November 4 and Saturday November 5

The Columns Banquet & Conference Center  
711 Veterans Memorial Parkway, St. Charles, MO 63303

### ARE YOU...

Running for office?

Considering it?

Campaign staff?

Volunteer?

Interested at ALL in Campaigning?

If you answered YES to any of these, *THIS IS THE SCHOOL FOR YOU!*

**Missouri Precinct Project (MOPP) is very excited to be participating in the Turn the Tide Campaign School. MOPP organizer Anita Foelsch will be making the presentation for MOPP. This is a great event and we look forward to meeting/seeing everyone and sharing the precinct project strategy to help us win in 2012...and beyond! Thanks to the St. Charles Young Republicans for all their hard work and dedication in organizing this excellent event!**

Ctrl+click [here](#) ... or here... <http://midwestcampaignschool.stcharlesyrs.com/> for more details and/or to sign up.

### Other MOPP Calendar Updates:

**MOPP representatives will be presenting the Missouri Precinct Project strategy at the following locations in the coming weeks...if you are in the area, please make plans to attend to find out how we can join together to make a difference in 2012.**

- **November 3:** Ste. Genevieve County Conservatives, 7 p.m. at Hope Church, 30 Triangle Drive, Ste. Genevieve, MO
- **November 5:** Turn the Tide Campaign School, **The Columns Banquet & Conference Center**, 711 Veterans Memorial Parkway, St. Charles, MO 63303

### FYI...other dates/events you may be interested in....

- **November 4 and 5:** TURN THE TIDE CAMPAIGN SCHOOL...organized by the St. Charles Young Republicans. For more information: Ctrl + [click here](#)
- **November 4 and 5:** LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, Columbia, MO. To learn more or to register: Ctrl + [click here](#) ...  
Youth Leadership School Details: 2 days and nights, \$30 (meals included) If you live more than 60 miles from Columbia, LI will provide rooms. The Leadership Institute's flagship school, nicknamed "the boot camp of politics," provides you with effective techniques to organize and lead mass-based youth efforts for candidates and causes of your choice. The Youth Leadership School has launched more successful political careers than any other Leadership Institute training program.

Topics covered include:

- Building an effective student organization
- Getting out the vote
- Earned media (favorable publicity)
- Developing a public relations strategy
- Launching a successful career in politics

This school is

held on college campuses across the country and at the Leadership Institute in Arlington, Virginia. You can register for the Columbia class by going to [www.leadershipinstitute.org](http://www.leadershipinstitute.org) and looking for the "Upcoming Training Events". Use the drop down menu to register. Additionally, if you would like to contribute a scholarship fee, please contact Fred Berry. Fred lives in Columbia, MO home of MU, Williamwoods, Stephens, and Columbia College. His email is [rbonberry@centurytel.net](mailto:rbonberry@centurytel.net) or call Beverly Martin, Callaway Tea Party, 573-642-7540 573-310-4665



# THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE MISSOURI PRECINCT PROJECT (MOPP) PRECINCT STRATEGY AND TRAINING SEMINAR in Jefferson City on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

**Many thanks also** to our outstanding slate of speakers who offered a full day's worth of education and insight into the precinct project strategy. Below you will find a reprint of the program for the day's activities and background information about our speakers.

To view the video of the a.m. session, you can ctrl+click [here](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL330F381759E8E94A) ...or here...

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL330F381759E8E94A>

(Note: The AmMaj p.m. session is not available due to proprietary content)

## PROGRAM

9:00-9:30	<b>Registration</b> <i>(Hermitage Conference Room)</i>
9:30-9:45	<b>Prayer</b> <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>  <b>Welcome</b> <b>Anita Foelsch, MOPP</b>
9:45-10:00	<b>Ruth Carlson, Eagle Forum</b> <b><i>The Most Powerful Office is Not the President</i></b>
10:00-10:30	<b>John Putnam, SW MO Conservative Network</b> <b><i>All Politics is Local—Missouri Precinct Potential</i></b>
10:30-11:30	<b>Katrina Pierson, Dallas Tea Party</b> <b><i>Taking Tea Party Activism to the Next Level</i></b>  <b>Ken Emanuelson, Dallas Tea Party</b> <b><i>The Science of Precincts</i></b>
11:30-11:50	<b><i>Question/Answer Session</i></b>
11:50-12 noon	<b><i>Closing Comments/A.M. Session</i></b> <b><i>Frieda Keough, MOPP</i></b>
12 noon-1:00	<b>Luncheon Served **</b> <b><i>(Roanoake Room)</i></b>
1:00-3:50	<b>Drew Ryun, American Majority</b> <b><i>Becoming a Precinct Chairman: How and Why</i></b> <b><i>Tools for Precinct Organizing</i></b> <b><i>Voter Registration/GOTV</i></b> <b><i>Q/A</i></b>
3:55-4:00	<b><i>Closing Comments/P.M. Session</i></b>

## GUEST SPEAKERS

**Ruth Carlson:** Ruth Carlson is Executive Director of the Eagle Forum Education Center in St. Louis, Missouri. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in Political Science. She was a delegate to the Missouri Republican caucuses and State Conventions in 2004 and 2008 as well as attended, not as a delegate, the 2008.

**John Putnam:** John Putnam has a Masters in Theological Studies. He has served on the Jasper County Republican Central Committee since 1984, and currently serves as Chairman of that group. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1996. From 2006 to 2010, he served as State Co-Director of Missourians for Fair Taxation and has worked as an unpaid, citizen lobbyist at the Missouri Capitol for the last three years. He is the organizer of SW MO Conservative Network, State Coordinator for Tea Party Patriots and State Coordinator for the Interstate Health Care Compact.

**Katrina Pierson:** Katrina is a Steering Committee member for the Dallas Tea Party. As a single, working mother, she has transformed into a Tea Party activist practically overnight. Ms. Pierson was recognized by former Senator Fred Thompson as the Tea Party Darling. She is a board member of the Common Sense Texans Network, Nationwide Tea Party Coalition, and founder of the Garland Tea Party. Ms. Pierson has appeared numerous times on local news and talk radio, and has been a frequent guest on Fox News Channel and Fox Business Channel. She is also the Executive Director of WatchtheVote.org, which serves as a grassroots watchdog tool for the U.S. Congress. Katrina also serves as Grassroots Development Director for the recently launched Tea Party Review on-line magazine.

**Ken Emanuelson:** Ken Emanuelson, a Co-Founder of GrassrootsCommandos.org, has led Get-Out-The-Vote teams in Iowa, South Carolina, Florida, Texas and Louisiana as part of a continuing effort to advance conservative principles at the ballot box. Ken also serves as a Steering Committee Member for The Dallas Tea Party for Grassroots Citizens of Dallas County.

**Drew Ryun:** Current president of American Majority Action, Drew Ryun served as Director of Government Affairs for the American Center for Law and Justice in Washington, DC as well as the Main Representative for the European Center for Law and Justice at the United Nations in New York City. A twice-published author, Drew appeared frequently as host and co-host of Jay Sekulow Live, a nationally syndicated radio show with a daily listenership of 2 million, during his time at the American Center for Law and Justice. In 2008, Drew helped his brother Ned launch American Majority, a non-profit training institute dedicated to bringing more free market conservatives into the political arena. To date, American Majority has trained over 17,000 conservatives on how to win in the political arena, over 1,700 of whom have been American Majority identified candidates from school board to the United States House of Representatives. A former deputy director in the political division at the Republican National Committee during the 2004 election cycle, Drew has played a key role in organizing grassroots activities for United States House, Senate and Presidential campaigns.

From Alliance for Truth...

## BEWARE OF "YOUR VOTE COUNTS" ACT IN 2012

HSUS is coming back to Missouri...don't be fooled...**VOTE "NO"!**

### 'Your Vote Counts' Act DESTROYS YOUR LIBERTY!

#### 'Your Vote Counts' Act creates

##### "MOBOCRACY" OR "MOB RULE"

- Amends the Missouri Constitution from a Constitutional Republic to a democracy.
- Allows special interests to control (and buy) Missouri law.
- Would require a three-fourths vote in both the House and the Senate, or a vote of the people by referendum, in order for the legislature to repeal or amend any voter-approved initiative.

*"A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where 51% of the people may take away the rights of the other 49%." — Thomas Jefferson*

##### A democracy = Rule by Majority

- A government of the masses.
- Mobocracy
- Attitude toward property is communistic - negating property rights!
- Governed by emotion, passion, prejudice, and impulse.
- Results in agitation, discontent, anarchy.

"Democracy is the road to socialism." — Karl Marx (father of communism)

"Your Vote Counts' Act is an act of revenge  
by The Humane Society of the United States.

##### Why?

*Because the unconstitutional aspects of the deceptive HSUS-backed Proposition B were corrected by the Missouri legislature to protect Missouri citizens and agriculture from the radical animal rights agenda of HSUS!*

If passed...'Your Vote Counts' Act would require a three-fourths vote in both the House and the Senate, or a vote of the people by referendum, in order for the Missouri legislature to repeal or amend any voter -approved initiative.

##### Endorsers of Your Vote Counts:

[HSUS - The Humane Society of the United States](#)

ASPCA - American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
Best Friends Animal Society  
Citizens in Charge (CIC)  
Americans for Tax Reform (ATR)  
National Taxpayers Union (NTU)  
U.S. Term Limits (USTL)  
Stop Child Predators

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE "YOUR VOTE COUNTS" ACT  
ctrl+click [here](#)  
or here...

<http://www.thealliancefortruth.com/>



## **Information about a ballot initiative for Missouri in 2012....**

### **MISSOURI TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT...**

**learn more here...**

#### **What is the Missouri Taxpayer Relief Act?**

The Missouri Taxpayer Relief Act is based on the idea that working people should not be taxed twice on their income. This act would replace the individual income tax with a consumer-driven sales tax. That means Missourians would pay taxes on the things they choose to buy – not on the fruits of their labor. Under the act, the state sales tax would increase by less than three percent. Yet, Missouri would become a much better place to live and to work. We would keep businesses here and attract new ones.

Our state is full of great ideas and hard workers. We should be very successful, but we rank near the very bottom in economic growth. Getting rid of the state income tax will let us take a big step toward a strong, healthy economy. Our neighbors in Tennessee do not have a state income tax, and they are doing better than Missouri in nearly every way.

The Missouri Taxpayer Relief Act is a common-sense approach to attracting businesses to our state. The act also protects working families, because it does not place a sales tax on the things we need, such as healthcare and childcare. The Missouri Taxpayer Relief act is a real way to provide a bright future for all Missourians.

#### **What is Let Voters Decide?**

Let Voters Decide is a non-partisan, statewide coalition of Missourians. We want jobs for all people who are willing and able to work. We believe that working families in Missouri should not be taxed more than once for the things that they need and use, like their paycheck.

When Missourians keep more money in the paychecks, they can provide better for their families. We believe that tax reform is the most important issue for our state's economy.

Let Voters Decide believes that voters in Missouri deserve to have their voices heard. We want Missouri to be successful now – and decades from now. That's why we support tax reform. It's also why we support Missourians' right to express themselves at the ballot box. Our coalition works for businesses and families, not special interests and politicians. For working families struggling to get by, your vote means a chance to preserve what you may receive from the state. Your vote helps provide a stronger foundation for Missouri's future, and it also protects your largest purchases – including rent, education, childcare and healthcare – from being unfairly taxed.



NOTE: Dr. Art Laffer who served as an economic advisor to President Reagan supports this initiative...see youtube video ctrl + click [here](#)...

or here ....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5pg4xdj37w>



To learn more about this issue go ctrl+click [here](#) ...or here <http://www.letvotersdecide.com/about-lvd>



## ***MOGOP votes to go to caucus system for selecting delegates to national convention***

September 29, 2011

After Jay Nixon vetoed the elections bill and the General Assembly failed to achieve final passage of the presidential primary bill prior to October 1, the Missouri Republican State Committee held an emergency meeting on Thursday to ensure our state is in compliance with the rules of the Republican Party. During this meeting, the committee voted unanimously to amend our call to convention and go to a caucus system for the 2012 election.

“The Missouri Republican Party is committed to ensuring that the Governor’s veto of the elections bill and the General Assembly’s failure to move our presidential primary will not disrupt the national nominating process,” said David Cole, Chairman of the Missouri Republican Party. “A caucus will continue to protect the rights of Missourians to select the Republican nominee for president—and any self-declared Republican who is registered to vote in Missouri has the ability to participate in the caucus process.”

The delegate selection process, as agreed to by the state committee:

\***The County Caucuses will take place on March 17, 2012.** At these caucuses, which are open to any Republican who is registered to vote in that county, attendees will select delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Conventions and State Convention. No delegates to the national convention are selected at this time. The number of delegates and alternates per county is determined by the Missouri Republican Party based upon the number of GOP votes cast in the last presidential election.

\* **The Congressional District Conventions will take place on April 21, 2012.** At each of these 8 conventions, delegates chosen at the county level will select 3 delegates and alternates to the National Convention and 1 presidential elector. The delegates and alternates will be required to declare allegiance to a candidate prior to the voting, and they will be bound to that candidate on the first ballot—unless they are released prior to the convention.

\***The State Convention will take place on June 2, 2012.** At the convention, delegates chosen at the county level will vote on 25 at-large delegates and alternates to the National Convention and 2 at large presidential electors. The delegates and alternates will be required to declare allegiance to a candidate prior to the voting, and they will be bound to that candidate on the first ballot—unless they are released prior to the convention.

In total, Missouri will have 52 delegates and 49 alternates to the Republican National Convention—24 selected at the congressional district caucuses, 25 selected at the state convention, and 1 delegate (but no alternate) for the state Party chairman, national committeeman and national committeewoman.

This Party action does not require legislative approval.

Reprinted from: <http://www.mogop.org/2011/09/5713/>

### ***How Missouri’s GOP caucuses will work***

October 16, 2011

How the Missouri Republican presidential caucus system will work

Q: How long will a caucus take?

Q: Who can go to a caucus?

A: That will be determined by how each caucus decides to select delegates. Allowing speeches, extended debate or multiple votes could prolong a meeting.

A: Any registered voter in a county who says he or she is a Republican.

Q: How many delegates will be chosen at each caucus?

Q: Where are caucuses held?

A: The number of delegates per county is determined by a formula worked out by the Missouri Republican Party. It is based on the number of votes for the GOP candidate for president in each county in 2008.

A: One caucus will be held in each of Missouri’s 114 counties and the city of St. Louis at 10 a.m. on March 17.

Q: What happens after the caucuses?

Q: How do caucuses work?

A: Once voters gather at a caucus location, they will decide as a group how delegates will be selected, whether delegates will run individually or as a slate of candidates, whether the vote will use a secret ballot or be conducted publicly and other details. Though potential delegates won’t be forced to formally declare a preference for a presidential candidate, it is expected that many will in order to win support.

A: One set of delegates chosen at the county caucuses will attend one of eight congressional district conventions on April 21. At those conventions, a total of 24 delegates (three from each district) will be chosen to attend the national convention in Tampa, Fla. Another set of delegates from the county caucuses will attend the state convention on June 2, at which time they will help chose 25 delegates to attend the national convention. The party chairman, national committeeman and national committeewoman are automatically delegates, bringing Missouri’s total to 52.

Reprinted from: <http://missouri.america-society.com/180/how-missouris-gop-caucuses-will-work/>



**NOTE: In order to participate in a caucus you must be familiar with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER...  
to learn more about Robert's Rules, see end of this newsletter for a printable copy of...**

## **Introduction to Robert's Rules of Order and Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart**

<http://www.robertsrules.org/>

### **[New Hampshire Sets Primary Date for January 10th, 2012](#)**

It's official:

The resolution last week of the state's political dispute with Nevada Republicans over the date of their presidential caucus cleared the way for Secretary of State Bill Gardner to set the date of the New Hampshire primary for Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012.

This morning, that's just what he did.

Nevada Republicans decided to move the date of their caucus from Jan. 14 to Feb. 4. The Jan. 14 was in conflict with the New Hampshire law mandating that the primary be held at least seven days ahead of any "similar election."

Gardner had warned that with the Nevada caucus being a similar election, and with the Iowa caucus set for Jan. 3, he was prepared to set the date of the primary for sometime in December. He had called Dec. 6 and 13 "realistic options."

Reprinted from: <http://race42012.com/2011/11/02/new-hampshire-sets-primary-date-for-january-10th-2012/>

### **MORE ARTICLES ABOUT THE CAUCUS SYSTEM:**

- **Critics warn that GOP caucuses may rob Missouri of its presidential pull**

Read more: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article\\_8c08532a-8a39-57cf-8ca8-104d22a9bdee.html#ixzz1cVr24BGi](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_8c08532a-8a39-57cf-8ca8-104d22a9bdee.html#ixzz1cVr24BGi)

- **Critics warn that GOP caucuses may rob Missouri of its presidential pull**

Read more: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article\\_8c08532a-8a39-57cf-8ca8-104d22a9bdee.html#ixzz1cZQpWHbi](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_8c08532a-8a39-57cf-8ca8-104d22a9bdee.html#ixzz1cZQpWHbi)

- **2012 Presidential Primaries, Caucuses, and Conventions Chronologically**

Read more: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/P12/events.phtml?s=c>

(Note: The New Hampshire primary while indicated as tentative is now firm at January 10, 2012)

***FYI: MOPP is currently working on producing a webinar that will serve as an educational tool in explaining the caucus process and how to participate.  
"Stay tuned" for more information.***

## [Pushing back against the GOP's 'war on voting'](#)

By Steve Benen

Republican officials in more than 30 states have approved new restrictions on voting in recent years, including seven states where Americans will be required to show photo ID before they're allowed to participate in an election. It's a little something called the "[war on voting](#)"; it may keep [5 million eligible voters](#) from casting a ballot in 2012; and as Richard Hasen, an election law expert at UC Irvine, explained this week, the new Republican rules "[could easily decide the outcome](#)" of next year's election.

The significance of this [is not lost](#) on the DNC and President Obama's re-election team.

The Obama re-election campaign has quietly opened a counteroffensive against Republican-backed changes to election laws that Democrats say will suppress votes for their candidates and limit their get-out-the-vote drives.

The effort, led by former White House counsel Robert Bauer, prompted the suspension of an Ohio law limiting early voting. Campaign officials produced educational materials to counter a Wisconsin law that requires voters to produce photo I.D.s — but disallows those used by Wisconsin colleges.

By this spring, the Obama re-election campaign will mount what Mr. Bauer called an unprecedented "voter protection" effort, fielding thousands of volunteers in battleground states to help navigate new election laws, months earlier than past efforts.

In states where new restrictions are already in place, Democratic officials have limited options. Some legal challenges are already underway, but much of the counter-offensive seems built around a public-awareness campaign.

Indeed, to a very real extent, the "war on voting" has become the basis for new Democratic activism. The *WSJ* reported, "Rod Smith, chairman of the Florida Democratic Party, said his office coordinates daily with the Obama campaign on how to encourage older voters, college students and African Americans to vote by absentee ballot. The message is: 'They believe they can keep you from voting. Don't let it happen.'"

But let's not overlook the punch-line.

Republicans see no precedent for a presidential re-election campaign to go this far to counter laws passed by state legislatures and signed by governors. "It's somewhat concerning that the president's own team is seeking to undermine laws that ensure only registered voters actually vote," said Sean Spicer, a spokesman for the Republican National Committee.

Actually, what's "somewhat concerning" is a national Republican campaign to rig an election cycle by restricting voting rights, relying on efforts [that look](#) "an awful lot like methods pioneered by the white supremacists from another era that achieved the similar results."

[Steve Benen](#) is a contributing writer to the Washington Monthly, joining the publication in August, 2008 as chief blogger for the Washington Monthly blog, Political Animal.

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**PS – Did you know they have "voter protection teams" ??**



<http://my.barackobama.com/page/s/vpcvol2>

**BELOW YOU WILL FIND A POST FROM BARACKOBAMA.COM @  
<http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/vrachome> ...**

**Welcome**

**Thank you** so much for your interest in getting involved! The only way to change our country is through the efforts of people like you registering new voters, organizing your communities, and getting out the vote on Election Day.

Registration deadlines are quickly approaching, so we need everyone to work hard wherever and whenever they can. We have all the information you need to help on your state's Voter Registration Action Center page, including deadlines, rules and tips on having good voter registration event. Together, we will change old Washington politics and make a promise for a new America.

Thanks again,



Jason Green, National Voter Registration Director

**They are mobilizing...and so must we if we want success in 2012...! If you don't like THEIR "promise for a new America", join MOPP and get involved!!**

**It's easy..just go to [www.moprecinctproject.org](http://www.moprecinctproject.org) and click on the "Contact Us" tab. Also see next page for contact information.**

**A FEW HOURS A MONTH IS ALL IT TAKES....**

Do you spend a few hours a month at a Tea Party, or working with your local grassroots organizations? Do you have a couple of hours a month to spend on a weeknight and/or the weekend to take our country back? Is yours, and your children's, liberty worth at least that?

*The Neighborhood Precinct Committeeman Strategy CAN work...BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!*

**JOIN MISSOURI PRECINCT PROJECT (MOPP) as we help move Missouri, and the country, in the right direction, precinct by precinct, so we can MOPP 'em up in '12!...LET'S ROLL!**

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*"Let's MOPP 'EM UP IN '12"*



**NOTABLE QUOTES:**

*"If we want the Party to be what we want it to be, the party of Liberty, we need to BE the party"...Erin Dunn, MO Patriot*

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### **Missouri Precinct Project is proud to be...**

- a Missouri contact for American Majority's "Precinct Project US" at this link <http://precinctproject.us/states/missouri/>
- a member of the Missouri Conservative Coalition at this link... <http://moccnow.com/>

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### **TO OUR MOPP VOLUNTEERS:**

Thanks to all of our volunteers who have committed to making the Precinct Strategy work!

### **COUNTY COORDINATORS:**

Our county coordinators act as the contact for their particular county for new MOPP volunteers in order to build a team in their county...inquiries can be directed to your county coordinator to find out more information on how you, or someone you know, can help. (Go to the MOPP website at <http://www.moprecinctproject.org/>, click on "County Coordinators" tab for complete contact information). More county coordinators will be added as they come on board.

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A special thanks for our County Coordinators. If you or someone you know would like to serve as county coordinator for your county, contact Judy Sofka, MOPP State Coordinator at [missouriprecinctproject@gmail.com](mailto:missouriprecinctproject@gmail.com) for more information.

## Some recommended WEBSITES...

- Missouri Precinct Project: [moprecinctproject.org](http://moprecinctproject.org)
- American Majority:
  - [americanmajority.org](http://americanmajority.org)
  - [precinctproject.us](http://precinctproject.us)
- Concerned Women For America: [cwfa.org](http://cwfa.org)
- Eagle Forum: [eagleforum.org](http://eagleforum.org)
- Missouri First: [mofirst.org/](http://mofirst.org/)



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# **Introduction to Robert's Rules of Order**

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## What Is Parliamentary Procedure?

It is a set of rules for conduct at meetings, that allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion.

Why is Parliamentary Procedure Important?

Because it's a time tested method of conducting business at meetings and public gatherings. It can be adapted to fit the needs of any organization. Today, Robert's Rules of Order newly revised is the basic handbook of operation for most clubs, organizations and other groups. So it's important that everyone know these basic rules!

Organizations using parliamentary procedure usually follow a fixed order of business. Below is a typical example:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members present.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Officers reports.
5. Committee reports.
6. Special orders --- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Announcements.
10. Adjournment.

The method used by members to express themselves is in the form of moving motions. A motion is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue. Individual members can:

1. Call to order.
2. Second motions.
3. Debate motions.

4. Vote on motions.

There are four Basic Types of Motions:

1. Main Motions: The purpose of a main motion is to introduce items to the membership for their consideration. They cannot be made when any other motion is on the floor, and yield to privileged, subsidiary, and incidental motions.
2. Subsidiary Motions: Their purpose is to change or affect how a main motion is handled, and is voted on before a main motion.
3. Privileged Motions: Their purpose is to bring up items that are urgent about special or important matters unrelated to pending business.
4. Incidental Motions: Their purpose is to provide a means of questioning procedure concerning other motions and must be considered before the other motion.

How are Motions Presented?

1. Obtaining the floor
  - a. Wait until the last speaker has finished.
  - b. Rise and address the Chairman by saying, "Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President."
  - c. Wait until the Chairman recognizes you.
2. Make Your Motion
  - a. Speak in a clear and concise manner.
  - b. Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ...".
  - c. Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
3. Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion
4. Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second.
5. If there is no second to your motion it is lost.
6. The Chairman States Your Motion
  - a. The Chairman will say, "it has been moved and seconded that we ..." Thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action.
  - b. The membership then either debates your motion, or may move directly to a vote.
  - c. Once your motion is presented to the membership by the chairman it becomes "assembly property", and cannot be changed by you without the consent of the members.
7. Expanding on Your Motion
  - a. The time for you to speak in favor of your motion is at this point in time, rather than at the time you present it.
  - b. The mover is always allowed to speak first.
  - c. All comments and debate must be directed to the chairman.
  - d. Keep to the time limit for speaking that has been established.
  - e. The mover may speak again only after other speakers are

finished, unless called upon by the Chairman.

8. Putting the Question to the Membership
  - a. The Chairman asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?"
  - b. If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.
  - c. On a motion to move the previous question may be adapted.

Voting on a Motion:

The method of vote on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws of policy of your organization. There are five methods used to vote by most organizations, they are:

1. By Voice -- The Chairman asks those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". Any member may move for a exact count.
2. By Roll Call -- Each member answers "yes" or "no" as his name is called. This method is used when a record of each person's vote is required.
3. By General Consent -- When a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chairman says, "if there is no objection ..." The membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member says, "I object," the item must be put to a vote.
4. By Division -- This is a slight verification of a voice vote. It does not require a count unless the chairman so desires. Members raise their hands or stand.
5. By Ballot -- Members write their vote on a slip of paper, this method is used when secrecy is desired.

There are two other motions that are commonly used that relate to voting.

1. Motion to Table -- This motion is often used in the attempt to "kill" a motion. The option is always present, however, to "take from the table", for reconsideration by the membership.
2. Motion to Postpone Indefinitely -- This is often used as a means of parliamentary strategy and allows opponents of motion to test their strength without an actual vote being taken. Also, debate is once again open on the main motion.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings. But, it will only work if you use it properly.

1. Allow motions that are in order.
2. Have members obtain the floor properly.
3. Speak clearly and concisely.
4. Obey the rules of debate.  
Most importantly, *BE COURTEOUS.*



# Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart

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Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

**Part 1, Main Motions.** These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.  
§ indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

**Part 2, Incidental Motions.** No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

**Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly.**

No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

<b>§</b>	<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>YOU SAY:</b>	<b>INTERRUPT?</b>	<b>2ND?</b>	<b>DEBATE?</b>	<b>AMEND?</b>	<b>VOTE?</b>
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

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