



# NEWS

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## Results of the 148<sup>th</sup> District Survey

JEFFERSON CITY – The results of the recent online survey conducted by State Representative David Day (R-Dixon) are in and have been compiled. “I sincerely appreciate everyone that took time to complete the surveys and especially those that took time to submit additional written comments. This survey is a great tool in helping me make decisions on various issues. It also lets me know if the people of the 148<sup>th</sup> District feel our district and state are headed in the right direction. My goal is to always represent the people of the 148<sup>th</sup> District to the best of my ability” Day said.

Below are the abbreviated questions that were asked, followed by the results. It should be noted that not all of the results equal 100% due to blank responses. There were 683 surveys completed during the survey period.

### Drug Testing

1. Do you think recipients of government benefits should be required to pass random drug tests?

Yes – **82.0%**

No – 13.5%

No Opinion – 4.5%

### Job Creation

2. **Statement:** If there is guaranteed job growth in Missouri, I support tax incentives and breaks for businesses of all sizes. Do you...

Strongly Agree – 41.9%

**Somewhat Agree – 44.0%**

No Opinion – 2.0%

Somewhat Disagree – 7.7%

Strongly Disagree – 4.4%

### Agriculture

3. Should Missouri establish statewide regulations that bring consistency to rules governing farming operations (CAFOs)?

Yes – **52%**

No – 30.1%

No Opinion – 17.9%

### Taxes

4. Do you support revisions to Missouri’s personal income tax code that would result in fewer tax brackets?

Yes – **70.8%**

No – 17.9%

No Opinion – 11.3%

5. Do you support revisions to the tax code that would make it similar to the federal model by changing the brackets to cover a wider range of incomes?

Yes – **57.1%**                      No – 32.1%                      No Opinion – 10.8%

6. Do you support eliminating all other tax brackets and implementing a true flat tax in Missouri?

Yes – **52.3%**                      No – 37.2%                      No Opinion – 10.5%

7. Do you support eliminating income tax entirely and exploring other options such as consumption (sales) based tax system?

Yes – **52.7%**                      No – 35.1%                      No Opinion – 12.1%

### **Transportation**

8. Which, if any of the following means would you support to generate revenue needed to fund highway improvement projects?

An increase in state sales tax – 7.2%  
An increase in the state gas tax – 11.8%  
**The creation of toll roads on some major roadways – 33.8%**  
A combination of all three – 15.2%  
No increases, they should work with what they have – 25.3%  
No Opinion – 6.8%

9. Should law enforcement officers have primary enforcement power for the seatbelt law, allowing them to pull over a driver solely for failure to wear a seatbelt?

Yes – 42.1%                      **No – 56.3%**                      No Opinion – 1.7%

10. Do you feel a law needs to be passed that restricts cell phone usage to hands free usage only or totally eliminating while driving?

**Hands-free usage only while driving – 41.7%**  
Eliminate all use while driving – 24.6%  
Leave the law as it is – 33.8%

### **Budget Issues**

11. When asked to rank the following programs in the order their budgets should be cut if cuts are necessary, they were ranked in the following manner (#1 being the first to be cut, #8 being what the majority of people do not want cuts in):

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Natural Resources | 5. Public Safety/Corrections |
| 2. Agriculture       | 6. Higher Education          |
| 3. Transportation    | 7. Senior Services           |
| 4. Social Services   | <b>8. Education (K-12)</b>   |

12. Should elected officials look for further ways to cut taxes for Missourians, increase taxes to increase/improve state services, or leave things as they are now?

**Look for ways to cut taxes – 61.1%**  
Increase taxes to increase/improve services – 9.2%  
Leave taxes as they are – 21.8%

No Opinion – 7.9%

13. Would you support a constitutional amendment that would limit the amount of government growth?

**Yes – 62.9%**

No – 25.7%

No Opinion – 11.4%

### **Education**

14. Would you support a voucher program or tax credit program to allow special needs children to attend a different public school or private school that better meets their needs?

Only Vouchers – 19.7%

Only Tax Credits – 10.5%

**Both Vouchers and Tax Credits – 44.5%**

Neither Vouchers nor Tax Credits – 17.6%

No Opinion – 7.6%

*(It is noted that people wanting something other than the current situation total 74.7%)*

15. Would you support a voucher program or tax credit program to allow students in failing schools in Missouri to attend a different public or private school, understanding this is only for students in a failing school?

Only Vouchers – 17.2%

Only Tax Credits – 11.3%

Both Vouchers and Tax Credits – 26.5%

**Neither Vouchers nor Tax Credits – 34.9%**

No Opinion – 10.1%

*(It is noted that people wanting something other than the current situation total 55%)*

16. **Statement:** Children that attend the public school in the district where I live are receiving a good education. Do you...

**Strongly Agree – 41.4%**

Somewhat Agree – 36.8%

No Opinion – 3.3%

Somewhat Disagree – 9.2%

Strongly Disagree – 9.2%

### **State Government Performance**

17. Do you believe Judges in Missouri are going beyond their bounds of interpreting Missouri's Constitution?

**Yes – 51.7%**

No – 17.8%

No Opinion – 30.5%

18. **Statement:** I believe that politics in Missouri will improve in the next two years, both sides working together for the good of the state. Do you...

Strongly Agree – 21.4%

**Somewhat Agree – 44.9**

No Opinion – 11.5%

Somewhat Disagree – 17.5%

Strongly Disagree – 4.7%

19. **Statement:** Missouri State Government is headed in the right direction. Do you...

Strongly Agree – 10.7%

**Somewhat Agree – 51.1%**

About the Same – 20.2%

Somewhat Disagree – 15.5%

Strongly Disagree – 2.6%

20. **Statement:** Rep. David Day is doing a good job in Jefferson City for the 148<sup>th</sup> District. Do you...

**Strongly Agree – 76.3%**

Somewhat Agree – 12.9%

No Opinion – 9.1%

Somewhat Disagree – 1.7%

Strongly Disagree – 0.0%

*Note: This is the first online survey conducted in the Missouri House of Representatives, which resulted in a savings of over \$2,500 in taxpayer dollars. The number of responses is comparable to that in the past when the surveys were mailed. Thank you to all of the media outlets that helped make this survey known to the public*