



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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**Floor Substitute  
Legislature As A Whole  
May 15, 2006**

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

A RESOLUTION expressing the opposition of the Legislature to Missouri Senate Bill 1014 which requires that voters unnecessarily show federal or Missouri photo identification cards at the polls for voter eligibility.

**RESOLUTION # 15887,** May 9, 2006

**INTRODUCED BY** Henry C. Rizzo, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Scott Burnett,  
and Eugene Standifer, Jr., County Legislators

WHEREAS, Article XV of the United States Constitution, states that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged;" and,

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution provides that "all citizens of the United States, including occupants of soldiers' and sailors' homes, over the age of eighteen who are residents of this state and of the political subdivision in which they offer to vote are entitled to vote at all elections by the people;" and,

WHEREAS, voting is a right, not a privilege, and both the United States and Missouri Constitutions have gone to great lengths to prohibit discrimination at the polls; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri Senate Bill 1014, if adopted, would require voters to produce state or federal

photographic identification at the polling place to be eligible to vote; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1014 threatens to exclude nearly 200,000 eligible Missouri voters, with its greatest damage to be done to the voices of the poor, minorities, elderly, and new immigrants; and,

WHEREAS, this Bill is inherently inconsistent with the Help America Vote Act which provides a broad range of identification documents for voter eligibility; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, with the exception of Bob Spence and Rhonda Shoemaker, that the Legislature opposes Missouri Senate Bill 1014 and urges Governor Matt Blunt to veto it.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Chief Deputy County Counselor

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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution # 15887 of May 9, 2006 was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_ May 15 \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_      Nays \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_      Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature