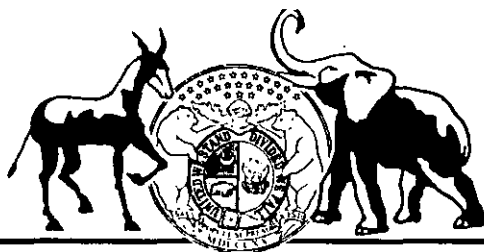


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The 1988 election year is now upon us with all of the challenges and successes that we know will be a part of the next nine months.

A year from now the United States will have elected its 41st president in addition to the other federal, state and local officials we will have entrusted to govern our nation. We will be continuing the longest, unbroken succession of peaceful transitions of power in the history of democratically elected governments.

The United States Constitution, the embodiment of the hopes and dreams of the signers of the Magna Carta in England in 1215, will have again fulfilled the aspirations of those men who gathered in Philadelphia just over 200 years ago.

As we take on the work of the election process, each of us can be justifiably proud of our role in that endeavor.

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FREEHOLDERS TABLE VOTE ON COUNTY REORGANIZATION PLAN TILL 1989; JUNE 7th COUNTYWIDE ELECTION EXPECTED

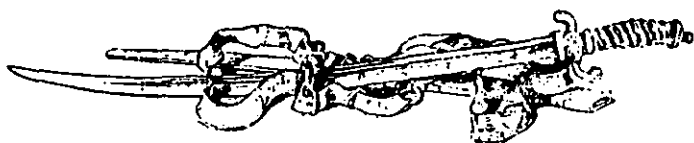
The vote on the St. Louis County governmental reorganization plan, commonly anticipated for May of this year, has been postponed until at least January, 1989. At its February 11th meeting, the Metropolitan Board of Freeholders decided it needed more time to gather additional data.

Meanwhile the County Municipal League has asked for a countywide election on June 7th to place a sales tax issue before the voters.

1987 ANNUAL REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Election Board has just published the 1987 Annual Report of its activities for 1987. The six elections cost the entities involved a total of \$1,073,626, while the average turnout was 20%. The 379,710 votes cast cost an average of \$2.83 per ballot. Statistical information on each individual election is contained in the report as well as voter registration figures for all of the political subdivisions comprising St. Louis County and its 20 townships. An added feature this year is maps of the townships, County Council districts, Congressional, State Senate, and State Representative districts.

The 1987 Annual Report is available for \$1.00 at the Election Board office or for \$1.50 by mail.



WASHINGTON'S SWORD

NEW VOTER ID CARDS TO BE MAILED IN MARCH

The St. Louis County Election Board will be mailing new identification cards to each of its registered voters in March. The ID Cards, printed on a heavier stock than the ones presently in use, will be bright yellow so as to be more identifiable as an election document.

The Voter ID Cards were originally mailed to County voters last July as part of the switchover from the old Voter Registration Books to the computer generated Precinct Binders.

State statutes call for election authorities using computer printouts as precinct registers to mail a new ID Card to each registered voter before May 31st in each even numbered year. This mailing fulfills the statutory requirement for election officials to conduct a canvass every two years to keep their voter registration records current.

THE APRIL 5th BALLOT

The April Municipal elections, consisting of 384 possible ballot combinations being voted on at 577 locations, will involve virtually all of St. Louis County's voting entities. There will be 555 candidates running for 363 offices. Of these races, 136 are contested.

On the ballot will be a countywide proposal on a telephone tax to finance emergency phone service, a proposition for the incorporation of the Chesterfield area, general elections to choose city officials in all 90 St. Louis County municipalities, an annexation proposal in Valley Park, propositions on a charter amendment or fee increases in eleven cities. All of the County's 24 school districts will be voting on directors as will Special School Districts 5 and 6. The Lindbergh, River-view Gardens and Wellston districts will also be voting on propositions. Junior College Subdistrict 2 will be electing one trustee. Four fire protection districts will be electing either a trustee or directors and two will have tax levy propositions on the ballot. The Hancock Light District will be asking for a tax increase.

APRIL ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 23: Absentee voting opens for April election.
- February 25: 40 day Campaign Finance Reports due for April election.
- March 9: Closing date for registrations, reinstatements and transfers for April election.
- March 29: 7 day Campaign Finance Reports due for April election.
- March 30: Last day for requesting absentee ballots by mail for April election.
- April 4: Last day for voting at Election Board office for April election.
- April 5: **ELECTION DAY**
- May 5: 30 day after Campaign Finance Reports due for April election.

AUGUST ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 17: Last day for candidate withdrawal from August election.
- June 7: Last day for receiving Certification of Election forms for August election.
- June 21: Absentee voting opens for August election.
- June 23: 40 day Campaign Finance Reports due for August election.
- July 6: Closing day for registrations, reinstatements and transfers for August election.
- July 26: 7 day Campaign Finance Reports due for August election.
- July 27: Last day for requesting absentee ballots by mail for August election.
- August 1: Last day for voting at Election Board office for August election.
- August 2: **ELECTION DAY**
- September 1: 30 day after Campaign Finance Reports due for August election.

DID YOU KNOW... that St. Louis County voters elect a total of 951 officials? These include the President and Vice-President of the United States, two senators and three congressmen, six statewide office holders, seven state senators and thirty two state representatives, the County Executive and Prosecuting Attorney and seven county council members, 148 school district trustees, 72 fire protection district directors, nine trustees of light districts and ten directors of water districts. In addition to these offices, 651 officials are elected from St. Louis County's 90 municipalities.

IN THE OFFICE... Team 3 Republican Judge/Clerk **Denise Roth** and her husband Steve have announced the birth of their first child, Tyler Steven, on December 15th; **Debbie Quicke, Mapping**, and her husband Joe are the new parents of Dustin Joseph, born on January 22; **Team 5 Clerk Gina Barron** and her husband Jim had their first child, Stephanie Renee, January 28th; **Joyce Hibbeler**, Florissant Township, has been hired as a **Team 5 Clerk**, replacing **Mary Walters** who has retired after four years with the Election Board; **Virginia Schenk** of Lewis & Clark Township, a veteran of many past elections as a temporary employee, has been hired as a **Team 1 Clerk**; **Karle Ballard** Spanish Lake Township is the new **Team 5 Clerk**; **Team 3 Supervisor Shirley Moerschell** and **David Gutman** of **The Warehouse** are recovering from surgery.

Temporary employees who will be helping out during the 1988 election year are: **Virginia Horn**, Lemay; **Romi Snider**, Normandy; **Rosalie Lindsley**, Midland; **Darrell Braud**, Lewis & Clark; **Renee White**, St. Ferdinand; **Patricia Risinger**, Northwest; **Anita McNeil**, Normandy; **Yolanda Hudson**, Normandy; **Leslye Brown**, Creve Coeur; **Bessie Heinrich**, St. Ferdinand; **Marcella Poropat**, Ferguson; **Matt Horan, Jr.**, Midland; **Jim Filla**, Lewis & Clark; **Charles Reilly**, St. Ferdinand; **Jeff Holmes**, Florissant; **Clyde Gray**, Midland; **Robert Pierce**, Florissant; **Stacy Robertson**, Creve Coeur; **Mark Burkett**, Midland; **Alan Gielczyk**, Airport; **Lamont Lathon**, Hadley; **Mark Kuhn**, Florissant and **Ed Walsh**, Hadley.



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