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MPUA CALENDAR

January 24 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

February 14 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
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March 9 | 8:30 am
MPUA Board Mtg.
Hilton Garden Inn -
Event Center

Feb. 27-Mar. 1
APPA Legislative Rally
Washington, DC

TRAINING

Spring Tech 2016
March 15– Rolla
March 16 - Fulton



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UPCOMING SESSION OFFERS OPPORTUNITY AND PERIL

As the 99th Missouri General Assembly convenes, the new session offers prospects for improvement, but also risk for municipal utilities. While many issues are the same, a new stage has been set that will change how many issues will be viewed.

This week saw a new slate of statewide officers being sworn in to begin work on a new agenda. For the first time, Republicans control the Governor's Mansion and have a supermajority in both chambers.

Statewide officers sworn in yesterday included Governor Eric Greitens, Lt. Governor Mike Parsons, Attorney General Josh Hawley, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, and State Treasurer Mike Schmitt. Auditor Nicole

Galloway's position is not up until 2018.

Last week, the legislators were sworn in and House Speaker Todd Richardson (R-Poplar Bluff) was re-elected to his post. In his acceptance speech, he laid out an agenda of big "issues that have the power to transform our state." His plans include the right-to-work legislation, a lobbyist gifts ban, ride-sharing company regulations, and focus eliminating "unnecessary government regulations that stifle innovation and job creation."

The Senate re-elected Senator Ron Richard (R-Joplin) as the President Pro Tem. His opening speech focused less on policy details and more on having respect for each other and maintaining a passion for convictions without

combativeness.

This year MPUA will work with Senator Sater (R-Cassville) for passage of legislation to fix the prevailing wage construction/maintenance issue. MPUA will also seek to close certain public records to shield cyber security efforts from malicious hackers.

The MPUA legislative team will also be fighting onerous restrictions that keep utilities from utilizing existing infrastructure to expand broadband in rural communities, preserving local control over some pole attachment practices, net metering changes that expand customer subsidizations of individual solar installments, and efforts to weaken community protections during a municipal utility sale.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[MO Senate GOP to move on conservative agenda with Republican Gov.](#) - Missouri.net
[Missouri's 2017 legislative session kicks off](#) - St. Louis Public Radio
[The governor-elect may sign into law many measures Jay Nixon blocked](#) - Springfield News-Leader
[Cybersecurity Task Force releases action plan to improve](#) - Missouri Times
[Greitens plans to have a COO help run state government](#) - Jefferson City News Tribune

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator
Dave Sater
R - District 29



Elected to Senate:
2012

Committees:
Vice-Chair, Local Government and Elections; Chair, Seniors, Families and Children; Appropriations; Fiscal Oversight;

Lives in: Cassville

MPUA Cities: Aurora, Branson, Crane, Monett, and Mount Vernon

Tidbit: Senator Sater owned and operated a pharmacy for 30 years and served in the Missouri House 2004-2012.

BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPUA

[Find the complete bill report online here.](#)

[HB 145](#) [Berry, T.J.\(R\)](#)

Changes laws on the Net Metering and Easy Connection Act.

[HB 247](#) [Alferman, Justin\(R\)](#)

Establishes procedures to the sale of municipally-owned water or sewer systems.

[HB 383](#) [Anderson, Sonya\(R\)](#)

Prohibits a municipality or utility company from holding an owner of a premises liable for the occupant's delinquent utility payments.

[SB 29](#) [Sater, David\(R\)](#)

Modifies the law relating to prevailing wage.

[SB 186](#) [Emery, Ed\(R\)](#)

Modifies the authority of local governments to offer certain communications services.