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Columbia Public Schools MISSOURI CONSTITUTION EXAM *Review Guide*

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All students in the State of Missouri are required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to score a passing grade on the Missouri Constitution Exam in order to graduate from High School.

1. In what year did Missouri become a state?
2. What is the capital of Missouri?
3. What is the Missouri legislative body known as?
4. How many representatives are in the Missouri House of Representatives?
5. How many senators are in the Missouri Senate?
6. What is the term of office for State Representatives?
7. What is the term of office for State Senators?
8. Who may call a special session of the General Assembly?
9. Who must give final approval to all amendments to the Missouri Constitution?
10. Describe the two types of direct democracy used in Missouri
 - i. -Initiative
 - ii. -Referendum
11. Who has the power to impeach the governor
12. There are six elected officials in the Missouri Executive Branch, what are their powers?

Official	Powers
Governor	Grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons
Lieutenant Governor	Takes over if Governor is unable to carry out duties
Attorney General	Prosecutes and defends all cases MO is involved
Secretary of State	Maintaining records and running elections
Treasurer	Conducts banking and financial activities
Auditor	Sets up accounting systems for state and ensures money is being used properly

13. What is the line-item veto?

14. What is the term of office for Governor?
15. What is the term of office for a Missouri Supreme Court judge?
16. Which is the highest court in Missouri?

17. What is the jurisdiction and purpose of the following courts?

Court	Purpose/Jurisdiction
Missouri Supreme Court	Highest court in Mo/Appellate Jurisdiction
Missouri Court of Appeals	Hears cases on appeal/appellate Jurisdiction
Missouri Circuit Court	Hears the case's initial trial. Original jurisdiction
Municipal Court	Hears municipal court ordinance violations/ Original Jurisdiction
Probate Court	Hears cases that involve a person's will or estate
Drug Court	Hears cases involving drug participants
Family Court	Civil court created to help families especially juveniles

18. What is an ordinance?
19. Describe how the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan is used to select judges?
20. What are the responsibilities of county governments?
21. What governmental body maintains and directs the business of most counties?
22. What are the responsibilities of city (municipal) governments?
23. In what month are General Elections held in Missouri?
24. What are the requirements to vote in a general election?
25. How does Missouri generate Revenue?
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
26. How often do Missouri voters decide if they want a new constitution for the state?
27. In what year was the current Missouri Constitution adopted?