

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY CLERK
Regarding
MISSOURIANS AND THE REAL ID LAW

The Federal Real ID Act was passed in 2005. It was part of the response to the 9/11 attacks.

The Missouri *Anti* Real ID Law was passed in 2009. It was signed by then-Governor Jay Nixon. This law said that Missouri would not produce ID's that would comply with the Federal Real ID Act.

The federal government subsequently stated that individuals without a Real ID compliant form of identification would not be allowed into a federal facility such as a military base, into a federal courthouse, or onto a commercial airplane. Missouri was told that after sometime in January, 2018, the Missouri driver's license would not be accepted as ID for these purposes. This has caused many Missourians to apply for, or renew, their U.S. Passports.

In the spring of 2017, the Missouri House and Senate passed a bill that would allow Missourians the option of getting a license or ID that is federally compliant, or one that is not. This bill has been signed by Governor Eric Greitens, as of Monday, June 12, 2017.

The law goes into effect August 28, 2017; the changes, however, may take up to two years to be fully implemented. Representative Kevin Corlew of the Kansas City area, the House sponsor of the bill, feels that the state will seek, and be granted, an extension from the Department of Homeland Security allowing people to use their current ID's until the new system is operational.

This information is provided for those residents who are making decisions about passports based on their need for a Real ID compliant form of identification.

UPDATE: As of September 12, 2018, federal agencies will accept Missouri-issued driver licenses and ID cards for official purposes, including domestic air travel, through January 21, 2019. An extension was officially granted through August 1, 2019 as of early October, 2018.

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