

# House Primary Guide: Mid-MO

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### About Drebes



In addition to *Missouri Scout*, Dave Drebes was founder of *Arch City Chronicle*. According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, it was “the industry newsletter for the Lou’s political insiders.” He was named one of St. Louis’ *Most Influential People* (2007), received the *Media Award* from the Missouri Association for Social Welfare (2006), the *President’s Award* from the Metropolitan Press Club of St. Louis (2006). It has been a long time since he has been awarded anything. Drebes also writes a regular column in the *St. Louis Business Journal* covering Missouri state politics.

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### Please Note

Candidate are listed according to ballot order.  
Incumbents have asterisks (\*) next to their names.  
Only Republicans and Democrats are covered (sorry Greens, Libertarians etc).

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## Overview

There are 19 House districts in the area I'm calling Mid-Missouri. Of those 19 districts, there are 9 primaries. Each of these gets a closer look in the following pages.

In this report...

House 42 – Open seat. Three-way Republican primary.

House 47 – Open seat. Two-way Democratic primary.

House 49 – Open seat. Three-way Republican primary.

House 57 – Incumbent Rodger Reedy challenged.

House 58 – Incumbent Willard Haley challenged.

House 59 – Incumbent Rudy Veit challenged.

House 120 – Incumbent Ron Copeland challenged.

House 122 – Open seat. Two-way Republican primary.

House 123 – Incumbent Lisa Thomas challenged.

Other districts in this area...

House 44 – Rep. Cheri Toalson Reisch unopposed in primary. She has a general election opponent.

House 45 – Kathy Steinhoff unopposed.

House 46 – Rep. David Tyson Smith unopposed.

House 48 – Rep. Tim Taylor unopposed.

House 50 – Open seat. Neither party has a primary.

House 52 – Rep. Brad Pollitt unopposed. He has a general election opponent.

House 60 – Rep. Dave Griffith unopposed in primary. He has a general election opponent.

House 61 – Rep. Bruce Sassmann unopposed.

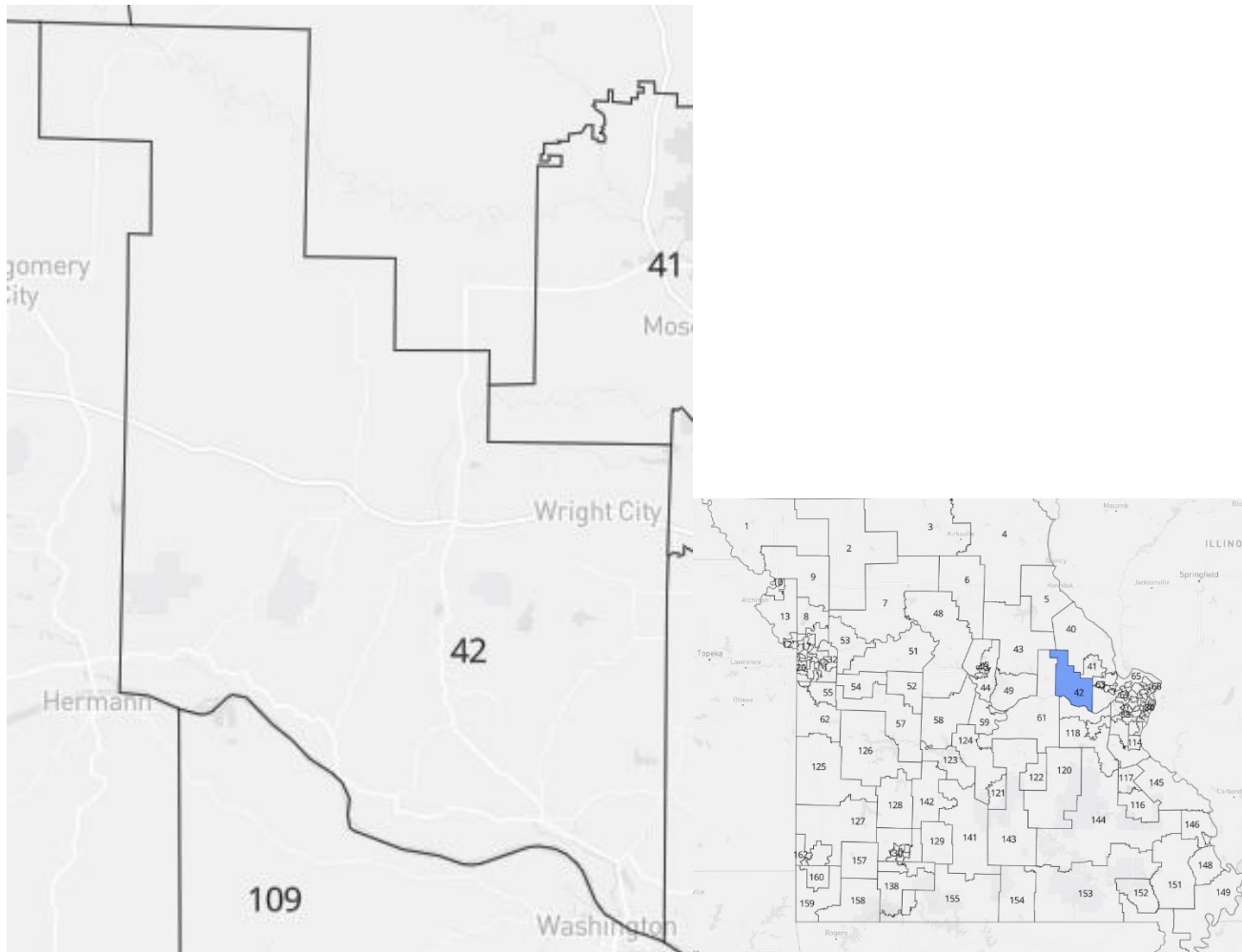
House 121 – Rep. Bill Hardwick unopposed.

House 124 – Rep. Don Mayhew unopposed.

## District 42

Open seat. Three-way Republican primary.

Partisan Lean: +41R



### Jeff Myers



[From his website:](#) I grew up in Warren County and graduated from Warrenton High School. I married my high school sweetheart over 30 years ago. Generations of my family have made this area their home since before the turn of the 20th century. I agreed to go anywhere the Patrol sent me when I was hired. When we got the chance, we returned here to make Warren County our home.

## Rene Yoesel



From her website: Rene' Yoesel is a Missourian, born and raised, and a proud resident of Warren County for 33 years. As an educator, a Licensed Professional Counselor and eventually an employee of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education... Rene' served on more than 25 state committees, work groups and task forces, including Missouri's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory, Missouri Suicide Prevention Network, Missouri Human Trafficking Taskforce, Missouri Victimization of Adults with Disabilities, St. Louis Business Partnership, Missouri White House Convening Team, and the National Governor's Association multi-state team.

Rene's heart of hearts, however, is her family. Her husband of 34 years, Phil "Yaz" Yoesel enjoyed a long career as a teacher in the Warren County R-III School District and as football and basketball official, and remains active in the community... Phil and Rene' started a small lawn care business that has now been in continuous operation in Warren County for more than 30 years.

Rene' is a graduate of Otterville High School. She earned an Associate Degree in Education at State Fair Community College, Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education from Central Missouri State University, and a Doctorate in Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri--Columbia.

## Joseph S Holiway



Unable to find biography.

### April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Jeff Myers	\$7,250	\$7,250	\$0	\$5,000
M. Rene Yoesel	<i>committee formed after deadline</i>			
Joseph S Holiway	\$200	\$200	\$0	

Consultants

Jeff Myers - Axiom

Web Presence

Jeff Myers website: <https://myers4mo.com/>

Jeff Myers Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MyersForMo>

Rene Yoesel website: <https://reneforrep.com/>

Rene Yoesel Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ReneforRep>

Rene Yoesel Twitter: <https://twitter.com/moSCdirector>

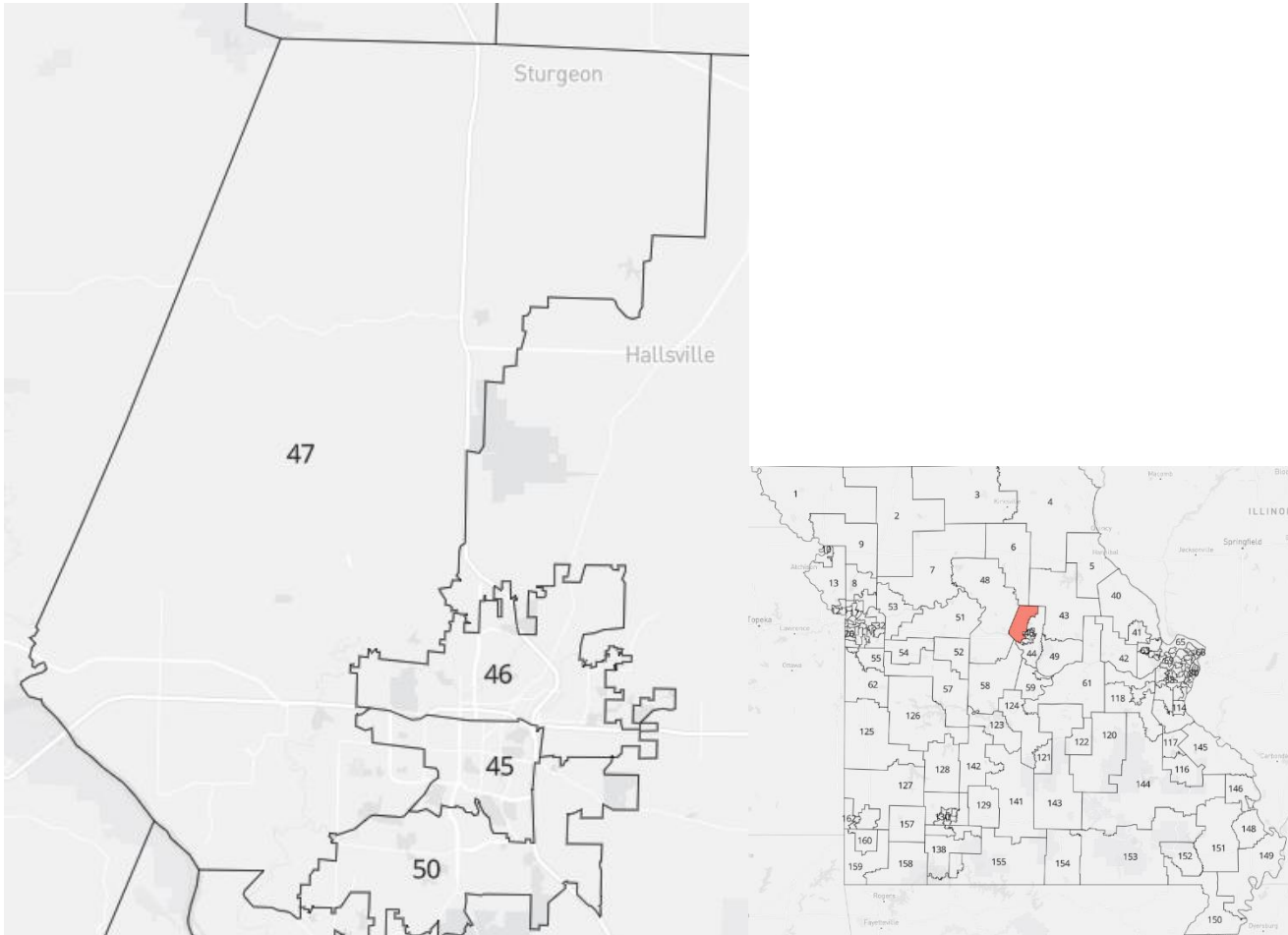
Joseph Holiway website: [electholiway.com/](http://electholiway.com/)

Joseph Holiway Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Elect-Holiway-to-State-Representative-District-42/100080009774884/>

**MOScout Early Line:** Myers has the money and consultant, but this isn't a slam dunk. Yoesel could grab establishment education support, and Holiway is messaging to the right flank.

## District 47

Open seat. Two-way Democratic primary.  
Partisan Lean: +3D



### **Adrian Plank**



[From his website:](#) For 10 years, I worked hard to live what is still called The American Dream. I owned a small business; my workers and I traveled the country installing granite in motels. I had 3 crews with 3 to 4 workers per crew... And in December 2007 came the burst of the 8 trillion dollar housing bubble, and you all remember the years of recession that followed... I tried to hang on; the last year I paid myself only eleven hundred dollars. In 2010, I let the last employee go and I officially dissolved my business.

I have been married for 25 years to my wife, Dawn, and we have one daughter. Dawn supported me while I redefined my life. I worked my heart out—selling cars, doing construction jobs for friends—but I couldn't catch up financially. I looked for real work but there were no jobs in 2010. I felt broken.

A miracle came for me just as it had for my father: In 2016 I had the opportunity to join a union. I had seen the benefits of a union job in my father's life. With today's worker-abusing attitudes, collective bargaining is more important than ever. I was in the union and I wasn't broken any longer

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## Chimene Schwach



From her website: Chimene has worked in social services most of her adult life, currently, she an Advocate Supervisor for CASA, working to find permanency for children in protective custody. Chimene has lived in Columbia for 12 years with her husband Jim, their two sons, and their black lab, Remi. The Schwach-Wright family are proud supporters of Columbia Public Schools with their sons attending West Middle and Hickman. They are also active parishioners and attend services at St. Thomas More Newman Center.

Chimene attended undergraduate at Missouri State University (Go Bears!) in Springfield and received BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders with an emphasis in Audiology and Education of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students. Chimene received her MA in Rehabilitation Counseling from New York University. While attending university, Chimene worked in commercial and residential construction retail in Kansas City, often being the only woman on the worksite.

### April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Adrian Plank	\$10,134	\$7,259	\$8,124	
Chimene Schwach	\$3,039	\$,2095	\$3,635	\$1,800

### Web Presence

Adrian Plank website: <https://www.adrianplank.com/>

Adrian Plank Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PlankFor47>

Adrian Plank Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AdrianPlank47>

Chimene Schwach website: <https://chimeneschwach.com/>

Chimene Schwach Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Chimene4MO>

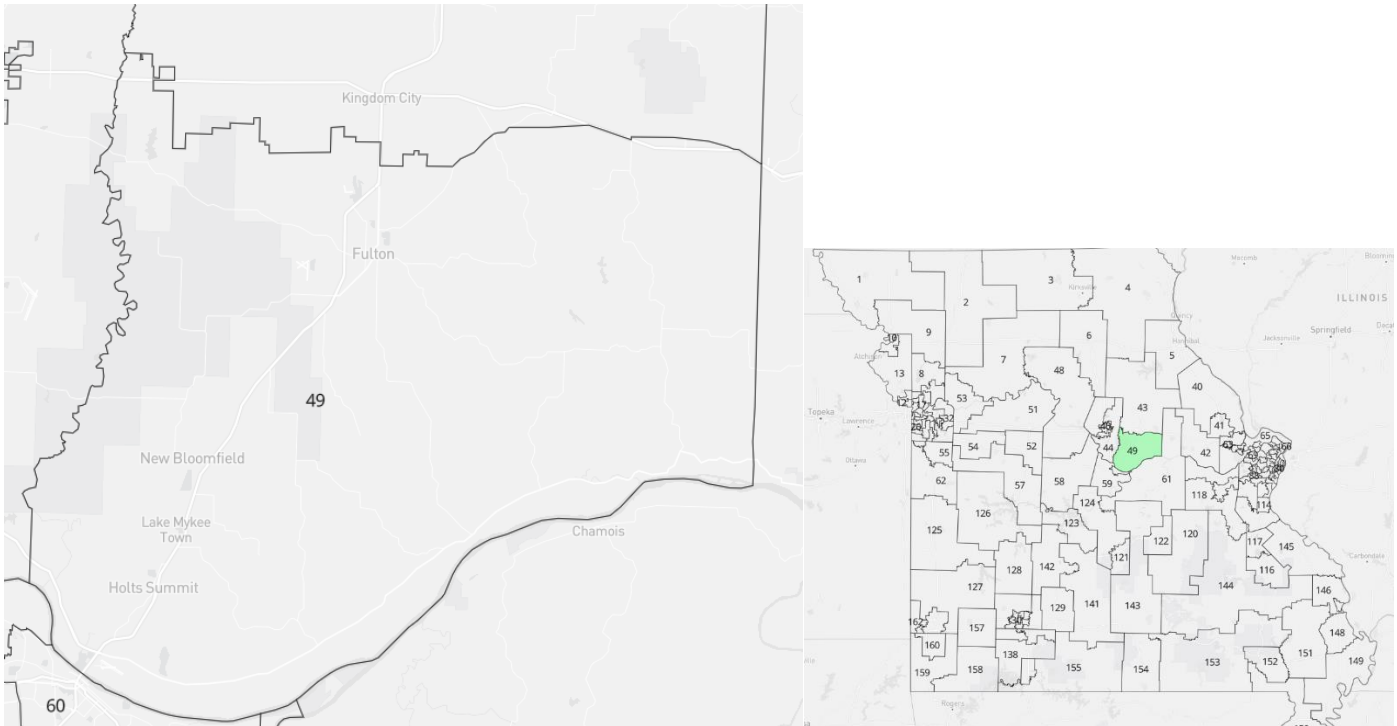
Chimene Schwach Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Chimene4MO>

**MOScout Early Line:** Plank has run several times before and has a head start on Schwach. He should be considered the favorite.

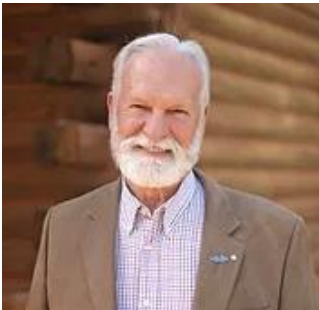


## District 49

Open seat. Three-way Republican primary.  
Partisan Lean: +36R



**Jim Schulte**



[From his website](#): Jim is a 41-year veteran of the Army Reserve & National Guard and served two combat tours in Afghanistan. Jim is also a former Missouri Highway Patrol officer who supports veterans and law enforcement. As a small business owner, cattle farmer, and lifelong Missourian, Jim understands Missourians. Jim is on a mission to defend your Constitutional rights, enact pro-life policies, oppose new taxes, and empower parents and students. Jim is also a proud father and grandfather and follower of Jesus Christ.

**Shannon Graziano**



[From his website](#): Shannon was born and raised in Mid Missouri, where he lived on a small cattle farm. He attended Jefferson City Public Schools, where he graduated in 2009. After graduation, Shannon joined the Marine Corps, where he served honorably, until he was medically retired in 2013. Upon returning home to Missouri Shannon attended William Woods University in Fulton, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education.

Shannon now resides in Holts Summit, Missouri, with his wife, Amber, and daughter, Mila. Shannon is an active member of his community where he attends St. Andrews Catholic Church, coaches youth football, and is a part of local charitable service clubs such as the Knights of Columbus.

### **Steven Myers**



[From his website](#): Steve grew up working on his family farm and after graduation, farmed nearly 2,000 acres consisting of row crop, cattle, and a hog operation. In 1982, he was called to a new career, law enforcement, and since 2002 he has served Fulton as Chief of Police. Over the course of his career, Steve has worked with some of the most elite task forces, including the FBI. He has rounded up illegal immigrants, tracked a foreign operative working in our country, and investigated the homicides that you can't forget. Now, he's running for state representative because our country is reaching the point of no return...

### April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Jim Schulte	\$18,396	\$1,975	\$302	
Shannon Graziano	\$412	\$412	\$0	
Steven Myers	\$19,434	\$23,156	\$3,721	\$18,000

### Consultants

Jim Schulte - Axiom

### Web Presence

Jim Schulte website: <https://www.jimformissouri.com/>

Jim Schulte Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JimForMissouri/>

Shannon Graziano website: <https://www.shannongraziano.com/>

Shannon Graziano Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078420146058>

Shannon Graziano Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GrazianoShannon>

Steven Myers website: <https://www.myersformissouri.com/>

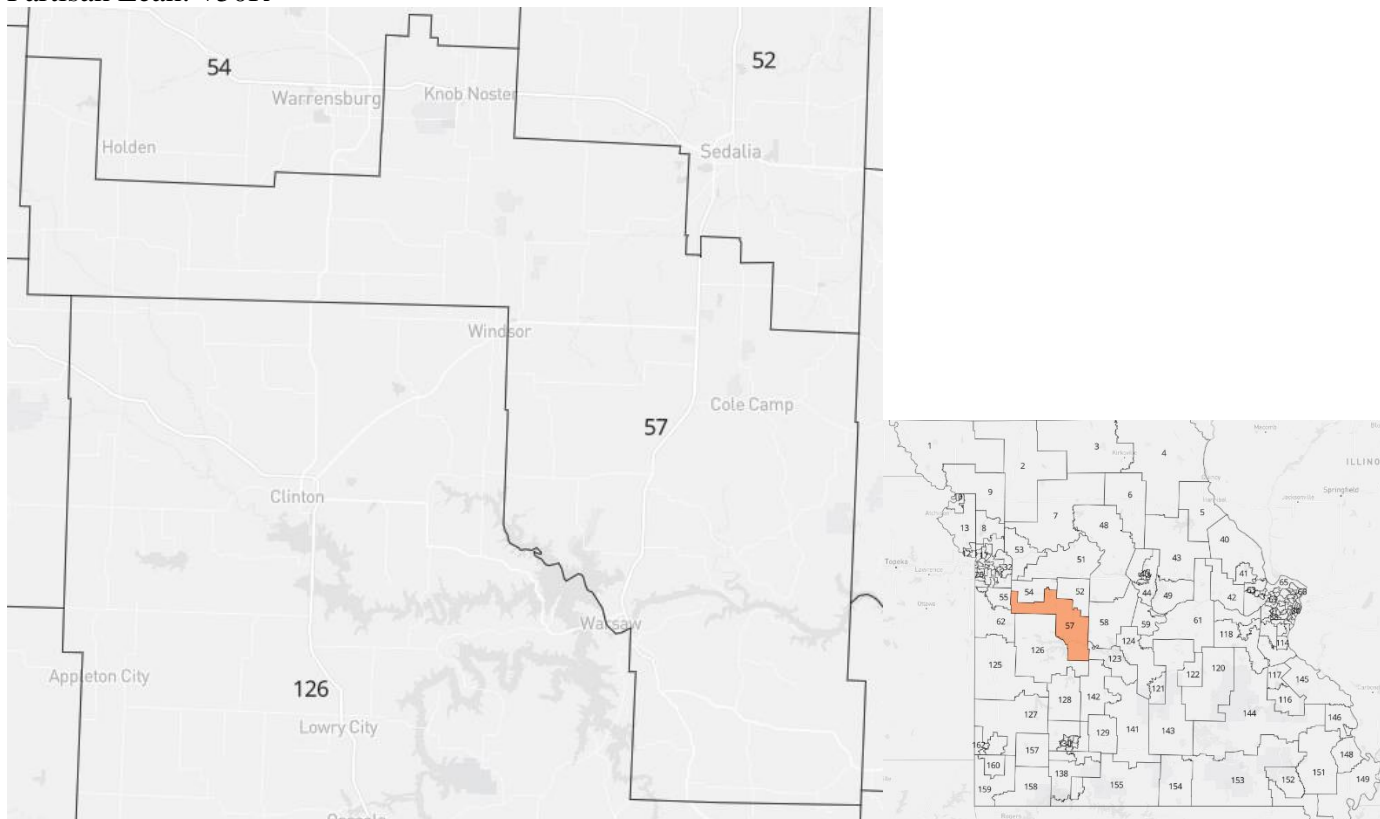
Steven Myers Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SteveMyersMO>

**MOScout Early Line:** Two-way race between Schulte and Myers.

## District 57

Incumbent challenged. One-on-one.

Partisan Lean: +50R



**James Mahlon White**

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**Rodger L. Reedy**



[From his House biography](#): In addition to his legislative duties, Reedy operates his family farm raising feeder cattle. He also has served as the Benton County Assessor. Reedy is a 1979 graduate of Lincoln High School. Born in Clinton, Reedy currently resides in Windsor with his wife, Rhonda . They have three grown children, Kayley, Austin and Wesley. They attend First Baptist Church in Clinton.

### April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
James Mahlon White	<i>Committee formed after deadline</i>			
Rodger Reedy	\$9,939	\$500	\$1,944	

### Consultants

Rodger Reedy - Axiom

Web Presence

James Mahlon White unable to find a website.

Rodger L. Reedy website: <https://www.reedyforhouserep.com/>

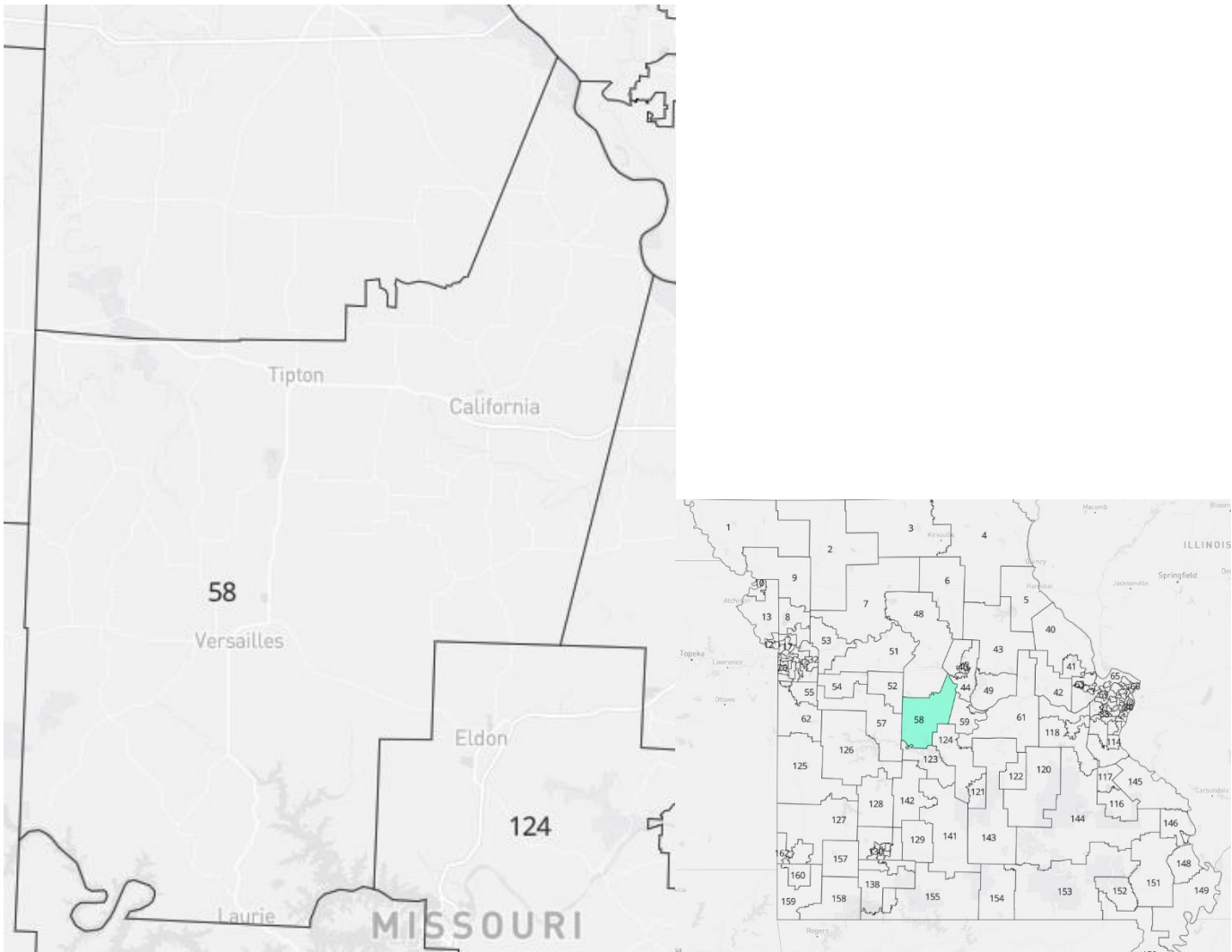
Rodger L. Reedy Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rodger.reedy.1>

Rodger L. Reedy Twitter: <https://twitter.com/reedyhouserep>

**MOScout Early Line:** Reedy should win re-election easily.

## District 58

Incumbent challenged. One-on-one.  
Partisan Lean: +55R



### **Casey Pemberton**



[From his website](#): Casey Pemberton has lived in Clarksburg for ten years. He has been heavily involved in the community. Two years ago he married his amazing wife Lizzie. They met on a Christian singles Facebook group and fell in love quickly. Casey has worked as a CNA, Med Aide, and has been a legislator aide for the last four years. Casey is committed to liberty. I want to go to Jefferson City to keep the government out of your wallet and out of your life.

## Willard Haley



From his House biography: In addition to his legislative duties, Haley is a farmer and former educator, serving as a career and technical school administrator, as well as an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. Haley is a graduate of Pilot Grove High School and received his Bachelors of Science in Agriculture and Masters in Practical Arts and Vocational and Technical Education at the University of Missouri. Born in Boonville, Missouri, Haley currently resides in Eldon with his wife, Jerri Haley. They attend Eldon United Methodist Church, and have two children, Jeremy Haley and Jana Flynn.

### April Quarter Fundraising Results

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>On-Hand</u>	<u>April Receipts</u>	<u>April Expenditures</u>	<u>Debt</u>
Casey Pemberton	\$987	\$1,800	\$812	\$250
Willard Haley	\$13,706	\$0	\$1,573	\$12,000

### Consultants

Willard Haley - Axiom

### Web Presence

Casey Pemberton website: <https://www.casey.gop/>

Casey Pemberton Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/caseypemberton58/>

Willard Haley on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Political-Candidate/Willard-Haley-For-State-Representative-111605717029731/>

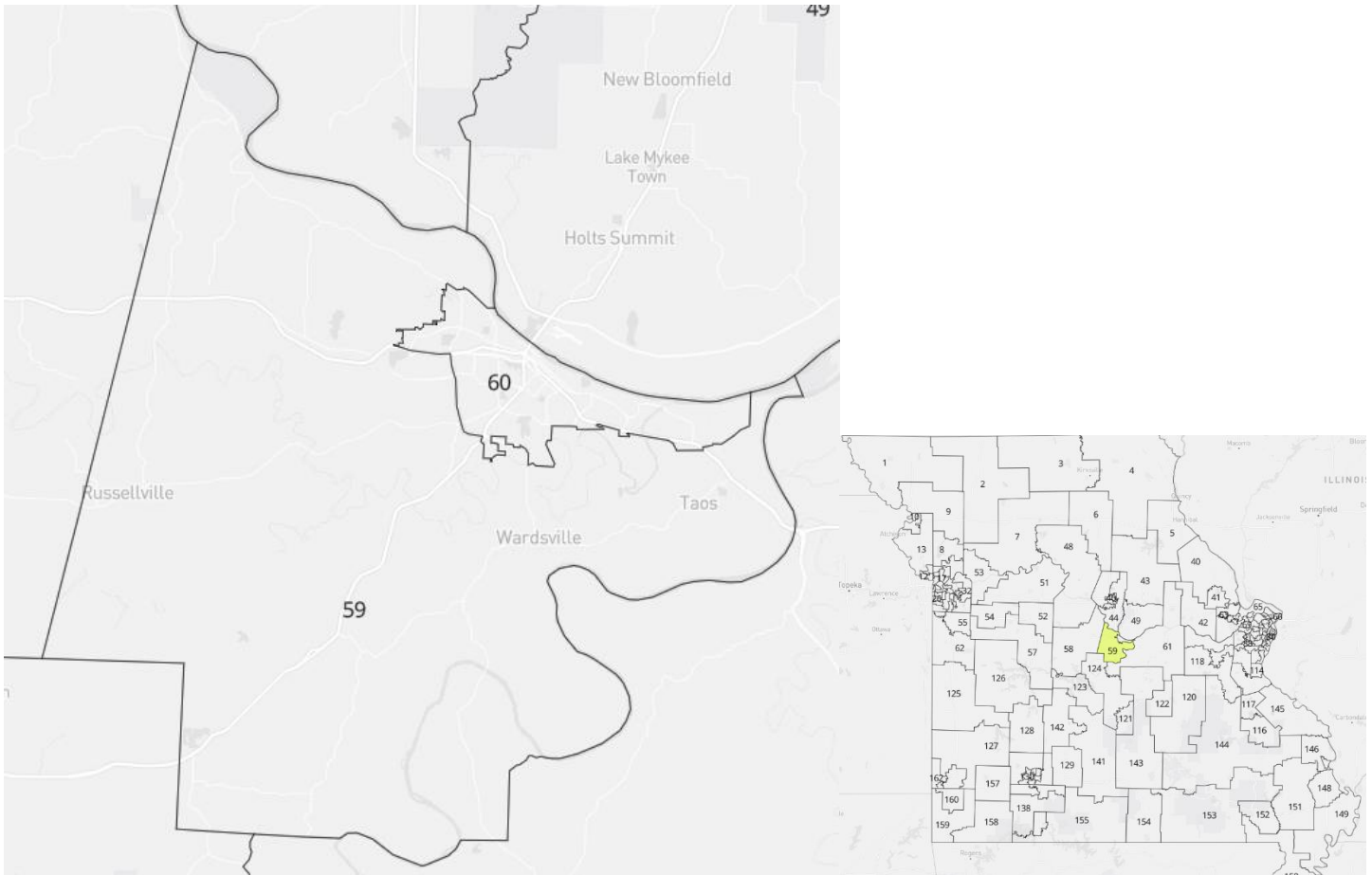
Willard Haley campaign website: <https://sites.google.com/view/willard-haley-for-rep/home>

**MOScout Early Line:** Haley will win re-election easily.

## District 59

Incumbent challenged. One-on-one.

Partisan Lean: +49R



### **George M. Bacon**



According to Facebook: Worked at Parsons, Studied at Southern Illinois University Carbondale

### **Rudy Veit**





[From his house biography](#): In addition to his legislative duties, Veit is a practicing attorney at Carson & Coil Law Firm in Jefferson City. He holds a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Economics and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri - Columbia. Veit resides in Wardsville with his wife, Jeri. They have four children and six grandchildren.

*April Quarter Fundraising Results*

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
George Bacon	<i>Formed committee after deadline</i>			
Rudy Veit	\$28,847	\$1,250	\$1,760	

*Web Presence*

George Bacon Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gigiandgray>

Rudy Veit Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rudy.veit.1>

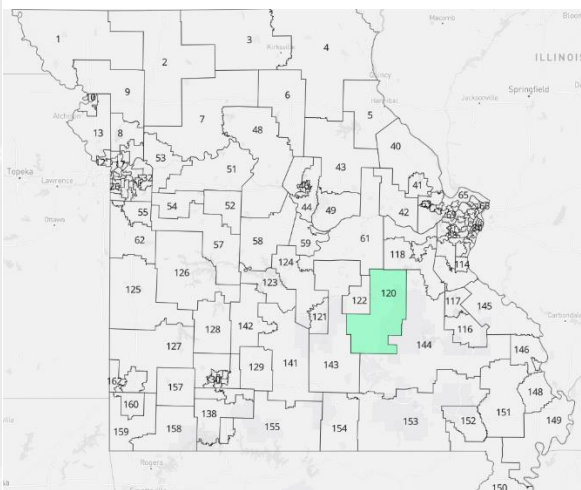
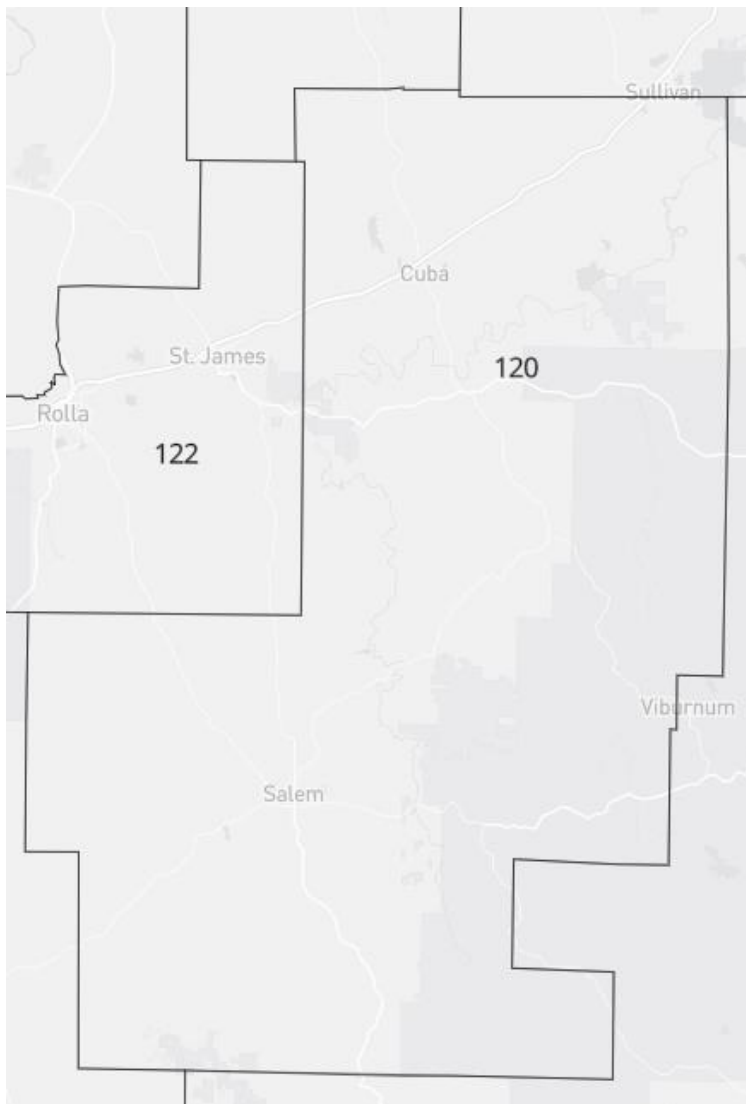
Rudy Veit Twitter: <https://twitter.com/VeitRudy>

**MOScout Early Line:** Although Veit may not be as far right as his new district, his re-election is safe.



## District 120

Incumbent challenged. One-on-one.  
Partisan Lean: +58R



### **Ron Copeland**



[From his House biography:](#) Prior to serving in the legislature, Copeland was a Missouri State Trooper for 28 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant, and a Missouri National Guardsman for six years. He studied criminal justice at Central Missouri State University and Lincoln University. Born in Jefferson City, Copeland currently resides in Salem with his wife, Denise. They have four children and attend Grace Community Church.

**Matthew S. Williams**



From his website: Matthew was born and raised in Aransas Pass Tx. After serving his country in the United States Marine Corps. Matthew met his wife Heather and in 2006 they were joined in marriage and settled down in her hometown of Steelville, Mo. In 2007 they welcomed their first child Haylee and later adopting their other three children, Landon, Alisha, and Payslee. While the three girls still live at home, Landon is currently serving in the United States Navy and stationed in Nevada. Matthew and Heather also welcomed their first born grandson last July, and can't wait to have him home to spoil rotten

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Ron Copeland	\$15,929	\$950	\$1,158	
Matthew S. Williams	<i>Formed committee after deadline</i>			

Consultants

Ron Copeland - Axiom

Web Presence

Ron Copeland website: <https://roncopelandforstaterep.com/>

Ron Copeland Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CopelandForRep>

Matthew Williams website: <https://www.electmatthewswilliamsstaterep120.com/>

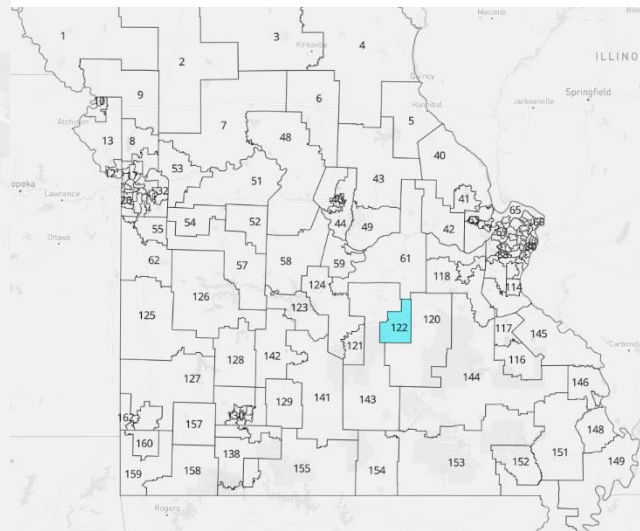
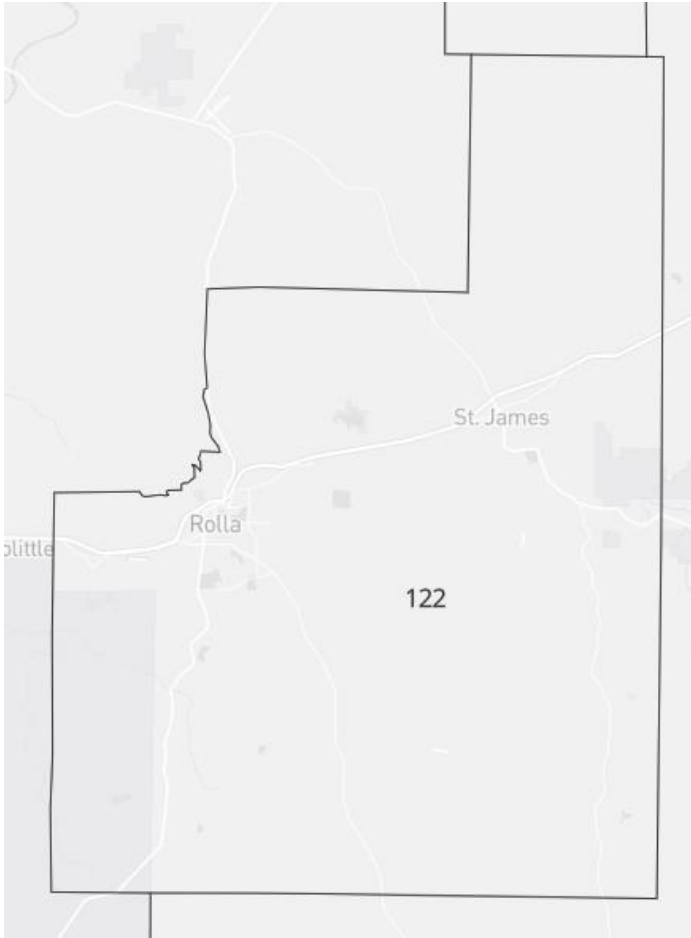
Matthew Williams Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/staterep120th>

Matthew Williams Youtube interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4e08zOwP5SY>

**MOScout Early Line:** Copeland is another very safe incumbent.

## District 122

Open seat. Two-way Republican primary.  
Partisan Lean: +35R

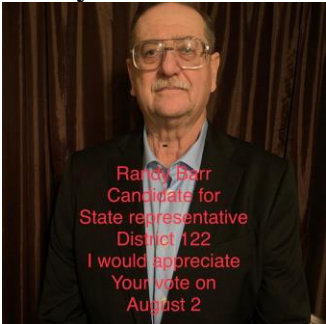


**Tara J. Peters**



Realtor

**Randy K Barr**



According to Facebook: Former lieutenant at Retired Phelps county Sheriff Department  
September 30, 1989 to April 1, 2012  
Went to Licking High School  
Attended from 1969 to 1973  
Lives in Rolla, Missouri

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Tara Peters	\$73	\$100	\$26	
Randy Barr	<i>Formed committee after deadline</i>			

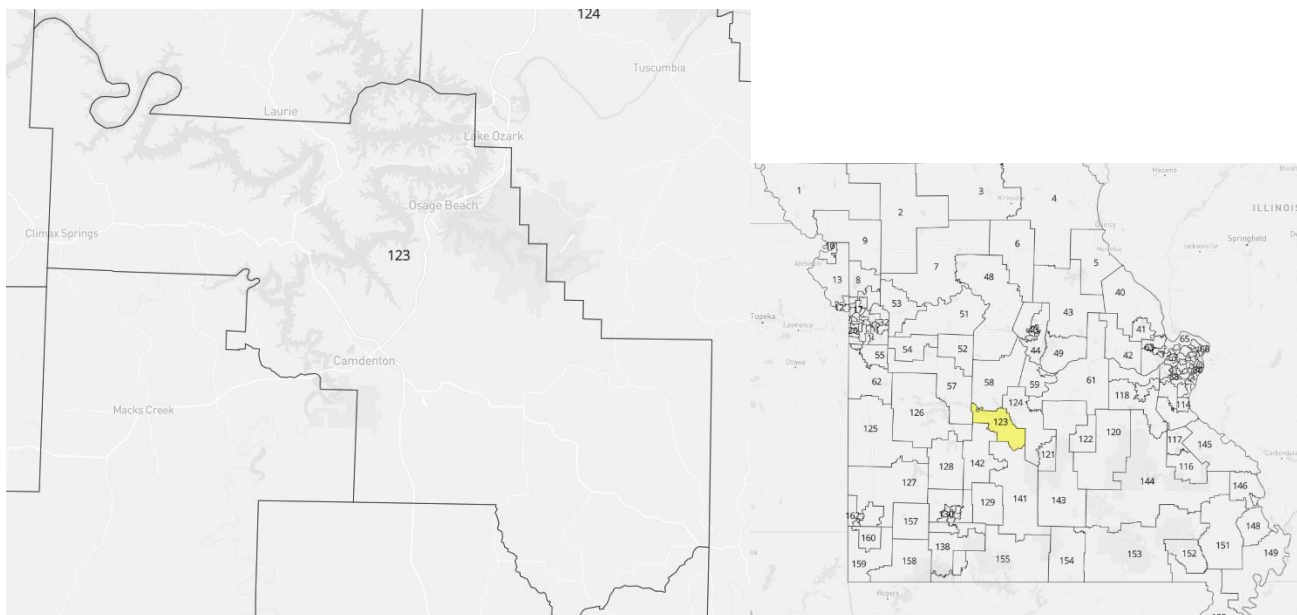
Web Presence

Tara J. Peters Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078327009337>  
Randy K Barr Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100073368552817>

**MOScout Early Line:** I'm wait and see on this district.

## District 123

Open seat. Three-way Republican primary.  
Partisan Lean: +50R



### **Lisa Thomas**



[From her House biography](#): Prior to her legislative service, Dr. Thomas worked as psychiatrist in the private sector as well as for the State and Federal government. Dr. Lisa has experience with inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment settings. Rep. Dr. Thomas is currently the Medical Director of the Missouri Physicians Health Program, serves on the Governing Council of the Missouri State Medical Association, is a member of the American Medical Association, and recruits medical specialists for rural hospitals and clinics.

### **Mindy Martin**

Unable to find a profile.

### April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Lisa Thomas	\$10,718	\$5,300	\$15	\$14,700
Mindy Martin	<i>Formed committee after deadline</i>			

### Consultants

Lisa Thomas - Axiom

**MOScout Early Line:** Smart bet would be on Thomas' re-election.