

NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

The following is a list of questions provided to each candidate running for this elected office. To comply with Missouri Ethics Commission rules regarding fair time, use and space for all candidates, a word limit of **75 WORDS** per answer must be adhered to.

Your responses will be used throughout our election coverage in coming editions of the Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal printed in October.

COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN NOON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10.

A photo of each candidate will be printed with answers. Please provide a digital copy of a photo of your choice.

If you have any questions, please contact News Director Amy Neal by phone at (816) 809-2740 or by email at amy.neal@npgco.com.

HOUSE DISTRICT 51

Candidate Snapshot details

Name: William Truman (Bill) Wayne

Address: 431 SE County Rd Y, Warrensburg

Occupation: Retired USAF officer, retired Bed & Breakfast owner/host

Prior public service, elected office experience or unique qualifications for office:

BS (International Affairs), USAFA; MBA (Industrial Management), MU, BS (Ag-Business), UCM. 21 years USAF officer, including 14 managing contracting offices. 20 year board member of Bed & Breakfast Inns of Missouri & served on advisory board of national B&B professional organization. Current board member & past President, Johnson County Historical Society. Member of Extension Council in early 1990s,

No. 1 goal if elected:

Promote individual liberty.

Reason for running for office:

Promote individual and economic liberty by cutting excess regulation, slashing corporate subsidies, eliminating penalties for victimless crimes and easing the tax burden.

Should marijuana use be legalized in Missouri? Why or why not?

Absolutely! This is the first step to ending the racist “war on drugs,” which enriches criminal gangs, destabilizes nearby countries, and kills more people than the drugs do. We save people from ruining their lives with drugs by ruining their lives with felony convictions! Amendment 2 is a good start.

Should the state Constitution be amended to change process and criteria for redrawing state legislative districts during reapportionments? Why or why not?

Perhaps, but not the way Amendment 1 proposes – it removes accountability from elected officials and would lead to even greater gerrymandering by an unelected, unaccountable officer. Update the definition of geographic compactness instead. The real way to make elections more competitive would be Ranked Choice Voting,

Do you support passage of Proposition B, which would increase the state minimum wage for workers with the exception of government employees?

No. It would hurt small businesses by driving up their costs, increase consumer prices, and it would cut off the bottom rung of the employment ladder for unskilled and entry level workers.

Are you in favor of passage of Proposition D, which would fund Missouri state law enforcement by increasing the motor fuel tax by 2.5 cents per gallon annually for four years with funds going to state roads and law enforcement agencies?

No. While gas taxes are the nearest thing to user fees we're likely to see, I think it's too large a percentage over a short time. It benefits the highway patrol and localities rather than the state highway system. Because a gas tax is regressive, the increased tax would bear heaviest on people who drive older cars, rural residents, and those who must commute longer distances.

Has the state legislature done enough through legislation passage to help fight the state's opioid epidemic? If not, what specifically will you work to have done if elected?

The legislature has done nothing with the various proposals submitted – which is exactly what they should have done. First, legalize cannabis, which would give people a non-opioid pain relief option. Deaths are caused mostly by street drugs, to which people addicted due to prescribed pain relief turn to if the prescriptions are cut off. Second, decriminalize all drug use, put the money into rehab (end the war on drugs).

Current fines for persons found guilty of Missouri Sunshine Law violations range from \$0 to \$5,000. Should there be a minimum fine of \$500 (or some other amount) established for a Sunshine Law Violation?

We definitely need more teeth in the Sunshine Law, and any fine assessed should be paid by the person(s) responsible, not by tax money or the offender's agency. Penalty for a deliberate violation should include removal from office.

Should there be a Transparency Division created within the Office of the Missouri Attorney General for the sole purpose of prosecuting violations of Public Records and Public Meeting statutes?

Interesting idea, which I'd not considered. Would have to look at costs vs benefits – and the recourse if the AG's office failed to do its job.

Should the Missouri Attorney General be given subpoena power to investigate Sunshine Law violations?

Yes

With fewer than 50 percent of rural Missourians having access to high-speed internet service, should Missouri's newspapers continue to be the medium in which all public notices required by law are published and distributed in print to provide due process to those persons affected by the public notices?

Yes. I, like many, read the Public Notices in the paper; I seldom go to government websites to look for them.

Should the name of a person, corporation or other business entity and the amount of any public funding provided to that person, corporation or other business entity by any public college or public university be deemed as records that are open for public inspection?

Yes

Should members of the staff of all public governmental bodies be prohibited from downloading or using software designed to send encrypted messages by electronic means that automatically self-destruct on communication devices purchased with public money? In other words, should the Confide app or other such software be prohibited from use because such apps are capable of destroying public records that should be available to citizens?

Absolutely!

Should public governmental bodies be allowed to move public records to third party software or data provider companies where the cost for a citizen to retrieve public records is higher than permitted under Sunshine Law mandates?

No. Any contract for public records storage needs to specify retrieval costs cannot exceed those permitted under the Sunshine Law..

Campaign website or social media accounts:

www.olddrum.net/vote4bill; facebook.com/Vote4Bill

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Like most Libertarians, I am socially tolerant and economically conservative. I'm a strong gun rights advocate, believe the "war on drugs" has done more harm than good, believe in local control of educational curricula, and will work to reduce government interference in our daily lives. It's time to quit voting for the lesser of two evils and take a look at the Libertarian Party

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO HELP EDUCATE VOTERS.