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State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL [forensic science page](#).



### **Administration of State Forensic Services** ..... § 650.105

The state administers its forensic services through the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the State Highway Patrol.

### **Laboratory Accreditation Requirements** ..... §§ 650.060, 595.045

The state requires accreditation for forensic laboratories in numerous forensic disciplines. Laboratories were required to be accredited by Dec. 31, 2012.

### **State Oversight of Forensic Services** ..... § 650.059

The state's Crime Laboratory Review Commission is responsible for oversight of forensic services. The primary purpose of the commission is to provide independent review of any state or local Missouri crime laboratory receiving state administered funding. The commission is required to make an annual report to the governor. The commission is required to meet at least annually.

### **Convicted Offender DNA Analysis** ..... § 650.055

People convicted of enumerated felonies, including offenses against the person, sexual offenses, and prostitution, must submit a DNA sample to state officials. The state also collects DNA for those convicted of sex crime misdemeanors.

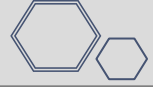
### **Arrestee DNA Analysis** ..... § 650.055

People arrested for enumerated offenses including murder, burglary, sexually violent acts, etc., must submit a DNA sample to state officials. A probable cause hearing is required, but the sample can be collected before the hearing (at booking). The sample is expunged upon request. Sample collection does not apply to juveniles.

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### **Post Conviction DNA Analysis** ..... § 547.035

The state allows any person in custody to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. Their application must raise a reasonable probability the results of the test will exculpate the individual. Missouri code has specifications for the preservation of biological evidence.

### **Sexual Assault Evidence and Backlogs** ..... § 595.220

State standards address protocols for sexual assault evidence collection.

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