

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

1. "Across Midwest, this fall's ballots full of big issues." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 9. Sept. 2016. pg. 4. (Voters in the Midwest will directly decide the future of a wide range of public policies in November-for example, whether to impose the death penalty in Nebraska and how to set legislative salaries in Minnesota.)
2. Greenblatt, Alan. "In the dark." *Governing*. Vol. 30. No. 1. pg. 27-31. (Undisclosed 'dark money' donations are sloshing through the political system-and helping governors push their agendas once they get in office.)
3. Vock, Daniel C. "The politics of identification." *Governing*. Vol. 30. No. 1. pg. 35-39. (For years, courts let stand laws that required voters to show ID at the polls; judges are calling those laws racist.)
4. "The watchers watching elections." *NCSL. The Canvass*. Issue 73. Oct. 2016. pg. 1-3. (In addition to poll workers, you may also encounter party designees known as "poll watchers," members of the media, interested citizens and academics at the polls.)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

5. Poppe, Julie & Robyn Lipkowitz. "Who's watching the kids?" *State Legislatures*. Vol. 42. No. 9. Oct./Nov. 2016. pg. 18-20. (Low income parents face the threat of falling off child care assistance with a raise or promotion.)
6. Anderson, Tim. "Iowa launches plan to meet children's mental health, other needs." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 9. Sept. 2016. pg. 5. (Iowa appears to be taking some important first steps, thanks to the recommendations of a work group formed by the Legislature in 2015 and actions taken by lawmakers during their 2016 session.)

CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

7. "Police body cameras." *Capitol Journal*. Vol. XXIV. No. 31. Oct. 2016. pg. 1-4. (States mull fiscal costs and benefits of police body cameras.)
8. Winn, Kenneth H. & Paul R. Otto. "Hack work: the making of the Judiciary Article of the 1945 Missouri Constitution." *Missouri Historical Review*. Vol. 111. No. 1. Oct. 2016. pg. 44-66. (The 1945 Constitution's Judiciary Article was almost entirely new, though arguably the reformer's greatest achievement was the retention of the 1940 nonpartisan court plan. Other important victories included the strengthening of the supreme court's administrative control over the state's inferior courts, the setting of higher professional requirements for judges, rules for removing incapacitated judges, a mandatory judicial retirement age, judicial review of governmental administrative decisions, and a reduction of some of the more blatant political misuses of the judicial system.)

DRUGS & DRUG TESTING

9. Davis, Jon. "Marijuana initiatives, legislation slowly taking root in the Midwest." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 9. Sept. 2016. pg. 1+. (Ohio joins Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan in legalizing medical marijuana; North Dakota residents to vote on it in November.)

10. Katel, Peter. "Opioid crisis." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No.7. Oct. 7, 2016. pg. 817-839. (Can recent reforms curb the epidemic?)

Dowell, Deborah, et al. "Mandatory provider review and pain clinic laws reduce the amounts of opioids prescribed and overdose death rates." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 10. Oct. 2016. pg. 1876-1883. (The author examined whether opioid prescribing policies had the intended positive impact on prescribing and prescription drug overdose deaths and whether they unintentionally created harms by increasing heroin deaths.)

11. Roberts, Andrew W., et al. "Controlled substance lock in programs: examining an unintended consequence of a prescription drug abuse policy." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 10. Oct. 2016. pg. 1884-1891. (The author's study was the first rigorous investigation of lock in programs' effects on out of pocket controlled substance prescription fills, which circumvent the programs' restrictions and mitigate their potential public health benefits.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12. "Speaking of which." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 34. Issue 19. Oct. 2016. pg.4-7. (In a related development to "State economic woes," the Bureau of Economic Analysis released personal consumption expenditures by state for 2015, which can be indicative of state economies and revenue.)

EDUCATION

13. Quinn, Mattie. "Free for all." *Governing*. Vol. 30. No. 1. pg.52-55. (Tennessee's free college program could be a big bipartisan leap forward-if it can make the grade.)

14. Anderson, Tim. "New era in education." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 8. Aug./Sept. 2016. pg. 1+. (States are starting to implement new federal law that gives them more responsibility to improve school performance.)

15. Davis, Jim. "Nebraska becomes the first Midwest state to offer 'school readiness' tax credits to child care workers, providers." *Stateline Midwest*. Vol. 25. No. 8. Aug./Sept. 2016. pg. 4.

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

16. Ladika, Laura. "Apprenticeships." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 26. No. 36. Oct. 14, 2016. pg. 841-863. (Can apprenticeships help solve the skills gap?)

17. "Does ban the box actually do any good?" *Governing*. Vol. 30. No. 1. pg.56-57. (Some suggest the laws may actually hurt minorities.)

FINANCE & REVENUE

18. "State revenue woes." *State Policy Reports*. Vol. 34. Issue 19. Oct. 2016. pg. 1-3. (The latest state revenue summary from the Rockefeller Institute raises concerns about the trajectory of

state revenues. The growth rates for the first calendar quarter of 2016 were anemic, and preliminary results for the second quarter were downright gloomy.)

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

19. Gutierrez, Catherine, et al. "State regulation of freestanding emergency departments varies widely, affecting location, growth, and services provided." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 10. Oct. 2016. pg. 1857-1865. (The rapid growth of freestanding emergency departments has led to debate about their role in the health care system.)

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21. Wogan, J.B. "More than just a job." *Governing*. Vol. 30. No. 1. pg. 46-51. (A new approach to welfare asks recipients to look past short term work and consider the choices that will govern the rest of their lives.)

INSURANCE

22. McMorrow, Stacey, et al. "Marketplaces helped driver coverage gains in 2015; affordability problems remained." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 10. Oct. 2016. pg. 1810-1015. (Health insurance coverage through the Marketplaces increased in 2015, with more nonelderly adult enrollees insured all year and fewer reporting health care affordability problems than in 2014. In 2015 more Marketplace enrollees in Medicaid nonexpansion states reported trouble paying family medical bills, compared to those in expansion states, 23% versus 15%.)

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24. Oberlander, Jonathan, et al. "In the Affordable Care Act's shadow: the fate of the Children's Health Insurance Program." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 10. Oct. 2016. pg.1835-1841. (This article analyzes CHIP's funding extension, explore it's shifting political environment, and discuss the implications for the program's future.)

25. Polsky, Daniel, et al. "Marketplace plans with narrow physician networks feature lower monthly premiums than plans with larger networks." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 35. No. 10. Oct. 2016. pg. 1842-1848. (Because narrow networks remain an important strategy available to insurance companies to offer lower cost plans on health insurance Marketplaces, the success of health insurance coverage expansions may be tied to the successful implementation of narrow networks.)

MISSOURI HISTORY

26. Winn, Kenneth H. & Paul R. Otto. "Hack work: the making of the Judiciary Article of the 1945 Missouri Constitution." *Missouri Historical Review*. Vol. 111. No. 1. Oct. 2016. pg. 44-66.

(The 1945 Constitution's Judiciary Article was almost entirely new, though arguably the reformer's greatest achievement was the retention of the 1940 nonpartisan court plan. Other important victories included the strengthening of the supreme court's administrative control over the state's inferior courts, the setting of higher professional requirements for judges, rules for removing incapacitated judges, a mandatory judicial retirement age, judicial review of governmental administrative decisions, and a reduction of some of the more blatant political misuses of the judicial system.)

27. Endersby James W. & William T. Horner. *Lloyd Gaines and the fight to end segregation*. University of Missouri Press. 2016. 379 pg. (In 1936, Lloyd Gaines's application to the University of Missouri law school was denied based on his race. Gaines and the NAACP challenged the university's decision. Missouri ex rel. Gaines v. Canada (1938) was the first in a long line of decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court regarding race, higher education, and equal opportunity. The court case drew national headlines, and the NAACP moved Gaines to Chicago after he received death threats. Before he could attend law school, he vanished. This is the first book to focus entirely on the Gaines case and the vital role played by the NAACP and its lawyers.) KF 224.G35 E53.2016

MOTOR VEHICLES

28. "Head injuries rise as riders ditch helmets in Michigan." *Status Report*. Vol. 51. No. 7. Sept. 1, 2016. pg. 5-6. (In data taken in a study done 12 months before and after Michigan rolled back it's helmet law in 2012, the fatality rate among nonhelmeted motorcyclists in crashes in both periods was nearly twice as high as the rate among helmeted riders.)

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STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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31. Rose, Laura. "Making it work." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 42. No. 9. Oct./Nov. 2016. pg.24-25. (Three tips for smoothing out the sometimes rocky relationships between nonpartisan and partisan staff.)

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2016. pg. 194-207. (This article presents case studies of New Jersey and Michigan to examine difference in home rule protection as well as approaches to municipal takeover.)

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