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**Subject: Missouri Voters Support Nixon's Veto of Waiting Period Bill,
Overwhelmingly Want Legislature to Focus on Jobs Instead of Attempting Override**

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A recent Public Policy Polling survey of Missouri voters finds voters in the state support Governor Nixon's decision to veto a bill that would have tripled the waiting period for abortions from 24 hours to 72 hours, and overwhelmingly want the state legislature to focus on other issues, such as jobs and the economy, as opposed to trying to override the Governor's veto.

Key poll findings include:

-50% of voters in the state oppose extending the waiting period for abortions as opposed to only 43% of voters who support an extended waiting period.

-81% of voters have concerns about the legislation. Most worrisome to voters is the belief that this measure represents politicians intruding on a woman's private medical decisions.

-Missourians support the Governor's veto of the bill by a 46-42% margin.

-The intensity on this issue is strong among opponents of extending the waiting period. 56% of those who don't want the waiting period extended say how a legislator votes on this bill will impact whether they vote for that lawmaker in November. In comparison only 40% of supporters of extending the waiting period say a legislator's vote will impact their vote in November.

-An overwhelming majority of voters in the state, 71%, believe that the state legislature should focus on economic issues instead of attempting to override the Governor's veto.





Over 2/3 of voters of all age groups think that the legislature should focus on other issues. Additionally, Missourians statewide don't think the legislature should spend time trying to override the veto – 78% of urban voters, 63% of rural and 75% of suburban want the Legislature to move on.

PPP interviewed 759 Missouri voters on July 2nd and 3rd. The margin of error for the poll is +/-3.6%.

