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Missouri Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Study:

Civil Rights and Voting During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Missouri

The Missouri Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene the second in a series of public meetings to discuss the potential impacts of COVID-19 on voter access to elections within the state. The Committee will consider state and local responses to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic in an examination of potential disruptions in the election process which could lead to deprivations of the right to vote. The Committee will hear testimony from state and local election officials, advocates, academics, and other election experts. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period near the end of each meeting. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to dbarreras@usccr.gov by Monday August 31, 2020.

The meetings will take place via Skype:

- **Thursday, July 16, 2020** from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST online at:
<https://meet.lync.com/usccr.gov/dbarreras/PZL0L5NZ>

For **audio only** please dial: 206-800-4892 and provide conference ID: 345799543.

Please plan to use *either* the call-in number *or* the above web access links in order to participate in the meeting. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the above listed conference call number and conference ID number.

The Missouri Committee will issue a report to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, to inform the Commission's larger study on these issues, after all testimony has been received.

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