

Missouri's Law

Missouri's landlord-tenant laws offer protection for tenants renting from unresponsive landlords as well as options for landlords to get rid of drug dealers, destructive tenants and persons unlawfully occupying a premises.

State Statutes:

- Authorize county courts to order the quick removal of tenants involved in drug-related criminal activity or violence even when there is no arrest, and persons occupying the property without the landlord's permission. Prior written notice is not required.
- Allow landlords to remove abandoned personal items once they have complied with notice requirements.
- Make a landlord guilty of forcible entry for willfully interrupting utility service, unless it is done for health and safety reasons.
- Allow a tenant, under certain circumstances and after giving a landlord 14 days' notice, to deduct one-half month's rent or up to \$300 (whichever is greater) for repair code violations when a landlord neglects property.
- Allow a landlord to double the rent when a tenant lets another person take over the premises without the landlord's permission.
- Limit occupancy to two persons per bedroom except for children born during the lease period.