

Voters in Jackson County – Information on J. Dale Youngs

Retention vote on Judge J. Dale Youngs

J. Dale Youngs, judge in the 16th circuit, Jackson County is up for a retention vote on Nov. 8 ballot in Jackson County.

In October, 2014 Missouri Circuit Judge J. Dale Youngs *struck down the state's laws prohibiting recognition of same-sex marriages performed out-of-state*, making for another victory for supporters of same sex marriage in judicial system.

In a 20-page decision, Judge J. Dale Youngs of the 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County declares Missouri's ban on recognizing same-sex marriage violates plaintiff same-sex couples' constitutional right to equal protection.

“Under the Constitutions of the United States and State of Missouri, must defendants recognize out-of-state marriages between same-sex couples that are legal in the jurisdiction in which they were contracted — just as it recognizes all other similarly valid out-of-state marriages?” Youngs writes. “The answer is yes.”

Jackson County voters will have an opportunity to vote **Yes** to retain J. Dale Youngs in his position as a judge in the 16th Circuit. They will also have an opportunity to vote **NO** to remove Dale Youngs from his position as a judge in the 16th Circuit.