



# MISSOURI STATE TREASURER CLINT ZWEIFEL

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CLINT ZWEIFEL (ZWY-ful) was elected Missouri's 45th State Treasurer on Nov. 4, 2008. At 35, Treasurer Zweifel became Missouri's youngest state treasurer in more than a century. He was re-elected to his second and final term as Treasurer on Nov. 6, 2012.

As State Treasurer, Clint Zweifel is protecting taxpayer dollars, helping small businesses and farms expand, and making college more affordable. As the state's chief financial officer, he manages and invests Missouri's \$3.5 billion portfolio. Through conservative and effective investing, he has protected Missouri's AAA credit rating through the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

Immediately upon taking office, Treasurer Zweifel developed a legislative package that improved and streamlined a low-interest lending program helping farms and small businesses access low-interest capital. The legislature unanimously passed this initiative and, as a result, Treasurer Zweifel has approved \$1.5 billion in low-interest loans through his Missouri Linked Deposit Program and ensured taxpayers earn market rates on deposits in Missouri banks.

As a strong proponent of making government services more accessible, Treasurer Zweifel has used technology to streamline services from his office, cutting costs and increasing accountability to taxpayers. Those innovations have allowed Treasurer Zweifel to return record amounts of Unclaimed Property each year. He has returned more than \$242 million of Unclaimed Property to 820,000 account owners, more than half of all Unclaimed Property ever returned in state history.

Through his management of Unclaimed Property, Treasurer Zweifel has demonstrated his commitment to protecting the military medals and insignia he currently holds. Treasurer Zweifel championed new laws that prohibit the sale of military medals held in Unclaimed Property and allow him to more actively work with the public to return those medals, resulting in more than 100 medals being returned to the heroes who earned them or their families.

Treasurer Zweifel was recognized for his dedication to the military members based here by Governor Nixon in 2014 when he accepted the appointment to lead the Missouri Military Partnership, coordinating with state and national military leaders in order to provide a plan to retain and strengthen the military installations in Missouri.

In addition to his office duties, Treasurer Zweifel represents Missourians on a number of state boards and commissions. As a member of the Missouri Housing Development Commission, he worked to provide quality, affordable housing for populations with special needs including individuals who are chronically homeless, mentally ill, veterans and children aging out of foster care. Thanks to his efforts more than 1,000 special needs housing units have been built at no additional cost to taxpayers. Most recently, Treasurer Zweifel has advocated expanding the definition of special needs to include domestic violence and human trafficking victims.



## *Official Biography*

Treasurer Zweifel also sits on the board of the Missouri State Employee Retirement System, where he continues to fight for accountability to taxpayers and retirement security through smart investment policy and consumer protection measures, including a ban on pension advances.

As chairman of Missouri's Higher Education Savings Program Board, Treasurer Zweifel has pushed for increased access to higher education for Missouri families through MOST—Missouri's 529 College Savings Plan. He has grown the program to \$2.2 billion in assets and more than 150,000 accounts, while cutting costs for Missouri families utilizing the plan. In 2012, Missouri created the MOST 529 Matching Grant program, laying the foundation for future public-private partnerships to provide at-risk children access to higher education savings accounts. This effort has resulted in more than 1,000 accounts for children in the St. Louis region.

Prior to serving as State Treasurer, Zweifel represented northwest St. Louis County in the Missouri House of Representatives for six years.

Born Nov. 3, 1973, in St. Louis, Treasurer Zweifel grew up in nearby Florissant. He graduated from Hazelwood West High School in 1992 and became the first member of his family to attend college. He graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1996 and a Master of Business Administration in 2001. Treasurer Zweifel resides in Columbia with his wife, Janice, and their daughters, Selma and Ellie.