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### Legislator Papers

#### Elizabeth “Betty” Green Sims, 1995-2002

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#### Historical and Biographical Notes

Betty Sims, a Republican, represented the 24th District, which includes much of central St. Louis County, in the Missouri Senate. She was first elected in November of 1994, again in 1998. Sims served as the Assistant Majority Floor Leader and Chairman of the

Aging, Families and Mental Health Committee. She also served as Co-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence. She was a member of the Senate Committees on Public Health and Welfare, Transportation and Appropriations. She was appointed Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Health Care in September 2001.

When she was not working in the General Assembly, Sims was involved with numerous health, long term care, and children's services organizations. She served as Vice Chair of the Assembly on States Issues (ASI) Children, Families and Health Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures; Member, National Governor's Association Policy Academy on Improving Oral Health Care for Children; Member, Millbank Memorial Fund Reforming States Group whose main focus was long-term care; and Member, Missouri Leadership Team, National Health Care Standards Campaign for Victims of Domestic Violence. Senator Sims also served many volunteer organizations including the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis, Girls, Inc., and the Salvation Army.

Sims received a bachelor's degree from Washington University in 1956 and a Master of Business Administration from Southern Illinois University in 1981. Her professional experience included ownership and operation of The Potato Chip Factory from 1981 to 1988 and consultant to small businesses beginning in 1981. She also served as Chairman and Member of the State Board of Accountancy from 1982 to 1987.

Senator Sims was born on December 15, 1935. She was married to Dr. William A. Sims, Jr., an anesthesiologist, for 57 years. They have two children, Molly and Betsy and five grandchildren. Sims passed away on August 22, 2016 and buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.

## Timeline

| Year      | Event   |
|-----------|---|
| 1956      | Sims received a bachelor's degree from Washington University.                               |
| 1981      | Sims received a master's degree from Southern Illinois University                           |
| 1981-1988 | Sims operated a small business, The Potato Chip Factory.                                    |
| 1982-1987 | Sims served as Chairman and Member of the State Board of Accountancy from 1982 to 1987.     |
| 1994      | Betty Sims was elected to the Missouri Senate.  |
| 1998      | Betty Sims was reelected to the Missouri Senate.  |
| 2001      | Sims was appointed Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Health Care in September. |
| 2016      | Sims passed away on August 22.  |

## Additional Descriptive Information

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### Related Material

[Missouri House and Senate Journals](#).

RG550.90-2 [General Assembly, 2000](#).

RG550.91-1 [General Assembly, 2001](#).

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RG552.21 [Morris Westfall, 1971-2003](#).

- Sims worked with Westfall on legislation.

RG552.24 [Wayne Goode, 1962-2005](#).

- Sims worked with Goode on legislation.

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## Legislative Papers, 1995-2002

*Extent:* 4.2 cubic ft. (10.5 Hollinger boxes)

*Arrangement:* Chronological, then by bill number

### Scope and Content

Sims worked on multiple adoption, disability-related, certificate of need, dental, sexual predator, and healthcare bills. Some bill files included are House Bills where Sims served as the House's Senate sponsor for the passage of the bill. All folders contain correspondence with constituents. Others include correspondence with other legislators, annotated copies of bills, and research materials.

Major bills she worked on include:

- Sexual Predator Bill, House Bill 974 (1997) includes meeting agendas and minutes, lists of legislators to contact for support, and newspaper clippings.
- Managed Health Care Bill, Senate Bill 223 (1997) includes committee notes. Many of the folders have subtopics, such as children's health, prescriptions, etc.
- Child Healthcare Bill, Senate Bill 632 (1998) includes handouts from two national conferences on children's healthcare Sims attended and annotated.

Some material is restricted due to the inclusion of social security numbers.

### Container List

| Box | Folder | Contents  | Date |
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| 1   | 1      | House Bill 607, St. Louis County City Taxes                             | 1995 |
| 1   | 2      | Senate Bill 1, Big Labor  | 1995 |
| 1   | 3      | Senate Bill 13, Cock Fighting   | 1995 |
| 1   | 4      | Senate Bill 27, Insurance Coverage of Breast Cancer Treatment           | 1995 |
| 1   | 5-6    | Senate Bill 32, Missouri Workers Compensation Law (Folder 5 Restricted) | 1995 |
| 1   | 7      | Senate Bill 41, Corporal Punishment of School Children                  | 1995 |
| 1   | 8      | Senate Bill 51, Freedom of Expression Law                               | 1995 |
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| 1   | 9      | Senate Bill 138, Public Service Commission Changes                      | 1995 |
| 1   | 10-11  | Senate Bill 176, Weapon Offenses  | 1995 |

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| 1          | 13            | Senate Resolution 181, Rams move to St. Louis (football)   | 1995        |
| 1          | 14            | Senate Bill 197, Patient Fairness Act  | 1995        |
| 1          | 15            | Senate Bill 199, Budget Stabilization Fund   | 1995        |
| 1          | 16            | Senate Bill 253, Residential Healthcare Facilities   | 1995        |
| 1          | 17            | Senate Bill 279 with Senate Concurrent Resolution and Senate Amendment 12, Caregiver (Abortion Counseling) | 1995        |
| 1          | 18            | Senate Bill 307, Liability Caps  | 1995        |
| 1          | 20            | Senate Bill 318, Health Insurance  | 1995        |
| 1          | 21            | Senate Bill 380, Taxes and Education Funding   | 1995        |
| 1          | 22            | Senate Bill 471, Pharmacies  | 1995        |
| 1          | 23            | Senate Bill 545, Child Immunizations   | 1995        |
| 2          | 1             | Senate Concurrent Resolutions 9, Luxury Living Mobile Home Park Buyout                                     | 1995        |
| 2          | 2             | Senate Joint Resolution 4  | 1995        |
| 2          | 3-4           | Miscellaneous Legislation (includes 3 photos)  | 1995        |
| 2          | 5-12          | House Bill 974, Sexual Predator Bill   | 1996        |
| 3          | 1-2           | House Bill 974, Sexual Predator Bill   | 1996        |
| 3          | 3             | Senate Bill 576, Child Support   | 1996        |
| 3          | 4             | Senate Bill 934, Certificate of Need   | 1996        |
| 3          | 5             | Senate Bill 137, Institutional Health Care Service   | 1997        |
| 3          | 6             | Senate Bill 138, Apartment Complexes   | 1997        |
| 3          | 7             | Senate Bill 139, Billboards  | 1997        |
| 3          | 8-16          | Senate Bill 223, Managed Care  | 1997        |
| 4          | 1-5           | Senate Bill 223, Managed Care  | 1997        |
| 4          | 6-7           | Senate Bill 225, Adoption  | 1997        |
| 4          | 8             | Senate Bill 232, Architects  | 1997        |
| 4          | 9             | Senate Bill 310, Education   | 1997        |
| 4          | 10-11         | Senate Bill 360, Desegregation   | 1997        |
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| 4          | 13            | Miscellaneous Legislation  | 1997        |

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| 4          | 15            | Senate Bill 522, Impaired Drivers                                  | 1998        |
| 5          | 1             | Senate Bill 523, Non-Profit Hospital Sale                          | 1998        |
| 5          | 2             | Senate Bill 556, Visitation Limits                                 | 1998        |
| 5          | 3-7           | Senate Bill 632, Children's Healthcare                             | 1998        |
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| 6          | 3             | Senate Bill 674, Adoption Technical                                | 1998        |
| 6          | 4             | Senate Bill 720, Children's Services                               | 1998        |
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| 6          | 9             | Senate Bill 783, Civil Commitment of Sexual Predators              | 1998        |
| 6          | 10            | Senate Bill 893, Foodborne Disease                                 | 1998        |
| 6          | 11            | Senate Bill 894, Architects  | 1998        |
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| 7          | 1             | Sim's Amendments   | 1998        |
| 7          | 2             | Senate Bill 64, State Tax Commission                               | 1999        |
| 7          | 3             | Senate Bill 97, Assets for Independence Act (AFIA)                 | 1999        |
| 7          | 4             | Senate Bill 106, Auto Traffic Enforcement                          | 1999        |
| 7          | 5             | Senate Bill 233, Child Placement                                   | 1999        |
| 7          | 6             | Senate Bill 292, Health Care Facilities                            | 1999        |
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| 7          | 9-10          | Senate Bill 339, Aging   | 1999        |
| 7          | 11            | Senate Bill 586, Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption                   | 2000        |
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| 9          | 1             | House Bill 762, Prosthetic Devices   | 2001        |
| 9          | 2             | House Bill 835, Senate Amendment   | 2001        |
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| 8          | 8             | Senate Bill 184, Sheltered Workshops                                       | 2001        |
| 8          | 9             | Senate Bill 199, Automated Traffic   | 2001        |
| 8          | 10            | Senate Bill 200, Women Offender Program                                    | 2001        |
| 8          | 11            | Senate Bill 201, Life Long Learning  | 2001        |
| 8          | 12            | Senate Bill 208, Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption                           | 2001        |
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| 9          | 7-8           | Senate Bill 236, Adoption Subsidies  | 2001        |
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| 10         | 1             | Senate Bill 449, Alzheimer's Awareness  | 2001        |
| 10         | 2             | Senate Bill 473, Child Care Referral and Resource Agencies  | 2001        |
| 10         | 3             | Senate Bill 550, Americans with Disabilities Act Suites   | 2001        |
| 10         | 4             | Senate Bill 551, Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills 551, 410, 539, 528, and 296, Grandparents as Foster Parents | 2001        |
| 10         | 5             | Senate Bill 552, Co-Management  | 2001        |
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