Secretary Jay Ashcroft Biography (Short)

Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft brings a unique perspective to the office, having been an attorney, an educator and an engineer.

Secretary Ashcroft, Missouri’s 40th Secretary of State, was elected in 2016. His office provides business registration services, investor protection and education, and includes the State Library and State Archives. Secretary Ashcroft serves as the state’s chief elections official and is a member of several election and security committees within the National Association of Secretaries of State.

Secretary Ashcroft obtained degrees in engineering management from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, and is a graduate of St. Louis University School of Law. As a lawyer, an educator and an engineer, he works to support local election officials, public libraries and workforce development.

Jay and his wife Katie have three sons and one daughter and reside in Jefferson City.