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Missouri Supreme Court Weighs Who Can Challenge Kansas City Stadium Incentives.

The case comes as Kansas City commits $600 million to a Royals stadium and Missouri prepares for potential borrowing

The Missouri Supreme Court wrestled Tuesday with whether three opponents of the state's sweeping stadium tax incentive law have the legal right to challenge it.

State Sen. Mike Moon, an Ash Grove Republican, state Rep. Bryant Wolfin, a Ste. Genevieve Republican, and conservative activist Ron Calzone sued last year seeking to overturn the law, which lawmakers passed during a special session called partly to keep the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals from leaving Missouri.

But the judges Tuesday were not deciding whether the law itself violates the Missouri Constitution. First, they have to decide whether Moon, Wolfin and Calzone have standing to sue.

Bevis Schock, an attorney for Moon, Wolfin and Calzone, argued Tuesday that the law is already filled with the kind of spending necessary to give taxpayers standing.

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