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HOUSE BILL NO. 728

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 386.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the public service commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 386.050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 386.050, to read as follows:

386.050. **1.** The commission shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, and one of whom shall be designated by the governor to be chair of the commission. Each commissioner, at the time of the commissioner's appointment and qualification, shall be a resident of the state of Missouri, and shall have resided in the state for a period of at least five years next preceding the appointment and qualification, and shall also be a qualified voter therein and not less than twenty-five years of age. Upon the expiration of each of the terms of office of the first commissioners, the term of office of each commissioner thereafter appointed shall be six years from the time of the commissioner's appointment and qualification and until his successor shall qualify. Vacancies in the commission shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired term.

2. At least one member of the commission shall have resided for at least five years next preceding the appointment and qualification in a nonmetro county, as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget.

3. At least one member of the commission shall have resided for at least five years next preceding the appointment and qualification in a county with at least twenty percent of the population having an income below the federal poverty level for each of the three preceding decennial censuses.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. The requirements of subsections 2 and 3 of this section may be satisfied by the**
19 **same member.**

20 **5. The commission member or members required to be appointed under**
21 **subsections 2 and 3 of this section shall be appointed upon the next vacancy or expiration**
22 **of a commissioner's term of office occurring after August 28, 2015, until such membership**
23 **requirements are fulfilled.**

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