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# HOUSE BILL NO. 968

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EGGLESTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 226.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the highways and transportation commission.

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

Section A. Section 226.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 226.030, to read as follows:

226.030. 1. **Prior to January 1, 2018**, the highways and transportation commission shall consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than three thereof to be members of the same political party. **Beginning January 1, 2018, the commission shall consist of eight members who shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than four thereof to be members of the same political party, with one commissioner appointed from each of the state's seven department of transportation geographic districts and one commissioner appointed regardless of where he or she resides. For the purpose of determining the district of residence of commissioners appointed under this subsection, the boundaries of the seven department of transportation geographic districts shall be as such boundaries existed on August 28, 2017. Not more than two members shall be of the same occupation.** Each commissioner shall be a taxpayer and resident of state for at least five years prior to his **or her** appointment. Any commissioner may be removed by the governor if fully satisfied of his **or her** inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. Commissioners appointed pursuant to this section shall be appointed for terms of six years, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Upon the expiration of each of the foregoing terms of these commissioners a successor shall be appointed for a term of six years or until his **or her** successor

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 is appointed and qualified which term of six years shall thereafter be the length of term of each  
19 member of the commission unless removed as above provided. The members of the commission  
20 shall receive as compensation for their services twenty-five dollars per day for the time spent in  
21 the performance of their official duties, and also their necessary traveling and other expenses  
22 incurred while actually engaged in the discharge of their official duties. ~~[Members whose terms  
23 otherwise expire December 1, 2003, shall serve with terms expiring March 1, 2004, and new  
24 members or the members reappointed shall be appointed for terms expiring March 1, 2005; a  
25 member whose term otherwise expires December 1, 2005, shall serve with a term expiring  
26 March 1, 2007; a member whose term otherwise expires December 1, 2007, shall serve with a  
27 term expiring March 1, 2009; and one member whose term otherwise expires October 13, 2007,  
28 shall serve with a term expiring March 1, 2007; and one member whose term otherwise expires  
29 October 13, 2007, shall serve with a term expiring March 1, 2009.]~~ If a vacancy occurs in any  
30 term of a commissioner due to death, resignation, or removal, a successor shall be appointed for  
31 only the remainder of the unexpired term.

32 2. The two members of the commission, one each from opposing political parties, who  
33 have the most seniority in commission service shall serve as commission leadership with one  
34 member as chair and the other member as vice chair, respectively, for terms ending March 1,  
35 2005. The commission shall elect one of the members as chair and the other as vice chair.  
36 Effective March 1, 2005, the commission shall elect the two members of the commission, one  
37 from each opposing political party who has the most seniority in commission service, who shall  
38 serve as commission leadership with one member as chair and the other member as vice chair,  
39 respectively, for one year. At the end of such year, the members currently serving as chair and  
40 vice chair shall have the option to rotate positions, and the member currently serving as vice  
41 chair may serve as chair, and vice versa. Thereafter, commission leadership shall continue to  
42 rotate accordingly with the two members from opposing political parties who have the most  
43 seniority in terms of commission service being elected by the commission to serve as  
44 commission leadership. If one of the commission leadership offices becomes vacant due to  
45 death, resignation, removal, or ~~[refuses]~~ **refusal** to serve before the one-year leadership term  
46 expires, the commission shall elect one of its members that is of the same political party as the  
47 vacating officer to serve the remainder of the vacating officer's leadership term. Such election  
48 shall not prohibit that member from later serving as chair and vice chair when such member's  
49 seniority in commission service qualifies him or her for those offices as provided in this  
50 subsection. **Any member reappointed shall be eligible to serve as chair or vice-chair only**  
51 **during the final two years of such member's reappointment.**

52           3. No more than one-half of the members of the commission shall be of the same  
53 political party. The selection and removal of all employees of the department of transportation  
54 shall be without regard to political affiliation.

55           4. The present members of the commission shall continue to serve as members of the  
56 commission for the remainder of the terms for which they were appointed, except as provided  
57 in subsection 1 of this section.

58           ~~[5. Any member reappointed shall only be eligible to serve as chair or vice-chair during~~  
59 ~~the final two years of such member's reappointment.]~~

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