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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 192.007 and 205.100, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to public health management qualifications.

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

Section A. Sections 192.007 and 205.100, RSMo, are repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 192.007 and 205.100, to
3 read as follows:

192.007. 1. The director of the department of health and senior services
2 shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the
3 senate. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and the director's
4 salary shall not exceed appropriations made for that purpose.

5 2. The director shall be a person of recognized character, integrity and
6 executive ability, [shall be a graduate of an institution of higher education
7 approved by recognized accrediting agencies, and shall have had the
8 administrative experience necessary to enable him to successfully perform the
9 duties of his office. He shall have experience in public health management and
10 agency operation and management] **and shall have, at a minimum, the**
11 **following qualifications:**

12 **(1) A medical doctor or a doctor of osteopathy degree with a**
13 **master's degree in public health and at least five years of upper-level**
14 **public health management or leadership experience;**

15 **(2) A doctorate or Ph.D. with a minimum of ten years of public**
16 **health experience; or**

17 **(3) A Ph.D. in a health-related field, which may include nursing,**
18 **public health, health policy, environmental health, community health,**
19 **or health education and a master's degree in public health with a**

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 **minimum of ten years of public health management or leadership**
21 **experience.**

22 **"Public health management or leadership experience" shall refer to**
23 **experience in a local, state, or federal public health agency responsible**
24 **for the entire population of a political subdivision.**

205.100. 1. The county commission or commissions shall annually at their
2 February meeting, appoint the director of the public health center as county
3 health officer and such county health officer shall exercise all of the rights and
4 perform all of the duties pertaining to that office as set forward under the health
5 laws of the state and rules and regulations of the department of health and senior
6 services.

7 **2. In order to serve as a director or administrator of a public**
8 **health center, such person shall have, at a minimum, the following**
9 **qualifications:**

10 **(1) A master's degree in public health from a college or**
11 **university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and**
12 **Schools or other regional, nationally-recognized accrediting agency and**
13 **at least two years of full-time administrative experience in public**
14 **health;**

15 **(2) A graduate degree in a related field, which may include, but**
16 **shall not be limited to, a master's degree in public administration,**
17 **nursing, environmental health, community health, or health education,**
18 **from a college or university accredited by the North Central**
19 **Association of Colleges and Schools or other regional, nationally-**
20 **recognized accrediting agency and at least two years of full-time**
21 **experience in public health;**

22 **(3) A bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited**
23 **by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or other**
24 **regional, nationally-recognized accrediting agency and at least four**
25 **years of full-time administrative experience, of which at least two years**
26 **shall be in public health; or**

27 **(4) An incumbent director or public health administrator, or a**
28 **person who is acting in the capacity of a director or public health**
29 **administrator as of August 28, 2019, shall be considered in compliance**
30 **with the education and experience requirements of this subsection.**