

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 473

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRAUS.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 27, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to federal enforcement of immigration laws, with a referendum clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 27, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 27.125, to read as follows:

27.125. 1. The attorney general shall seek appropriate relief on behalf of the state and its officers to compel the federal government to enforce federal immigration laws upon the adoption of this section by the qualified voters of this state and in subsequent years when the attorney general determines in his or her discretion that such suit is necessary and proper or when the attorney general is directed to seek such relief by an executive order of the governor, a concurrent resolution of the general assembly, or a petition of the legal voters pursuant to chapter 116 that expresses the belief that the federal government has failed to enforce a provision of federal law relating to immigration.

2. Before commencing any action under subsection 1 of this section, the attorney general shall request the state auditor to submit a statement containing an itemization of costs incurred by the state and political subdivisions due to the federal government's lack of enforcement of its immigration laws. The attorney general shall seek the recovery of those costs in any action commenced under subsection 1 of this section.

Section B. This act is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state for approval or rejection at an election which is hereby ordered and which shall be held and conducted on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November,

4 2012, pursuant to the laws and constitutional provisions of this state for the
5 submission of referendum measures by the general assembly, and this act shall
6 become effective when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon at such
7 election and not otherwise.

Section C. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional
2 provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot
3 language for the submission of this act to the voters of this state, the official
4 ballot title of this act shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Statutes be amended to require the Attorney
6 General to act to compel the federal government to enforce federal
7 immigration laws upon the enactment of this referendum, when
8 deemed necessary by the Attorney General, or upon subsequent
9 direction by the Governor, General Assembly, or voters of this
10 state?"

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