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# SENATE BILL NO. 270

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Judiciary, February 20, 2001, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 536, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to administrative law judges, with an effective date.

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

Section A. Chapter 536, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 536.001, to read as follows:

**536.001. 1. This section shall apply to each agency of the executive branch of state government that employs or engages more than one administrative law judge, either full or part-time, to adjudicate contested cases, and which provides for chief administrative law judges or administrative law judges in charge of particular offices or groups of administrative law judges.**

**2. The office shall be headed by a chief administrative law judge selected by a majority of the administrative law judges from their number to serve a term of two years, who may be removed only for cause and shall continue in office until a successor is appointed.**

**3. The chief administrative law judge shall:**

**(1) Supervise the administrative law judges in the office or group;**  
**(2) Assign administrative law judges in any case referred to the office or group;**  
**(3) Protect and ensure the decisional independence of each administrative law judge;**

**(4) Establish and implement standards and specialized training programs and provide materials for administrative law judges;**

**(5) Provide and coordinate continuing education programs and services for**

**administrative law judges, including research, technical assistance, technical and professional publications, compile and disseminate information, and advise of changes in the law relative to their duties.**

Section B. The enactment of section 536.001 shall become effective January 1, 2002.

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