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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a small business advocate.

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

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 26.620, to read as follows:

**26.620. 1. There is established within the office of the lieutenant governor a small business advocate. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, and upon written request by a small business, the small business advocate may provide advice and support to any small business, during any adjudicatory or contested proceeding involving any civil citation issued by a state or county agency in which the small business is a party. The small business advocate may also engage in the following activities:**

**(1) Advocate and negotiate, upon consultation with the small business regulatory review board, with federal, state, and county agencies and officials on any matter relating to and promoting the interests of small business;**

**(2) Conduct investigations to secure information useful in the promulgation of administrative rules and laws favorable to the interests of small businesses;**

**(3) Refer any appropriate matter to the state auditor for examination or investigation; and**

**(4) Do any and all things necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.**

**2. The small business advocate shall submit an annual report to the general assembly detailing their activities no later than twenty days prior to convening of the regular session.**

**3. As used in this section, "small business" means a for-profit enterprise consisting of fewer than one hundred full-time or part-time employees.**

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