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## AN ACT

To repeal section 575.010, RSMo 2000, relating to offenses against the administration of justice, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 575.010, RSMo 2000, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 575.010 and 575.145, to read as follows:

575.010. The following definitions shall apply to chapters 575 and 576, RSMo:

(1) "Affidavit" means any written statement which is authorized or required by law to be made under oath, and which is sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths;

(2) "Government" means any branch or agency of the government of this state or of any political subdivision thereof;

(3) **"Highway", means any public road or thoroughfare for vehicles, including state roads, county roads and public streets, avenues, boulevards, parkways or alleys in any municipality;**

(4) "Judicial proceeding" means any official proceeding in court, or any proceeding authorized by or held under the supervision of a court;

[(4)] (5) "Juror" means a grand or petit juror, including a person who has been drawn or summoned to attend as a prospective juror;

[(5)] (6) "Jury" means a grand or petit jury, including any panel which has been drawn or summoned to attend as prospective jurors;

[(6)] (7) "Official proceeding" means any cause, matter, or proceeding where the laws of

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

this state require that evidence considered therein be under oath or affirmation;

[(7)] **(8)** "Police animal" means a dog, horse or other animal used in law enforcement or a correctional facility, or by a municipal police department, fire department, search and rescue unit or agency, whether the animal is on duty or not on duty. The term shall include, but not be limited to, accelerant detection dogs, bomb detection dogs, narcotic detection dogs, search and rescue dogs and tracking animals;

[(8)] **(9)** "Public record" means any document which a public servant is required by law to keep;

[(9)] **(10)** "Testimony" means any oral statement under oath or affirmation;

[(10)] **(11)** "Victim" means any natural person against whom any crime is deemed to have been perpetrated or attempted;

[(11)] **(12)** "Witness" means any natural person:

(a) Having knowledge of the existence or nonexistence of facts relating to any crime; or

(b) Whose declaration under oath is received as evidence for any purpose; or

(c) Who has reported any crime to any peace officer or prosecutor; or

(d) Who has been served with a subpoena issued under the authority of any court of this state.

**575.145. It shall be the duty of the operator or driver of any vehicle or the rider of any animal traveling on the highways of this state to stop on signal of any sheriff or deputy sheriff and to obey any other reasonable signal or direction of such sheriff or deputy sheriff given in directing the movement of traffic on the highways. Any person who willfully fails or refuses to obey such signals or directions or who willfully resists or opposes a sheriff or deputy sheriff in the proper discharge of his or her duties shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished as provided by law for such offenses.**