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## AN ACT

To repeal section 36.030, RSMo 2000, relating to state personnel law, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 36.030, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 36.030, to read as follows:

36.030. 1. A system of personnel administration based on merit principles and designed to secure efficient administration is established for all offices, positions and employees, except attorneys, of the department of social services, the department of corrections, the department of health, **the department of agriculture**, the department of natural resources, the department of mental health, the division of personnel and other divisions and units of the office of administration, the division of employment security, mine safety and on-site consultation sections of the division of labor standards and administration operations of the department of labor and industrial relations, the division of tourism and job development and training, the Missouri housing development commission, and the office of public counsel of the department of economic development, the Missouri state water patrol, the Missouri veterans commission, capitol police and state emergency management agency of the department of public safety, such other agencies as may be designated by law, and such other agencies as may be required to maintain personnel standards on a merit basis by federal law or regulations for grant-in-aid programs; except that, the following offices and positions of these agencies are not subject to this chapter and may be filled without regard to its provisions:

(1) Other provisions of the law notwithstanding, members of boards and commissions, departmental directors, five principal assistants designated by the departmental directors, division directors, and three principal assistants designated by each division director; except that, these

exemptions shall not apply to the division of personnel;

(2) One principal assistant for each board or commission, the members of which are appointed by the governor or by a director of the department;

(3) Chaplains and attorneys regularly employed or appointed in any department or division subject to this chapter, except as provided in section 36.031;

(4) Persons employed in work assignments with a geographic location principally outside the state of Missouri and other persons whose employment is such that selection by competitive examination and standard classification and compensation practices are not practical under all the circumstances as determined by the board by rule;

(5) Patients or inmates in state charitable, penal and correctional institutions who may also be employees in the institutions;

(6) Persons employed in an internship capacity in a state department or institution as a part of their formal training, at a college, university, business, trade or other technical school; except that, by appropriate resolution of the governing authorities of any department or institution, the personnel division may be called upon to assist in selecting persons to be appointed to internship positions;

(7) The administrative head of each state medical, penal and correctional institution, as warranted by the size and complexity of the organization and as approved by the board;

(8) Deputies or other policy-making assistants to the exempt head of each division of service, as warranted by the size or complexity of the organization and in accordance with the rules promulgated by the personnel advisory board;

(9) Special assistants as designated by an appointing authority; except that, the number of such special assistants shall not exceed one percent of a department's total authorized full-time equivalent workforce;

(10) Merit status shall be retained by present incumbents of positions identified in this section which have previously been subject to this chapter.

2. All positions in the executive branch transferred to coverage pursuant to this chapter where incumbents of such positions have at least twelve months' prior service on the effective date of such transfer shall have incumbency preference and shall be permitted to retain their positions, provided they meet qualification standards acceptable to the division of personnel of the office of administration. An employee with less than twelve months of prior service on the effective date of such transfer or an employee who is appointed to such position after the effective date of such transfer and prior to the classification and allocation of the position by the division of personnel shall be permitted to retain his or her position, provided he or she meets acceptable qualification standards and subject to successful completion of a working test period which shall not exceed twelve months of total service in the position. After the allocation of any position to an established classification, such position shall thereafter be filled only in accordance with all provisions of this

chapter.

3. The system of personnel administration governs the appointment, promotion, transfer, layoff, removal and discipline of employees and officers and other incidents of employment in divisions of service subject to this chapter, and all appointments and promotions to positions subject to this chapter shall be made on the basis of merit and fitness.

4. To encourage all state employees to improve the quality of state services, increase the efficiency of state work operations, and reduce the costs of state programs, the director of the division of personnel shall establish employee recognition programs, including a statewide employee suggestion system. The director shall determine reasonable rules and shall provide reasonable standards for determining the monetary awards, not to exceed five thousand dollars, under the employee suggestion system. Awards shall be made from funds appropriated for this purpose.

5. At the request of the senate or the house of representatives, the commissioner of administration shall submit a report on the employee suggestion award program described in subsection 4 of this section.

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