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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 270
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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.

Senate Committee Substitute adopted March 6, 2001.

Taken up March 6, 2001. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

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.

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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