

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1130

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Judiciary, March 13, 2002, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 507, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to legislative intervention in judicial proceedings.

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

Section A. Chapter 507, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 507.240, to read as follows:

507.240. 1. In any action, suit or proceeding in a court of the United States or in a court in this state, wherein the interpretation, application or validity of any statute, regulation or constitutional provision of this state is in question, the general assembly acting by joint rules or concurrent resolution, either house of the general assembly acting by its own rules or resolutions or any individual member or members of the general assembly, may at any time appear before the court to intervene in such action, suit or proceeding. Such intervention shall be for the presentation of evidence or for argument regarding the interpretation, application or validity of such statute, regulation or constitutional provision, or for both such presentation and argument. The general assembly as a whole, either house of the general assembly or such member or members of the general assembly shall have all the rights of a party to the action, suit or proceeding. An intervening individual member or intervening members of the general assembly who leave office may remain an intervener or as interveners in that particular action, suit or proceeding.

2. The provisions of this section shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate its purposes.