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# Sen. Crowell's ALJ Retirement Bill Heads to Governor's Desk

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JEFFERSON CITY—As of today, both chambers of the Missouri General Assembly have approved legislation abolishing the Administrative Law Judge and Legal Advisors Retirement Plan (ALJLAP). Senate Bill 202, which is sponsored by Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, abolishes the ALJLAP system and thereby prevents administrative law judges and legal advisors from receiving inflated pensions for as little as one day of work. Only the governor's signature is needed for the legislation to become law.

“Soon there will be no more sweetheart retirement plans and no more taxpayers paying for politicians' ridiculous retirement packages,” Crowell said. “Just like everyone else, administrative law judges and commissioners should have their pensions based on their length of service. It's only right. It's only fair.”

Currently, administrative law judges and legal advisors become vested immediately upon employment, whereas all other state employees must work five years before their retirement plan is activated. Crowell's legislation would place all new administrative law judges and commissioner positions under the Missouri State Employees Retirement System.

“In the past there have been cases in which an individual became an administrative law judge or commissioner, and retired soon after with an expanded pension at the expense of Missouri taxpayers,” Crowell said. “This is a flagrant area of government waste, fraud and abuse that will now be a thing of the past with the Governor's approval.”

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