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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to racial and gender equity in the membership of boards, commissions, committees, and councils.

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

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 26.103, to read as follows:

26.103. 1. The governor shall, when selecting appointees, ensure
2 that, to the extent possible, the membership of each state appointive
3 board, commission, committee, and council having members appointed
4 by the governor is qualified and accurately reflects the proportion that
5 each gender and race represents in the population of the state as
6 determined by the most recent federal decennial census. Such
7 equitable representation shall, to the extent possible, be achieved no
8 later than January 1, 2013. Ex-officio members shall not be counted as
9 members for the purposes of this section.

10 2. The executive officer, director, or chairperson of each state
11 appointive board, commission, committee, and council having members
12 appointed by the governor shall electronically report to the secretary
13 of state no later than January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
14 number of members of such body and the composition of the body with
15 respect to race and gender. Such report shall not include the names of
16 the individual members of the board, commission, committee, or
17 council. The secretary of state shall receive and maintain the reports
18 submitted under this subsection as public records.

19 3. No provision of this section shall prohibit an individual from
20 completing a term as a member of a state appointive board,

21 **commission, committee, or council or create a private right of action.**

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