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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 109, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri board on geographic names.

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

Section A. Chapter 109, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 109.225, to read as follows:

109.225. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Board on Geographic Names". The board shall be assigned for administrative purposes to the office of the secretary of state.

2. The board shall consist of nineteen members as follows:

(1) The secretary of state, who shall serve as chair of the board;

(2) Nine citizens of Missouri appointed by the secretary of state;

(3) The director or the director's designee of the department of transportation;

(4) The director or the director's designee of the department of conservation;

(5) The director or the director's designee of the department of natural resources;

(6) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee of the office of administration;

(7) The director or the director's designee of the state archives;

(8) The executive director or the executive director's designee of the state historical society of Missouri;

(9) The director or the director's designee of the United States Geological Survey;

(10) The director or the director's designee of the United States Forest Service; and

22 (11) The director or the director's designee of the United States
23 Corps of Engineers.

24 3. Appointed members of the board shall serve three-year terms
25 and shall serve until their successors are appointed. Vacancies on the
26 board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment
27 and such member appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired
28 term.

29 4. The board shall meet annually and as otherwise required by
30 the secretary of state.

31 5. The board shall designate from its members a vice-chair and
32 shall adopt written guidelines to govern the management of the board.

33 6. Each member of the board shall serve without compensation,
34 but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses
35 incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the board.

36 7. The secretary of state shall designate an employee of the
37 secretary of state's office as executive secretary for the board, who
38 shall serve as a nonvoting member and shall maintain the records of
39 the board's activities and decisions and shall be responsible for
40 correspondence between the board and the United States Board on
41 Geographic Names and other agencies.

42 8. The board shall:

43 (1) Receive and evaluate all proposals for changes in or
44 additions to names of geographic features and places in the state of
45 Missouri to determine the most appropriate and acceptable names for
46 use in maps and official documents of all levels of government;

47 (2) Make official recommendations to the United States Board on
48 Geographic Names on behalf of the state of Missouri with respect to
49 each proposal;

50 (3) Assist and cooperate with the United States Board on
51 Geographic Names in matters relating to names of geographic features
52 and places in Missouri;

53 (4) Assist in the maintenance of a Missouri geographic names
54 database as part of the national database;

55 (5) Maintain a list of advisers who have special interest and
56 knowledge in Missouri history, geography, or culture and consult with
57 such advisers on a regular basis in the course of the board's
58 deliberations;

59 **(6) Develop and revise state priorities for geographic records**
60 **projects following guidelines of the United States Board on Geographic**
61 **Names; and**

62 **(7) Submit a report on its activities annually to the general**
63 **assembly.**

64 **9. The board may apply for moneys through federal and state**
65 **grant programs to sponsor and publish surveys of the condition and**
66 **needs of geographic records in the state of Missouri and to solicit or**
67 **develop proposals for projects to be carried out in the state for**
68 **preservation of geographic records and publications.**

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