SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 628

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4557L.04C

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 32.056, 56.807, 67.2010, 195.222, 195.223, 211.031, 211.093, 211.177, 211.444, 400.9-311, 452.402, 453.030, 453.050, 453.065, 453.080, 456.950, 456.8-808, 476.055, 479.011, 479.040, 483.015, 488.026, 488.426, 488.2250, 488.5026, 488.5320, 508.050, 513.430, 513.440, 523.010, 537.345, 537.346, 537.528, 542.301, 558.019, 559.100, 559.105, 566.083, 569.100, and 570.120, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof forty-six new sections relating to the judiciary, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 32.056, 56.807, 67.2010, 195.222, 195.223, 211.031, 211.093,

- 2 211.177, 211.444, 400.9-311, 452.402, 453.030, 453.050, 453.065, 453.080, 456.950, 456.8-808,
- 3 476.055, 479.011, 479.040, 483.015, 488.026, 488.426, 488.2250, 488.5026, 488.5320, 508.050,
- 4 513.430, 513.440, 523.010, 537.345, 537.346, 537.528, 542.301, 558.019, 559.100, 559.105,
- 5 566.083, 569.100, and 570.120, RSMo, are repealed and forty-six new sections enacted in lieu
- 6 thereof, to be known as sections 21.771, 32.056, 56.807, 67.136, 67.2010, 195.222, 195.223,
- 7 210.567, 211.031, 211.093, 211.177, 211.444, 400.9-311, 452.374, 452.402, 453.030, 453.050,
- 8 453.065, 453.080, 456.950, 456.8-808, 476.055, 479.011, 479.040, 483.015, 488.026, 488.426,
- 9 488.2250, 488.5026, 488.5320, 488.5375, 508.050, 513.430, 513.440, 523.010, 537.345,
- 10 537.346, 537.351, 537.528, 542.301, 558.019, 559.100, 559.105, 566.083, 569.100, and 570.120,
- 11 to read as follows:
 - 21.771. 1. There is established a joint committee of the general assembly to be
 - 2 known as the "Joint Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect" to be composed of seven
- 3 members of the senate and seven members of the house of representatives. The senate
- 4 members of the joint committee shall be appointed by the president pro tem and minority
- 5 floor leader of the senate and the house members shall be appointed by the speaker and

minority floor leader of the house of representatives. The appointment of each member shall continue during the member's term of office as a member of the general assembly or until a successor has been appointed to fill the member's place. No party shall be represented by more than four members from the house of representatives nor more than four members from the senate. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the committee's duties.

2. The joint committee shall:

- (1) Make a continuing study and analysis of the state child abuse and neglect reporting and investigation system;
- (2) Devise a plan for improving the structured decision making regarding the removal of a child from a home;
- (3) Determine the additional personnel and resources necessary to adequately protect the children of this state and improve their welfare and the welfare of families;
- (4) Address the need for additional foster care homes and to improve the quality of care provided to abused and neglected children in the custody of the state;
- (5) Determine from its study and analysis the need for changes in statutory law; and
- (6) Make any other recommendation to the general assembly necessary to provide adequate protections for the children of our state.
- 3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after its creation and organize by selecting a chairperson and a vice chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate and the other a member of the house of representatives. The chairperson shall alternate between members of the house and senate every two years after the committee's organization.
- 4. The committee shall meet at least quarterly. The committee may meet at locations other than Jefferson City when the committee deems it necessary.
- 5. The committee shall be staffed by legislative personnel as is deemed necessary to assist the committee in the performance of its duties.
 - 6. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.
 - 7. It shall be the duty of the committee to compile a full report of its activities for submission to the general assembly. The report shall be submitted not later than the fifteenth of January of each year in which the general assembly convenes in regular session and shall include any recommendations which the committee may have for legislative

47

3

4

5

6 7

8

action as well as any recommendations for administrative or procedural changes in the internal management or organization of state or local government agencies and departments. Copies of the report containing such recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors of state or local government agencies or departments included in the report.

8. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 15, 2018.

32.056. The department of revenue shall not release the home address of or any [other] information [contained in the department's motor vehicle or driver registration records regarding] that identifies any vehicle owned or leased by any person who is a county, state or federal parole officer [or who is], a federal pretrial officer [or who is], a peace officer pursuant to section [590.100] 590.010, a person vested by article V, section 1 of the Missouri Constitution with the judicial power of the state, a member of the federal judiciary, or a member of [the parole officer's, pretrial officer's or peace officer's] such person's immediate family contained in the department's motor vehicle or driver registration records, based on a specific request for such information from any person. Any **such** person [who is a county, state or federal parole officer or who is a federal pretrial officer or who is a peace officer pursuant to 10 section 590.100] may notify the department of [such] his or her status and the department shall 11 protect the confidentiality of the home address and vehicle records on such a person and his or 12 her immediate family as required by this section. If such member of the judiciary's status changes and he or she and his or her immediate family do not qualify for the exemption 14 contained in this subsection, such person shall notify the department and the department's 15 16 records shall be revised. This section shall not prohibit the department from releasing information on a motor registration list pursuant to section 32.055 or from releasing information 17 18 on any officer who holds a class A, B or C commercial driver's license pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 31309. 19

- 56.807. 1. Beginning August 28, 1989, and continuing monthly thereafter until August 27, 2003, the funds for prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys provided for in subsection 2 of this section shall be paid from county or city funds.
- 2. Beginning August 28, 1989, and continuing monthly thereafter until August 27, 2003, each county treasurer shall pay to the system the following amounts to be drawn from the general revenues of the county:
- (1) For counties of the third and fourth classification except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, three hundred seventy-five dollars;
- 9 (2) For counties of the second classification, five hundred forty-one dollars and 10 sixty-seven cents;

11 (3) For counties of the first classification, counties which pursuant to section 56.363 12 elect to make the position of prosecuting attorney a full-time position after August 28, 2001, or 13 whose county commission has elected a full-time retirement benefit pursuant to subsection 3 of 14 section 56.363, and the city of St. Louis, one thousand two hundred ninety-one dollars and 15 sixty-seven cents.

- 3. Beginning August 28, 1989, and continuing until August 27, 2003, the county treasurer shall at least monthly transmit the sums specified in subsection 2 of this section to the Missouri office of prosecution services for deposit to the credit of the "Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys and Circuit Attorneys' Retirement System Fund", which is hereby created. All moneys held by the state treasurer on behalf of the system shall be paid to the system within ninety days after August 28, 1993. Moneys in the Missouri prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys' retirement system fund shall be used only for the purposes provided in sections 56.800 to 56.840 and for no other purpose.
- 4. Beginning August 28, 2003, the funds for prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys provided for in this section shall be paid from county or city funds and the surcharge established in this section and collected as provided by this section and sections 488.010 to 488.020.
- 5. Beginning August 28, 2003, each county treasurer shall pay to the system the following amounts to be drawn from the general revenues of the county:
- (1) For counties of the third and fourth classification except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, one hundred eighty-seven dollars;
 - (2) For counties of the second classification, two hundred seventy-one dollars;
- (3) For counties of the first classification, counties which pursuant to section 56.363 elect to make the position of prosecuting attorney a full-time position after August 28, 2001, or whose county commission has elected a full-time retirement benefit pursuant to subsection 3 of section 56.363, and the city of St. Louis, six hundred forty-six dollars.
- 6. Beginning August 28, 2003, the county treasurer shall at least monthly transmit the sums specified in subsection 5 of this section to the Missouri office of prosecution services for deposit to the credit of the Missouri prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys' retirement system fund. Moneys in the Missouri prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys' retirement system fund shall be used only for the purposes provided in sections 56.800 to 56.840, and for no other purpose.
- 7. Beginning August 28, 2003, the following surcharge for prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys shall be collected and paid as follows:
- (1) There shall be assessed and collected a surcharge of four dollars in all criminal cases filed in the courts of this state including violation of any county ordinance [or], any violation of criminal or traffic laws of this state, including infractions **and against any person who pled**

52

53

54 55

56

57

58

3

4

5

7

8

3

11

12

13

14

guilty and paid a fine through a fine collection center, but no such surcharge shall be assessed when the costs are waived or are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality or when a criminal proceeding or the defendant has been dismissed by the court [or against any person who has pled guilty and paid their fine pursuant to subsection 4 of section 476.385]. For purposes of this section, the term "county ordinance" shall include any ordinance of the city of St. Louis;

- (2) The clerk responsible for collecting court costs in criminal cases shall collect and disburse such amounts as provided by sections 488.010 to 488.026. Such funds shall be payable to the prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys' retirement fund. Moneys credited to the prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys' retirement fund shall be used only for the purposes provided for in sections 56.800 to 56.840 and for no other purpose.
- 8. The board may accept gifts, donations, grants and bequests from private or public sources to the Missouri prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys' retirement system fund.
- 9. No state moneys shall be used to fund section 56.700 and sections 56.800 to 56.840 unless provided for by law.
 - 67.136. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, any local governmental agency may utilize collections agencies to collect any debt as defined in this section.
 - 2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:
 - (1) "Debt", any court or administrative fines or costs associated with a criminal conviction or entry of a civil judgment which are legally owed and enforceable, and which are past due and remain uncollected;
 - (2) "Debtor", any individual or entity owing a debt.
 - but less than eighty-two thousand one hundred inhabitants and any county of the first classification with more than two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants may elect to have the violations of county ordinances adopted pursuant to [section 304.130] the authority provided by statute heard and determined by an associate circuit judge of the circuit in which the county is located; provided, however, if such election is made, all violations of that county's ordinances adopted pursuant to [section 304.130] statutory authority shall be heard and determined before an associate circuit judge or judges. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the transfer or assignment of another judge to hear and determine a case or class of cases when otherwise authorized by provisions of the constitution, law, or court rule.
 - 2. If a county elects to have the violations of its county ordinances [adopted pursuant to section 304.130] heard and determined by an associate circuit judge, the associate circuit judge or judges shall commence hearing and determining such violations six months after the county

notifies the presiding judge of the circuit of its election. With the consent of the presiding judge, the associate circuit judge or judges may commence hearing such violations at an earlier date.

- 195.222. 1. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than thirty grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.
- 2. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than one hundred fifty grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed; cocaine salts and their optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers; ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or any compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of any of the foregoing substances. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than one hundred fifty grams but less than four hundred fifty grams the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is four hundred fifty grams or more the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.
- 3. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than [two] twenty-eight grams of a mixture or substance described in subsection 2 of this section which contains cocaine base. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than [two] **twenty-eight** grams but less than [six] **two hundred eighty** grams the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;

 (2) If the quantity involved is [six] **two hundred eighty** grams or more the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.

- 4. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than five hundred milligrams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than five hundred milligrams but less than one gram the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is one gram or more the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.
- 5. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than thirty grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of phencyclidine (PCP). Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.
- 6. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than four grams of phencyclidine. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than four grams but less than twelve grams the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is twelve grams or more the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.
- 7. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than thirty kilograms of a mixture or substance containing marijuana. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:

(1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty kilograms but less than one hundred kilograms the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;

- (2) If the quantity involved is one hundred kilograms or more the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.
- 8. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than thirty grams of any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a stimulant effect on the central nervous system: amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers and salts of its optical isomers; methamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers and salts of its optical isomers; phenmetrazine and its salts; or methylphenidate. Violations of this subsection or attempts to violate this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more, or if the quantity involved was thirty grams or more and the location of the offense was within two thousand feet of a school or public housing as defined in section 195.214 or section 195.218 or within a motor vehicle, or any structure or building which contains rooms furnished for the accommodation or lodging of guests, and kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public as a place where sleeping accommodations are sought for pay or compensation to transient guests or permanent guests, the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.
- 9. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he or she distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces or attempts to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce more than thirty grams of any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine. Violations of this subsection or attempts to violate this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more, or if the quantity involved was thirty grams or more and the location of the offense was within two thousand feet of a school or public housing as defined in section 195.214 or section 195.218 or within a motor vehicle, or any structure or building which contains rooms furnished for the accommodation or lodging of

guests, and kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public as a place where sleeping accommodations are sought for pay or compensation to transient guests or permanent guests, the person shall be sentenced to the authorized term of imprisonment for a class A felony which term shall be served without probation or parole.

- 195.223. 1. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than thirty grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
- 8 (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more the person shall be guilty of a class 9 A felony.
 - 2. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than one hundred fifty grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed; cocaine salts and their optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers; ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or any compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of any of the foregoing substances. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
 - (1) If the quantity involved is more than one hundred fifty grams but less than four hundred fifty grams the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
 - (2) If the quantity involved is four hundred fifty grams or more the person shall be guilty of a class A felony.
 - 3. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than [two] **twenty-eight** grams of a mixture or substance described in subsection 2 of this section which contains cocaine base. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
 - (1) If the quantity involved is more than [two] **twenty-eight** grams but less than [six] **two hundred eighty** grams the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
- 30 (2) If the quantity involved is [six] **two hundred eighty** grams or more the person shall be guilty of a class A felony.

4. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than five hundred milligrams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:

- (1) If the quantity involved is more than five hundred milligrams but less than one gram the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is one gram or more the person shall be guilty of a class A felony.
- 5. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than thirty grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of phencyclidine (PCP). Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
- 48 (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more the person shall be guilty of a class 49 A felony.
 - 6. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than four grams of phencyclidine. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
 - (1) If the quantity involved is more than four grams but less than twelve grams the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
 - (2) If the quantity involved is twelve grams or more the person shall be guilty of a class A felony.
 - 7. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than thirty kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing marijuana. Violations of this subsection shall be punished as follows:
 - (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty kilograms but less than one hundred kilograms the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
- 64 (2) If the quantity involved is one hundred kilograms or more the person shall be guilty of a class A felony.
- 8. A person commits the class A felony of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control,

HCS SB 628

purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than five hundred marijuana plants.

- 9. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he possesses or has under his control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than thirty grams of any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a stimulant effect on the central nervous system: amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers and salts of its optical isomers; methamphetamine, its salts, isomers and salts of its isomers; phenmetrazine and its salts; or methylphenidate. Violations of this subsection or attempts to violate this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more but less than four hundred fifty grams, the person shall be guilty of a class A felony;
- (3) If the quantity involved is four hundred fifty grams or more, the person shall be guilty of a class A felony and the term of imprisonment shall be served without probation or parole.
- 10. A person commits the crime of trafficking drugs in the second degree if, except as authorized by sections 195.005 to 195.425, he or she possesses or has under his or her control, purchases or attempts to purchase, or brings into this state more than thirty grams of any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine. Violations of this subsection or attempts to violate this subsection shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the quantity involved is more than thirty grams but less than ninety grams the person shall be guilty of a class B felony;
- (2) If the quantity involved is ninety grams or more but less than four hundred fifty grams, the person shall be guilty of a class A felony;
- (3) If the quantity involved is four hundred fifty grams or more, the person shall be guilty of a class A felony and the term of imprisonment shall be served without probation or parole.
- 210.567. Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, a public governmental body may close meetings, records, and votes to the extent they relate to personal information of any person obtained in the process of licensing a foster home, as described and required under sections 210.481 to 210.536; except that, the division, as defined in section 210.481 and charged with licensing foster homes, shall make available for disclosure a report containing the following information for each foster home:

7 (1) The names of all persons eighteen years of age or older licensed to operate the 8 foster home and the amount of state funds paid to the licensed operator for a foster care 9 service;

- (2) A description of the background investigation conducted on all persons operating or maintaining the foster home, including a list of documents submitted by such persons, a statement that such documents have been examined and approved as authentic, and a list of all meetings and classes attended by such persons in order to obtain a license to operate or maintain a foster home;
- (3) A description of all concerns raised during the background investigation and foster home licensure process as well as a description of how such concerns were resolved;
- (4) A description of such person's ability to perform the minimum competency requirements of foster parents in accordance with rules promulgated by the division;
- (5) A list of all references provided by each person, stating the name of the reference, how and when the reference was contacted, and a brief description of the reference's opinion of such person;
 - (6) The number of the operator's previous foster care assignments, if any;
- (7) Any history of previous complaints involving the foster care operator or the foster child.

- The report shall not contain the address of any residence, nor shall it contain any personal information not otherwise required in this subdivision which could be used by another to threaten, harm, harass, or embarrass any person, nor shall it contain any information that is otherwise closed, confidential, or privileged. In the event of serious injury, death, or criminal incident involving a foster child, all records, including the address of the foster home, any complaints made by any person since custodial care of the child began, or relating to personal information of any person obtained in the process of licensing a foster home, shall be considered public records, except the records that are otherwise confidential.
- 211.031. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the juvenile court or the family court in circuits that have a family court as provided in sections 487.010 to 487.190 shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings:
- (1) Involving any child or person seventeen years of age who may be a resident of or found within the county and who is alleged to be in need of care and treatment because:
- (a) The parents, or other persons legally responsible for the care and support of the child or person seventeen years of age, neglect or refuse to provide proper support, education which is required by law, medical, surgical or other care necessary for his or her well-being; except that

9 reliance by a parent, guardian or custodian upon remedial treatment other than medical or 10 surgical treatment for a child or person seventeen years of age shall not be construed as neglect 11 when the treatment is recognized or permitted pursuant to the laws of this state;

- (b) The child or person seventeen years of age is otherwise without proper care, custody or support; or
- (c) The child or person seventeen years of age was living in a room, building or other structure at the time such dwelling was found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be a public nuisance pursuant to section 195.130;
- (d) The child or person seventeen years of age is a child in need of mental health services and the parent, guardian or custodian is unable to afford or access appropriate mental health treatment or care for the child;
- (2) Involving any child who may be a resident of or found within the county and who is alleged to be in need of care and treatment because:
- (a) The child while subject to compulsory school attendance is repeatedly and without justification absent from school; or
- (b) The child disobeys the reasonable and lawful directions of his or her parents or other custodian and is beyond their control; or
- (c) The child is habitually absent from his or her home without sufficient cause, permission, or justification; or
- (d) The behavior or associations of the child are otherwise injurious to his or her welfare or to the welfare of others; or
- (e) The child is charged with an offense not classified as criminal, or with an offense applicable only to children; except that, the juvenile court shall not have jurisdiction over any child fifteen [and one-half] years of age who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal traffic ordinance or regulation, the violation of which does not constitute a felony, or any child who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal ordinance or regulation prohibiting possession or use of any tobacco product;
- (3) Involving any child who is alleged to have violated a state law or municipal ordinance, or any person who is alleged to have violated a state law or municipal ordinance prior to attaining the age of seventeen years, in which cases jurisdiction may be taken by the court of the circuit in which the child or person resides or may be found or in which the violation is alleged to have occurred; except that, the juvenile court shall not have jurisdiction over any child fifteen [and one-half] years of age who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal traffic ordinance or regulation, the violation of which does not constitute a felony, and except that the juvenile court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the municipal court over any child who is alleged to have violated a municipal curfew ordinance, and except that the juvenile court shall

have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court on any child who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal ordinance or regulation prohibiting possession or use of any tobacco product;

(4) For the adoption of a person;

- (5) For the commitment of a child or person seventeen years of age to the guardianship of the department of social services as provided by law; and
- (6) Involving an order of protection pursuant to chapter 455 when the respondent is less than seventeen years of age.
- 2. Transfer of a matter, proceeding, jurisdiction or supervision for a child or person seventeen years of age who resides in a county of this state shall be made as follows:
- (1) Prior to the filing of a petition and upon request of any party or at the discretion of the juvenile officer, the matter in the interest of a child or person seventeen years of age may be transferred by the juvenile officer, with the prior consent of the juvenile officer of the receiving court, to the county of the child's residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age for future action;
- (2) Upon the motion of any party or on its own motion prior to final disposition on the pending matter, the court in which a proceeding is commenced may transfer the proceeding of a child or person seventeen years of age to the court located in the county of the child's residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age, or the county in which the offense pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section is alleged to have occurred for further action;
- (3) Upon motion of any party or on its own motion, the court in which jurisdiction has been taken pursuant to subsection 1 of this section may at any time thereafter transfer jurisdiction of a child or person seventeen years of age to the court located in the county of the child's residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age for further action with the prior consent of the receiving court;
- (4) Upon motion of any party or upon its own motion at any time following a judgment of disposition or treatment pursuant to section 211.181, the court having jurisdiction of the cause may place the child or person seventeen years of age under the supervision of another juvenile court within or without the state pursuant to section 210.570 with the consent of the receiving court;
- (5) Upon motion of any child or person seventeen years of age or his or her parent, the court having jurisdiction shall grant one change of judge pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rules;
- (6) Upon the transfer of any matter, proceeding, jurisdiction or supervision of a child or person seventeen years of age, certified copies of all legal and social documents and records pertaining to the case on file with the clerk of the transferring juvenile court shall accompany the transfer.

- 3. In any proceeding involving any child or person seventeen years of age taken into custody in a county other than the county of the child's residence or the residence of a person seventeen years of age, the juvenile court of the county of the child's residence or the residence of a person seventeen years of age shall be notified of such taking into custody within seventy-two hours.
- 4. When an investigation by a juvenile officer pursuant to this section reveals that the only basis for action involves an alleged violation of section 167.031 involving a child who alleges to be home schooled, the juvenile officer shall contact a parent or parents of such child to verify that the child is being home schooled and not in violation of section 167.031 before making a report of such a violation. Any report of a violation of section 167.031 made by a juvenile officer regarding a child who is being home schooled shall be made to the prosecuting attorney of the county where the child legally resides.
- 5. The disability or disease of a parent shall not constitute a basis for a determination that a child is a child in need of care or for the removal of custody of a child from the parent without a specific showing that there is a causal relation between the disability or disease and harm to the child.
- 211.093. Except as otherwise provided under section 452.374, any order or judgment entered by the court under authority of this chapter or chapter 210 shall, so long as such order or judgment remains in effect, take precedence over any order or judgment concerning the status or custody of a child under age twenty-one entered by a court under authority of chapter 452, 453, 454 or 455, but only to the extent inconsistent therewith.
 - 211.177. 1. Except as otherwise prohibited under section 452.374, a grandparent shall have a right to intervene in any proceeding initiated pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, in which the custody of a grandchild is in issue, unless the juvenile judge decides after considering a motion to intervene by the grandparent that such intervention is against the best interest of the child.
 - 2. The right of a grandparent to intervene pursuant to the provisions of this section may terminate upon the adoption of the child except where the child is adopted by a stepparent, another grandparent or other blood relative.
- 211.444. 1. The juvenile court may, upon petition of the juvenile officer or a child-placing agency licensed under sections 210.481 to 210.536 in conjunction with a placement with such agency under subsection 6 of section 453.010, the children's division, or the court before which a petition for adoption has been filed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 453, terminate the rights of a parent or approve the consent to adoption or waiver of consent to adoption by a parent, as defined in section 211.442, or of a named father to a child, including a child who is a ward of the court, if the court finds that such termination or

consent to adoption or waiver of consent to adoption is in the best interests of the child and 9 the parent, **as defined in section 211.442**, has consented in writing to the termination of his or 10 her parental rights **or consented or waived consent to the adoption**.

- 2. The written consent required by subsection 1 of this section may be executed before or after the institution of the proceedings and shall be acknowledged before a notary public. In lieu of such acknowledgment, the signature of the person giving the written consent shall be witnessed by at least two adult persons who are present at the execution whose signatures and addresses shall be plainly written thereon and who determine and certify that the consent is knowingly and freely given. The two adult witnesses shall not be the prospective parents. The notary public or witnesses shall verify the identity of the party signing the consent.
- 3. The written consent required by subsection 1 of this section shall be valid and effective only after the child is at least forty-eight hours old and if it complies with the other requirements of section 453.030.

400.9-311. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), the filing of a financing statement is not necessary or effective to perfect a security interest in property subject to:

- (1) A statute, regulation, or treaty of the United States whose requirements for a security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property preempt section 400.9-310(a);
 - (2) Sections 301.600 to 301.661, section 700.350, and section 400.2A-304; or
- (3) A certificate-of-title statute of another jurisdiction which provides for a security interest to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property.
- (b) Compliance with the requirements of a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) for obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor is equivalent to the filing of a financing statement under this article. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and sections 400.9-313 and 400.9-316(d) and (e) for goods covered by a certificate of title, a security interest in property subject to a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) may be perfected only by compliance with those requirements, and a security interest so perfected remains perfected notwithstanding a change in the use or transfer of possession of the collateral.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and section 400.9-316(d) and (e), duration and renewal of perfection of a security interest perfected by compliance with the requirements prescribed by a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) are governed by the statute, regulation, or treaty. In other respects, the security interest is subject to this article.
- (d) During any period in which collateral is inventory held for sale or lease by a person or leased by that person as lessor and that person is in the business of selling [or leasing] goods

4

5

6

7

9 10

11

12

13

14

1516

17

18 19 20

21

22

23

2425

26

3

of that kind, this section does not apply to a security interest in that collateral created by that person [as debtor].

- 452.374. 1. The court shall deny any individual custody, parenting time, and contact with a biological child, including during the pendency of any criminal investigation, criminal charges, or any other criminal proceeding resulting from or alleging an act of rape by such individual, if:
- (1) The individual is a biological parent of the child or alleges to be a biological parent of the child; and
- (2) The court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the child was conceived as the result of an act of rape and the individual described in subdivision (1) of this subsection was the perpetrator of the act of rape.
- 2. If the court denies an individual custody, parenting time, and contact with a biological child under subsection 1 of this section, the court shall not require the individual to pay child support for such child.
- 3. The court shall order an individual who is denied custody, parenting time, and contact with a biological child under subsection 1 of this section to pay the prevailing party a reasonable amount for:
 - (1) The cost of maintaining an action under this chapter; and
- (2) Attorney's fees, including amounts for legal services provided and costs incurred, before the commencement of the proceedings or after entry of judgment.

The court may order the amount awarded under this subsection to be paid directly to the attorney of the prevailing party, who may enforce the order in the attorney's name.

- 4. No parent of an individual described in subsection 1 of this section shall have standing as a grandparent or otherwise be permitted to file an action for custody or parenting time with a child during the pendency of any proceedings under this section or during the pendency of any criminal investigation, criminal charges, or any other criminal proceeding resulting from or alleging an act of rape by such parent's child.
- 5. This section shall not apply if the biological parents were married at the time the child was conceived.
 - 452.402. 1. **Except as otherwise prohibited under section 452.374,** the court may grant reasonable visitation rights to the grandparents of the child and issue any necessary orders to enforce the decree. The court may grant grandparent visitation when:
- 4 (1) The parents of the child have filed for a dissolution of their marriage. A grandparent shall have the right to intervene in any dissolution action solely on the issue of visitation rights.

6 Grandparents shall also have the right to file a motion to modify the original decree of dissolution to seek visitation rights when visitation has been denied to them; or

- (2) One parent of the child is deceased and the surviving parent denies reasonable visitation to a parent of the deceased parent of the child; or
- (3) The child has resided in the grandparent's home for at least six months within the twenty-four month period immediately preceding the filing of the petition; and
- (4) A grandparent is unreasonably denied visitation with the child for a period exceeding ninety days. However, if the natural parents are legally married to each other and are living together with the child, a grandparent may not file for visitation pursuant to this subdivision.
- 2. The court shall determine if the visitation by the grandparent would be in the child's best interest or if it would endanger the child's physical health or impair the child's emotional development. Visitation may only be ordered when the court finds such visitation to be in the best interests of the child. However, when the parents of the child are legally married to each other and are living together with the child, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that such parents know what is in the best interest of the child. The court may order reasonable conditions or restrictions on grandparent visitation.
- 3. If the court finds it to be in the best interests of the child, the court may appoint a guardian ad litem for the child. The guardian ad litem shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri. The guardian ad litem may, for the purpose of determining the question of grandparent visitation rights, participate in the proceedings as if such guardian ad litem were a party. The court shall enter judgment allowing a reasonable fee to the guardian ad litem.
- 4. A home study, as described by section 452.390, may be ordered by the court to assist in determining the best interests of the child.
- 5. The court may, in its discretion, consult with the child regarding the child's wishes in determining the best interest of the child.
- 6. The right of a grandparent to maintain visitation rights pursuant to this section may terminate upon the adoption of the child.
- 7. The court may award reasonable attorneys fees and expenses to the prevailing party. 453.030. 1. In all cases the approval of the court of the adoption shall be required and such approval shall be given or withheld as the welfare of the person sought to be adopted may, in the opinion of the court, demand.
- 2. The written consent of the person to be adopted shall be required in all cases where the person sought to be adopted is fourteen years of age or older, except where the court finds that such child has not sufficient mental capacity to give the same. In a case involving a child under fourteen years of age, the guardian ad litem shall ascertain the child's wishes and feelings

8 about his or her adoption by conducting an interview or interviews with the child, if appropriate 9 based on the child's age and maturity level, which shall be considered by the court as a factor in 10 determining if the adoption is in the child's best interests.

- 3. With the exceptions specifically enumerated in section 453.040, when the person sought to be adopted is under the age of eighteen years, the written consent of the following persons shall be required and filed in and made a part of the files and record of the proceeding:
 - (1) The mother of the child; and
 - (2) Only the man who:

- (a) Is presumed to be the father pursuant to the subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of subsection 1 of section 210.822; or
- (b) Has filed an action to establish his paternity in a court of competent jurisdiction no later than fifteen days after the birth of the child and has served a copy of the petition on the mother in accordance with section 506.100; or
- (c) Filed with the putative father registry pursuant to section 192.016 a notice of intent to claim paternity or an acknowledgment of paternity either prior to or within fifteen days after the child's birth, and has filed an action to establish his paternity in a court of competent jurisdiction no later than fifteen days after the birth of the child; or
- (3) The child's current adoptive parents or other legally recognized mother and father. Upon request by the petitioner and within one business day of such request, the clerk of the local court shall verify whether such written consents have been filed with the court.
- 4. The written consent required in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 3 of this section may be executed before or after the commencement of the adoption proceedings, and shall be executed in front of a judge or acknowledged before a notary public. If consent is executed in front of a judge, it shall be the duty of the judge to advise the consenting birth parent of the consequences of the consent. In lieu of such acknowledgment, the signature of the person giving such written consent shall be witnessed by the signatures of at least two adult persons whose signatures and addresses shall be plainly written thereon. The two adult witnesses shall not be the prospective adoptive parents or any attorney representing a party to the adoption proceeding. The notary public or witnesses shall verify the identity of the party signing the consent.
- 5. The written consent required in subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section by the birth parent shall not be executed anytime before the child is forty-eight hours old. Such written consent shall be executed in front of a judge or acknowledged before a notary public. If consent is executed in front of a judge, it shall be the duty of the judge to advise the consenting party of the consequences of the consent. In lieu of such acknowledgment, the

signature of the person giving such written consent shall be witnessed by the signatures of at least two adult persons who are present at the execution whose signatures and addresses shall be plainly written thereon and who determine and certify that the consent is knowingly and freely given. The two adult witnesses shall not be the prospective adoptive parents or any attorney representing a party to the adoption proceeding. The notary public or witnesses shall verify the identity of the party signing the consent.

- 6. [The written consents shall be reviewed and, if found to be in compliance with this section, approved by the court within three business days of such consents being presented to the court. Upon review, in lieu of approving the consent within three business days, the court may set a date for a prompt evidentiary hearing upon notice to the parties. Failure to review and approve the written consent within three business days shall not void the consent, but a party may seek a writ of mandamus from the appropriate court, unless an evidentiary hearing has been set by the court pursuant to this subsection.
- 7. The written consent required in subsection 3 of this section may be withdrawn anytime until it has been reviewed and accepted by a judge.
- 8.] A consent is final when executed, unless the consenting party, prior to a final decree of adoption, alleges and proves by clear and convincing evidence that the consent was not freely and voluntarily given. The burden of proving the consent was not freely and voluntarily given shall rest with the consenting party. Consents in all cases shall have been executed not more than six months prior to the date the petition for adoption is filed.
- 7. A consent form shall be developed through rules and regulations promulgated by the department of social services. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536. If a written consent is obtained after August 28, 1997, but prior to the development of a consent form by the department and the written consent complies with the provisions of subsection [9] 8 of this section, such written consent shall be deemed valid.
 - [9.] **8.** However, the consent form must specify that:
- (1) The birth parent understands the importance of identifying all possible fathers of the child and may provide the names of all such persons; and
- (2) The birth parent understands that if he denies paternity, but consents to the adoption, he waives any future interest in the child.
- [10.] **9.** The written consent to adoption required by subsection 3 and executed through procedures set forth in subsection 5 of this section shall be valid and effective even though the parent consenting was under eighteen years of age, if such parent was represented by **an attorney or** a guardian ad litem, at the time of the execution thereof.

80

81

82 83

84

85

86 87

88

89

90 91

3

4

5

9

78 [11.] **10.** Where the person sought to be adopted is eighteen years of age or older, his **or her** written consent alone to his **or her** adoption shall be sufficient.

- [12.] 11. A birth parent, including a birth parent less than eighteen years of age, shall have the right to legal representation and payment of any reasonable legal fees incurred throughout the adoption process. In addition, the court may appoint an attorney to represent a birth parent if:
 - (1) A birth parent requests representation;
- (2) The court finds that hiring an attorney to represent such birth parent would cause a financial hardship for the birth parent; and
 - (3) The birth parent is not already represented by counsel.
- [13.] **12.** Except in cases where the court determines that the adoptive parents are unable to pay reasonable attorney fees and appoints pro bono counsel for the birth parents, the court shall order the costs of the attorney fees incurred pursuant to subsection [12] **11** of this section to be paid by the prospective adoptive parents or the child-placing agency.
- 453.050. 1. The juvenile court may, upon application, permit a parent to waive the necessity of [his] **such person's** consent to a future adoption of the child. However, that approval cannot be granted until the child is at least two days old.
- 2. The waiver of consent may be executed before or after the institution of the adoption proceedings, and shall be **executed in front of a judge or** acknowledged before a notary public, or in lieu of such acknowledgment, the signature of the person giving such written consent shall be witnessed by the signatures of at least two adult persons whose addresses shall be plainly written thereon. **If waiver of consent is executed in front of a judge, it shall be the duty of the judge to advise the consenting party of the consequences of the waiver of consent.**
- 3. A waiver of consent shall be valid and effective even though the parent waiving consent was under eighteen years of age at the time of the execution thereof.
 - 453.065. As used in sections 453.065 to 453.074, the following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated:
- (1) "Child", a person within the state who is under the age of eighteen or in the custody of the division of family services who is in need of medical, dental, educational, mental or other related health services and treatment, as defined in this section, or who belongs to a racial or ethnic minority, who is five years of age or older, or who is a member of a sibling group, and for whom an adoptive home is not readily available. If the physical, dental or mental condition of the child requires care after the age of eighteen, payment can be continued with the approval of the division of family services of the department of social services and subject to annual review;

14

1516

17

18

1920

21

22

2

10

14

15

16

- 10 (2) "Diminishing allotment", a monthly payment which periodically diminishes over a 11 period of not longer than four years at which time it ceases;
- 12 (3) "Long term subsidy", a continuous monthly payment toward the child's care for a period of more than four years;

(4) "Post adoption contract agreement", a written agreement approved by the court under subsection 4 of section 453.080;

- (5) "Special services", an allotment to a child who is in need of medical, dental, educational, mental health or other related health services and treatment, including treatment for physical handicap, intellectual impairment, developmental disability, mental or emotional disturbance, social maladjustment;
- [(5)] (6) "Time limited subsidy", a monthly allotment which is continued for a limited time after legal adoption, not exceeding four years. This compensation is to aid the family in integrating the care of the new child in their home.
- 453.080. 1. The court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the adoption shall be finalized. During such hearing, the court shall ascertain whether:
- (1) The person sought to be adopted, if a child, has been in the lawful and actual custody of the petitioner for a period of at least six months prior to entry of the adoption decree; except that the six-month period may be waived if the person sought to be adopted is a child who is under the prior and continuing jurisdiction of a court pursuant to chapter 211 and the person desiring to adopt the child is the child's current foster parent. "Lawful and actual custody" shall include a transfer of custody pursuant to the laws of this state, another state, a territory of the United States, or another country;
 - (2) The court has received and reviewed:
- 11 **(a)** A postplacement assessment on the monthly contacts with the adoptive family pursuant to section 453.077, except for good cause shown in the case of a child adopted from a foreign country;
 - (b) An investigation report under section 453.070, if any;
 - (c) An investigation and social study under section 211.455, if any;
 - (3) The court has received and reviewed an updated financial affidavit;
- 17 (4) The court has received the recommendations of the guardian ad litem and has 18 received and reviewed the recommendations of the person placing the child, the person making 19 the assessment and the person making the postplacement assessment;
- 20 (5) There is compliance with the uniform child custody jurisdiction act, sections 452.440 to 452.550;
- 22 (6) There is compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, if applicable;

23 (7) There is compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children pursuant to section 210.620; and

- (8) It is fit and proper that such adoption should be made.
- 2. If a petition for adoption has been filed pursuant to section 453.010 and a transfer of custody has occurred pursuant to section 453.110, the court may authorize the filing for finalization in another state if the adoptive parents are domiciled in that state.
- 3. If the court determines the adoption should be finalized, a [decree] **judgment** shall be issued setting forth the facts and ordering that from the date of the [decree] **judgment** the adoptee shall be for all legal intents and purposes the child of the petitioner or petitioners. The court may decree that the name of the person sought to be adopted be changed, according to the prayer of the petition.
- 4. Before the completion of an adoption, the exchange of information among the parties shall be at the discretion of the parties. Prospective adoptive parents and parents of a prospective adoptee may enter into a written post adoption contract agreement to allow contact after the adoption between the parents, siblings, or other relatives of the adoptee and the adoptive parents. Upon completion of an adoption, further contact among the parties shall be at the discretion of the adoptive parents, and such adoptive parents may exercise their discretion to enter into a written post adoption contract agreement with the former parents of an adoptee to allow contact between a former parent, sibling, or other relative of the adoptee and the adoptee or adoptive parents. The agreement shall be in writing, signed by the parties thereto, and be made a part of the court record. The agreement shall include:
- (1) An acknowledgment by the former parents that the adoption is irrevocable, even if the adoptive parents do not abide by the post adoption contract agreement;
- (2) An acknowledgment by the adoptive parents that the agreement grants the former parents the right to seek to enforce the post adoption privileges set forth in the agreement.

The court shall enforce a written post adoption contract agreement made in accordance with this subsection unless enforcement is not in the best interest of the adoptee. The court shall not have jurisdiction to deny continuing contact between the adopted person and the birth parent, or an adoptive parent and a birth parent. Additionally, the court shall not have jurisdiction to deny an exchange of identifying information between an adoptive parent and a birth parent.

5. By July 1, 2013, the Missouri supreme court shall develop a standardized form to be used in all adoption cases which includes a checklist to verify all of the documents and procedures required under this section have been submitted, followed, and reviewed by the judge prior to entering a final order. Such form shall include, but not be limited to, attachment of any written reports or assessments required under this section and the signature of the judge attesting to the submission and review of such form and attachments prior to entering a final order. Such form and attachments shall be included as part of the adoption record.

456.950. 1. As used in this section, "qualified spousal trust" means a trust:

- (1) The settlors of which are husband and wife at the time of the creation of the trust; and
- (2) The terms of which provide that during the joint lives of the settlors all property or interests in property transferred to, or held by, the trustee are [either]:
- (a) Held and administered in one trust for the benefit of both settlors, revocable by either or both settlors acting together while either or both are alive, and each settlor having the right to receive distributions of income or principal, whether mandatory or within the discretion of the trustee, from the entire trust for the joint lives of the settlors and for the survivor's life; or
- (b) Held and administered in two separate shares of one trust for the benefit of each of the settlors, with the trust revocable by each settlor with respect to that settlor's separate share of that trust without the participation or consent of the other settlor, and each settlor having the right to receive distributions of income or principal, whether mandatory or within the discretion of the trustee, from that settlor's separate share for that settlor's life; or

(c) Held and administered under the terms and conditions contained in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision.

- 2. A qualified spousal trust may contain any other trust terms that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.
- 3. Property or interests in property held as tenants by the entirety by a husband and wife that is at any time transferred to the trustee of a qualified spousal trust of which the husband and wife are the settlors shall be held and administered as provided by the trust terms in accordance with [either] paragraph (a) [or], (b), or (c) of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, and all such property and interests in property, including the proceeds thereof, the income thereon, and any property into which such property, proceeds, or income may be converted, shall thereafter have the same immunity from the claims of the separate creditors of the settlors as would have existed if the settlors had continued to hold that property as husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, so long as:
 - (1) Both settlors are alive and remain married; and

HCS SB 628 25

30

31 32

33

34

35

36

37

38 39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47

49

3

5

8

28 (2) The property, proceeds, or income continue to be held in trust by the trustee of the 29 qualified spousal trust.

- 4. Property or interests in property held by a husband and wife or held in the sole name of a husband or wife that is not held as tenants by the entirety and is transferred to a qualified spousal trust shall be held as directed in the qualified spousal trust's governing instrument or in the instrument of transfer and the rights of any claimant to any interest in that property shall not be affected by this section.
- 5. Upon the death of each settlor, all property and interests in property held by the trustee of the qualified spousal trust shall be distributed as directed by the then current terms of the governing instrument of such trust. Upon the death of the first settlor to die, if immediately prior to death the predeceased settlor's interest in the qualified spousal trust was then held in such settlor's separate share, the property or interests in property in such settlor's separate share may pass into an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the surviving settlor upon such terms as the governing instrument shall direct, including without limitation a spendthrift provision as provided in section 456.5-502.
- 6. No transfer by a husband and wife as settlors to a qualified spousal trust shall affect or change either settlor's marital property rights to the transferred property or interest therein immediately prior to such transfer in the event of dissolution of marriage of the spouses, unless both spouses otherwise expressly agree in writing.
- 7. This section shall apply to all trusts which fulfill the criteria set forth in this section 48 for a qualified spousal trust regardless of whether such trust was created before or after August 28, 2011.
 - 456.8-808. 1. While a trust is revocable, the trustee may follow a direction of the settlor that is contrary to the terms of the trust.
 - 2. [If the terms of a trust confer upon a person other than the settlor of a revocable trust power to direct certain actions of the trustee, the trustee shall act in accordance with an exercise of the power unless the attempted exercise is contrary to the terms of the trust or the trustee knows the attempted exercise would constitute a serious breach of a fiduciary duty that the person holding the power owes to the beneficiaries of the trust.
 - 3. The terms of a trust may confer upon a trustee or other person a power to direct the modification or termination of the trust.
- 10 4. A person, other than a beneficiary, who holds a power to direct is presumptively a 11 fiduciary who, as such, is required to act in good faith with regard to the purposes of the trust and 12 the interests of the beneficiaries. The holder of a power to direct is liable for any loss that results from breach of a fiduciary duty.] A trust instrument may provide for the appointment of a 13

18

19

2021

22

23

24

25

28

31

34

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

trust protector. For purposes of this section, a "trust protector", whether referred to in the trust instrument by that name or by some other name, is a person, other than the settlor, a trustee, or a beneficiary, who is expressly granted in the trust instrument one or more powers over the trust.

- 3. A trust protector appointed in the trust instrument shall have only the powers granted to the trust protector by the express terms of the trust instrument, and a trust protector is only authorized to act within the scope of the authority expressly granted in the trust instrument. Without limiting the authority of the settlor to grant powers to a trust protector, the express powers that may be granted include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Remove and appoint a trustee or name a successor trustee or trust protector;
 - (2) Modify or amend the trust instrument to:
- 26 (a) Achieve favorable tax status or respond to changes in the Internal Revenue 27 Code or state law, or the rulings and regulations under such code or law;
 - (b) Reflect legal changes that affect trust administration;
- (c) Correct errors or ambiguities that might otherwise require court construction;or
 - (d) Correct a drafting error that defeats a grantor's intent;
- 32 (3) Increase, decrease, modify, or restrict the interests of the beneficiary or 33 beneficiaries of the trust;
 - (4) Terminate the trust in favor of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the trust;
- 35 (5) Change the applicable law governing the trust and the trust situs; or
- 36 (6) Such other powers as are expressly granted to the trust protector in the trust instrument.
 - 4. Notwithstanding any provision in the trust instrument to the contrary, a trust protector shall have no power to modify a trust to:
 - (1) Remove a requirement from a trust created to meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396p(d)(4) to pay back a governmental entity for benefits provided to the permissible beneficiary of the trust at the death of that beneficiary; or
 - (2) Reduce or eliminate an income interest of the income beneficiary of any of the following types of trusts:
- 45 (a) A trust for which a marital deduction has been taken for federal tax purposes 46 under Section 2056 or 2523 of the Internal Revenue Code or for state tax purposes under 47 any comparable provision of applicable state law, during the life of the settlor's spouse;

- **(b)** A charitable remainder trust under Section 664 of the Internal Revenue Code, 49 during the life of the noncharitable beneficiary;
- (c) A grantor retained annuity trust under Section 2702 of the Internal Revenue Code, during any period in which the settlor is a beneficiary; or
 - (d) A trust for which an election as a qualified Sub-Chapter S Trust under Section 1361(d) of the Internal Revenue Code is currently in place.
 - 5. Except to the extent otherwise provided in a trust instrument specifically referring to this subsection, the trust protector shall not exercise a power in a way that would result in a taxable gift for federal gift tax purposes or cause the inclusion of any assets of the trust in the trust protector's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes.
 - 6. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the trust instrument and in subsection 7 of this section, and notwithstanding any provision of sections 456.1-101 to 456.11-1106 to the contrary:
 - (1) A trust protector shall act in a fiduciary capacity in carrying out the powers granted to the trust protector in the trust instrument, and shall have such duties to the beneficiaries, the settlor, or the trust as set forth in the trust instrument. A trust protector is not a trustee, and is not liable or accountable as a trustee when performing or declining to perform the express powers given to the trust protector in the trust instrument. A trust protector is not liable for the acts or omissions of any fiduciary or beneficiary under the trust instrument;
 - (2) A trust protector is exonerated from any and all liability for the trust protector's acts or omissions, or arising from any exercise or nonexercise of the powers expressly conferred on the trust protector in the trust instrument, unless it is established by a preponderance of the evidence that the acts or omissions of the trust protector were done or omitted in breach of the trust protector's duty, in bad faith or with reckless indifference;
 - (3) A trust protector is authorized to exercise the express powers granted in the trust instrument at any time and from time to time after the trust protector acquires knowledge of their appointment as trust protector and of the powers granted;
 - (4) A trust protector is entitled to receive, from the assets of the trust for which the trust protector is acting, reasonable compensation, and reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred, in determining whether to carry out, and in carrying out, the express powers given to the trust protector in the trust instrument;
 - (5) A trust protector is entitled to receive, from the assets of the trust for which the trust protector is acting, reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses, including

attorney's fees, of defending any claim made against the trust protector arising from the acts or omissions of the trust protector acting in that capacity unless it is established by clear and convincing evidence that the trust protector was acting in bad faith or with reckless indifference; and

- (6) The express powers granted in the trust instrument shall not be exercised by the trust protector for the trust protector's own personal benefit.
- 7. If a trust protector is granted a power in the trust instrument to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's actual or proposed investment decision, distribution decision, or other decision of the trustee required to be performed under applicable trust law in carrying out the duties of the trustee in administering the trust, then only with respect to such power, excluding the powers identified in subsection 3 of this section, the trust protector shall have the same duties and liabilities as if serving as a trustee under the trust instrument.
- 8. A trustee shall carry out the written directions given to the trustee by a trust protector acting within the scope of the powers expressly granted to the trust protector in the trust instrument. Except in cases of bad faith or reckless indifference on the part of the trustee, or as otherwise provided in the trust instrument, the trustee shall not be liable for any loss resulting directly or indirectly from any act taken or omitted as a result of the written direction of the trust protector or the failure of the trust protector to provide consent. Except as otherwise provided in the trust instrument, the trustee shall have no duty to monitor the conduct of the trust protector, provide advice to or consult with the trust protector, or communicate with or warn or apprise any beneficiary concerning instances in which the trustee would or might have exercised the trustee's own discretion in a manner different from the manner directed by the trust protector.
- 9. Except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in the trust instrument, the trust protector shall be entitled to receive information regarding the administration of the trust as follows:
- (1) Upon the request of the trust protector, unless unreasonable under the circumstances, the trustee shall promptly provide to the trust protector any and all information related to the trust that may relate to the exercise or nonexercise of a power expressly granted to the trust protector in the trust instrument. The trustee has no obligation to provide any information to the trust protector except to the extent a trust protector requests information under this section;

(2) The request of the trust protector for information under this section shall be with respect to a single trust that is sufficiently identified to enable the trustee to locate the records of the trust; and

- (3) If the trustee is bound by any confidentiality restrictions with respect to an asset of a trust, a trust protector who requests information under this section about such asset shall agree to be bound by the confidentiality restrictions that bind the trustee before receiving such information from the trustee.
- 10. A trust protector may resign by giving thirty days' written notice to the trustee and any successor trust protector. A successor trust protector, if any, shall have all the powers expressly granted in the trust instrument to the resigning trust protector unless such powers are expressly modified for the successor trust protector.
- 11. A trust protector of a trust having its principal place of administration in this state submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state during any period that the principal place of administration of the trust is located in this state and the trust protector is serving in such capacity.
- Automation Fund". All moneys collected pursuant to section 488.027, as well as gifts, contributions, devises, bequests, and grants received relating to automation of judicial record keeping, and moneys received by the judicial system for the dissemination of information and sales of publications developed relating to automation of judicial record keeping, shall be credited to the fund. Moneys credited to this fund may only be used for the purposes set forth in this section and as appropriated by the general assembly. Any unexpended balance remaining in the statewide court automation fund at the end of each biennium shall not be subject to the provisions of section 33.080 requiring the transfer of such unexpended balance to general revenue; except that, any unexpended balance remaining in the fund on September 1, 2013, shall be transferred to general revenue.
- 2. The statewide court automation fund shall be administered by a court automation committee consisting of the following: the chief justice of the supreme court, a judge from the court of appeals, four circuit judges, four associate circuit judges, four employees of the circuit court, the commissioner of administration, two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, two members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and two members of the Missouri Bar. The judge members and employee members shall be appointed by the chief justice. The commissioner of administration shall serve ex officio. The members of the Missouri Bar shall be appointed by the board of governors of the

20 Missouri Bar. Any member of the committee may designate another person to serve on the committee in place of the committee member.

- 3. The committee shall develop and implement a plan for a statewide court automation system. The committee shall have the authority to hire consultants, review systems in other jurisdictions and purchase goods and services to administer the provisions of this section. The committee may implement one or more pilot projects in the state for the purposes of determining the feasibility of developing and implementing such plan. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed from the court automation fund for their actual expenses in performing their official duties on the committee.
- 4. Any purchase of computer software or computer hardware that exceeds five thousand dollars shall be made pursuant to the requirements of the office of administration for lowest and best bid. Such bids shall be subject to acceptance by the office of administration. The court automation committee shall determine the specifications for such bids.
- 5. The court automation committee shall not require any circuit court to change any operating system in such court, unless the committee provides all necessary personnel, funds and equipment necessary to effectuate the required changes. No judicial circuit or county may be reimbursed for any costs incurred pursuant to this subsection unless such judicial circuit or county has the approval of the court automation committee prior to incurring the specific cost.
- 6. Any court automation system, including any pilot project, shall be implemented, operated and maintained in accordance with strict standards for the security and privacy of confidential judicial records. Any person who knowingly releases information from a confidential judicial record is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Any person who, knowing that a judicial record is confidential, uses information from such confidential record for financial gain is guilty of a class D felony.
- 7. On the first day of February, May, August and November of each year, the court automation committee shall file a report on the progress of the statewide automation system with the joint legislative committee on court automation. Such committee shall consist of the following:
 - (1) The chair of the house budget committee;
- 49 (2) The chair of the senate appropriations committee;
 - (3) The chair of the house judiciary committee;
 - (4) The chair of the senate judiciary committee;
- 52 (5) One member of the minority party of the house appointed by the speaker of the house 53 of representatives; and

- 54 (6) One member of the minority party of the senate appointed by the president pro 55 tempore of the senate.
 - 8. The members of the joint legislative committee shall be reimbursed from the court automation fund for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the joint legislative committee on court automation.
 - 9. Section 488.027 shall expire on September 1, [2013] **2018**. The court automation committee established pursuant to this section may continue to function until completion of its duties prescribed by this section, but shall complete its duties prior to September 1, [2015] **2020**.
 - 10. This section shall expire on September 1, [2015] 2020.
- 479.011. 1. (1) The following cities may establish an administrative adjudication 2 system under this section:
 - (a) Any city not within a county;
- 4 (b) Any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located 5 in more than one county; [and]
- 6 (c) Any home rule city with more than seventy-three thousand but fewer than 7 seventy-five thousand inhabitants; and

(d) Any home rule city with more than one hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants.

- (2) The cities listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection may establish, by order or ordinance, an administrative system for adjudicating housing, property maintenance, nuisance, parking, and other civil, nonmoving municipal code violations consistent with applicable state law. Such administrative adjudication system shall be subject to practice, procedure, and pleading rules established by the state supreme court, circuit court, or municipal court. This section shall not be construed to affect the validity of other administrative adjudication systems authorized by state law and created before August 28, 2004.
- 2. The order or ordinance creating the administrative adjudication system shall designate the administrative tribunal and its jurisdiction, including the code violations to be reviewed. The administrative tribunal may operate under the supervision of the municipal court, parking commission, or other entity designated by order or ordinance and in a manner consistent with state law. The administrative tribunal shall adopt policies and procedures for administrative hearings, and filing and notification requirements for appeals to the municipal or circuit court, subject to the approval of the municipal or circuit court.
- 3. The administrative adjudication process authorized in this section shall ensure a fair and impartial review of contested municipal code violations, and shall afford the parties due process of law. The formal rules of evidence shall not apply in any administrative review or

hearing authorized in this section. Evidence, including hearsay, may be admitted only if it is the type of evidence commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs. The code violation notice, property record, and related documentation in the proper form, or a copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the municipal code violation. The officer who issued the code violation citation need not be present.

- 4. An administrative tribunal may not impose incarceration or any fine in excess of the amount allowed by law. Any sanction, fine or costs, or part of any fine, other sanction, or costs, remaining unpaid after the exhaustion of, or the failure to exhaust, judicial review procedures under chapter 536 shall be a debt due and owing the city, and may be collected in accordance with applicable law.
- 5. Any final decision or disposition of a code violation by an administrative tribunal shall constitute a final determination for purposes of judicial review. Such determination is subject to review under chapter 536 or, at the request of the defendant made within ten days, a trial de novo in the circuit court. After expiration of the judicial review period under chapter 536, unless stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction, the administrative tribunal's decisions, findings, rules, and orders may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Upon being recorded in the manner required by state law or the uniform commercial code, a lien may be imposed on the real or personal property of any defendant entering a plea of nolo contendere, pleading guilty to, or found guilty of a municipal code violation in the amount of any debt due the city under this section and enforced in the same manner as a judgment lien under a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. The city may also issue a special tax bill to collect fines issued for housing, property maintenance, and nuisance code violations.

479.040. 1. **(1)** Any city, town or village with a population of less than four hundred thousand may elect to have the violations of its municipal ordinances heard and determined by an associate circuit judge of the circuit in which the city, town or village, or the major geographical portion thereof, is located; provided, however, if such election is made, all violations of that municipality's ordinances shall be heard and determined before an associate circuit judge or judges. If a municipality has elected to have the violations of its municipal ordinances heard and determined by an associate circuit judge, the municipality may thereafter elect to provide for a municipal judge or judges to hear such cases; provided, however, if such later election is made, all violations of that municipality's ordinances shall be heard and determined before a municipal judge. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the transfer or assignment of another judge to hear and determine a case or class of cases when otherwise

authorized by provisions of the constitution, law, or court rule. Nothing in this section shall preclude an election made under the provisions of subsection 4 of this section.

- (2) In lieu of electing to have all violations of municipal ordinances heard and determined before an associate circuit court or a county municipal court, a city, town, or village may, under subdivision (1) of this subsection, elect to have such court only hear and determine those violations of its municipal ordinances as may be designated on the information by the prosecutor as involving an accused with special needs due to mental disorder or mental illness, as defined by section 630.005, or whose special needs, circumstances, and charges cannot be adequately accommodated by the municipal court of the city, town, or village, provided that the associate circuit court or county municipal court has established specialized dockets or courts to provide such adequate accommodations and resources for specifically handling such matters, such as a mental health court, housing court, domestic violence court, family court, or DWI court, and such associate circuit court or county municipal court accepts such election by consent of the presiding judge or by county contract, as applicable, and further provided that upon a determination by the court that the accused does not have such special needs, the matter shall be transferred back to the municipal court.
- 2. If, after January 1, 1980, a municipality elects to have the violations of its municipal ordinances heard and determined by an associate circuit judge, the associate circuit judge or judges shall commence hearing and determining such violations six months after the municipality notifies the presiding judge of the circuit of its election. With the consent of the presiding judge, the associate circuit judge or judges may commence hearing such violations at an earlier date.
- 3. Associate circuit judges of the circuit in which the municipality, or major geographical portion thereof, is located shall hear and determine violations of municipal ordinances of any municipality with a population of under four hundred thousand for which a municipal judge is not provided.
- 4. Any city, town or village with a population of less than four hundred thousand located in a county which has created a county municipal court under the provisions of section 66.010 may elect to enter into a contract with the county to have violations of municipal ordinances prosecuted, heard, and determined in the county municipal court. If a contract is entered into under the provisions of this subsection, all violations of that municipality's ordinances shall be heard and determined in the county municipal court. The contract may provide for a transition period after an election is made under the provisions of this subsection.

483.015. 1. At the general election in the year 1982, and every four years thereafter, except as herein provided and except as otherwise provided by law, circuit clerks shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county [and of the city of St. Louis], who shall be commissioned by the governor, and shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first day in January next ensuing their election, and shall hold their offices for the term of four years, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office.

- 2. The court administrator for Jackson County provided by the charter of Jackson County shall be selected as provided in the county charter and shall exercise all of the powers and duties of the circuit clerk of Jackson County. The director of judicial administration and the circuit clerk of St. Louis County shall be selected as provided in the charter of St. Louis County.
- 3. When provision is made in a county charter for the appointment of a court administrator to perform the duties of a circuit clerk or for the appointment of a circuit clerk, such provisions shall prevail over the provisions of this chapter providing for a circuit clerk to be elected. The persons appointed to fill any such appointive positions shall be paid by the counties as provided by the county charter or ordinance; provided, however, that if provision is now or hereafter made by law for the salaries of circuit clerks to be paid by the state, the state shall pay over to the county a sum which is equivalent to the salary that would be payable by law by the state to an elected circuit clerk in such county if such charter provision was not in effect. The sum shall be paid in semimonthly or monthly installments, as designated by the commissioner of administration.
- 4. The circuit clerk in the sixth judicial circuit and in the seventh judicial circuit shall be appointed by a majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit judges of the circuit court, en banc. The circuit clerk in those circuits shall be removable for cause by a majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit judges of such circuit, en banc, in accordance with supreme court administrative rules governing court personnel. This subsection shall become effective on January 1, 2004, and the elected circuit clerks in those circuits in office at that time shall continue to hold such office for the remainder of their elected terms as if they had been appointed pursuant to the terms of this subsection.
- 5. The circuit clerk in the twenty-second judicial circuit shall be appointed by a majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit judges of the circuit court, en banc. The circuit clerk in such circuit shall be removable for cause by a majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit judges of such circuit, en banc, in accordance with supreme court administrative rules governing court personnel. The elected circuit clerk in such circuit in office on the effective date of this section shall continue to hold such office for the remainder of his or her elected term.

3

5

6

8

10

11 12

13 14

15

16

17

18 19

20

488.026. As provided by section 56.807, there shall be assessed and collected a surcharge of four dollars in all criminal cases filed in the courts of this state, including violations of any county ordinance or any violation of criminal or traffic laws of this state, including 4 infractions, or against any person who pled guilty and paid a fine through a fine collection center, but no such surcharge shall be assessed when the costs are waived or are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality or when a criminal proceeding or the defendant has been 7 dismissed by the court [or against any person who has pled guilty and paid their fine pursuant to subsection 4 of section 476.385]. For purposes of this section, the term "county ordinance" shall include any ordinance of the city of St. Louis. The clerk responsible for collecting court 10 costs in criminal cases shall collect and disburse such amounts as provided by sections 488.010 to 488.020. Such funds shall be payable to the prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys' 11 12 retirement fund.

- 488.426. 1. The judges of the circuit court, en banc, in any circuit in this state may require any party filing a civil case in the circuit court, at the time of filing the suit, to deposit with the clerk of the court a surcharge in addition to all other deposits required by law or court rule. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are to be paid by the county or state or any city.
- 2. The surcharge in effect on August 28, 2001, shall remain in effect until changed by the circuit court. The circuit court in any circuit, except the circuit court in Jackson County or the circuit court in any circuit that reimburses the state for the salaries of family court commissioners under section 487.020, may change the fee to any amount not to exceed fifteen dollars. The circuit court in Jackson County or the circuit court in any circuit that reimburses the state for the salaries of family court commissioners under section 487.020 may change the fee to any amount not to exceed twenty dollars. A change in the fee shall become effective and remain in effect until further changed.
- 3. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are paid by the county or state or any city.
- 4. In addition to any fee authorized by subsection 1 of this section, any county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but less than ninety-three thousand nine hundred inhabitants may impose an additional fee of ten dollars excluding cases concerning adoption and those in small claims court. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on December 31, 2014.

488.2250. For all transcripts of testimony given or proceedings had in any circuit court in cases where an appeal is taken, the court reporter shall receive the sum of [two dollars] three dollars and fifty cents per twenty-five-line page for the original and up to three copies

3

10

1112

1314

15

16

17 18

of the transcript, and the sum of [thirty-five cents] fifty cents per twenty-five-line page for each [carbon] additional copy thereof; the page to be approximately eight and one-half inches by 5 eleven inches in size, with left-hand margin of approximately one and one-half inches and the right-hand margin of approximately one-half inch; answer to follow question on same line when feasible; such page to be designated as a legal page. Any judge, in his or her discretion, may order a transcript of all or any part of the evidence or oral proceedings, and the court reporter's 10 fees for making the same shall be paid by the state upon a voucher approved by the court, and 11 taxed against the state. In criminal cases where an appeal is taken by the defendant, and it 12 appears to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant is unable to pay the costs of the transcript for the purpose of perfecting the appeal, the court shall order the court reporter to 14 furnish three paper or electronic transcripts in duplication of the notes of the evidence, for the 15 original [of which] and up to three copies of the transcript the court reporter shall receive the 16 sum of two dollars and sixty cents per legal page [and for the copies] and the sum of twenty 17 cents per page for each additional copy thereof. The payment of court reporter's fees provided 18 in this section shall be made by the state upon a voucher approved by the court. An electronic version of all transcripts mentioned herein shall be provided. All copies shall be provided 19 20 by a court reporter certified by the Missouri Supreme Court.

488.5026. 1. Upon approval of the governing body of a city, county, or a city not within a county, a surcharge of two dollars shall be assessed as costs in each court proceeding filed in any court in any city, county, or city not within a county adopting such a surcharge, in all criminal cases including violations of any county ordinance or any violation of criminal or traffic laws of the state, including an infraction and violation of a municipal ordinance; except that no such fee shall be collected in any proceeding in any court when the proceeding or the defendant has been dismissed by the court or when costs are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality. A surcharge of two dollars shall be assessed as costs in a juvenile court proceeding in which a child is found by the court to come within the applicable provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 211.031.

- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the moneys collected by clerks of the courts pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall be collected and disbursed in accordance with sections 488.010 to 488.020, and shall be payable to the treasurer of the governmental unit authorizing such surcharge.
- 3. The treasurer shall deposit funds generated by the surcharge into the "Inmate Security Fund". Funds deposited shall be utilized to acquire and develop biometric verification systems and information sharing to ensure that inmates, prisoners, or detainees in a holding cell facility or other detention facility or area which hold persons detained only for a shorter

10

1112

13

14

1516

17

18 19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

2728

period of time after arrest or after being formally charged can be properly identified upon booking and tracked within the local law enforcement administration system, criminal justice administration system, or the local jail system. Upon the installation of the information sharing or biometric verification system, funds in the inmate prisoner detainee security fund may also be used for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the information sharing or biometric verification system, and also to pay for any expenses related to detention, custody, and housing and other expenses for inmates, prisoners, and detainees.

488.5320. 1. Sheriffs, county marshals or other officers shall be allowed a charge for their services rendered in criminal cases and in all proceedings for contempt or attachment, as required by law, the sum of seventy-five dollars for each felony case or contempt or attachment proceeding, ten dollars for each misdemeanor case, and six dollars for each infraction, [excluding] including cases disposed of by a [traffic] central violations bureau established pursuant to law or supreme court rule. Such charges shall be charged and collected in the manner provided by sections 488.010 to 488.020 and shall be payable to the county treasury; except that, those charges from cases disposed of by a central violations bureau shall be distributed as follows: one-half of the charges collected shall be forwarded and deposited to the credit of the Missouri MODEX fund established in subsection 5 of this section for the operational cost of the MODEX system, and one-half of the charges collected shall be deposited to the credit of the inmate security fund, established in section 488.5026, of the county or municipal political subdivision from which the citation originated. If the county or municipal political subdivision has not established an inmate security fund, the funds shall be deposited in the MODEX fund.

- 2. The sheriff receiving any charge pursuant to subsection 1 of this section shall reimburse the sheriff of any other county or the city of St. Louis the sum of three dollars for each pleading, writ, summons, order of court or other document served in connection with the case or proceeding by the sheriff of the other county or city, and return made thereof, to the maximum amount of the total charge received pursuant to subsection 1 of this section.
- 3. The charges provided in subsection 1 of this section shall be taxed as other costs in criminal proceedings immediately upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt of any defendant in any criminal procedure. The clerk shall tax all the costs in the case against such defendant, which shall be collected and disbursed as provided by sections 488.010 to 488.020; provided, that no such charge shall be collected in any proceeding in any court when the proceeding or the defendant has been dismissed by the court; provided further, that all costs, incident to the issuing and serving of writs of scire facias and of writs of fieri facias, and of attachments for witnesses of defendant, shall in no case be paid by the state, but such costs incurred under writs of fieri

HCS SB 628 38

31

32

33

34

35

37

38

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

10

2

6

facias and scire facias shall be paid by the defendant and such defendant's sureties, and costs for 30 attachments for witnesses shall be paid by such witnesses.

- 4. Mileage shall be reimbursed to sheriffs, county marshals and guards for all services rendered pursuant to this section at the rate prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for allowable expenses for motor vehicle use expressed as an amount per mile.
- 5. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "MODEX Fund", which shall consist of money collected under subsection 1 of this section. The fund shall be administered by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission established in section 590.120. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the operational support and expansion of the MODEX system.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.
- (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

488.5375. Upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt for a felony sexual offense in which computers, computer equipment, computer devices, cellular telephones, or other electronic devices were seized, the court may, in addition to imposition of any penalties provided by law, order the defendant to reimburse the state or local law enforcement agency for the costs incurred by such agency in the examination of any computer, 6 computer equipment, computer devices, cellular telephones, or other electronic devices seized. Such costs shall include the reasonable costs of performing examinations of the seized electronic devices. Each law enforcement agency may establish a schedule of such costs; except that, the court may order the costs reduced if the court determines that the costs are excessive.

508.050. Suits against municipal corporations as defendant or codefendant shall be commenced only in the county in which the municipal corporation is situated, or if the municipal corporation is situated in more than one county, then suits against the municipal corporation shall be commenced only in that county wherein the seat of government of the municipal corporation is situated; except that:

(1) Suits may be brought against a city containing more than four hundred thousand inhabitants in any county in which any part of the city is situated; and

HCS SB 628 39

3

7

10

11

15

16 17

18 19

20

21

23

24 25

26

27

28

30 31

8 (2) Suits in inverse condemnation or involving dangerous conditions of public property against a municipal corporation established under article VI, section 30(a) of the Missouri Constitution shall be brought only in the county where such land or any part 10 thereof lies. 11

- 513.430. 1. The following property shall be exempt from attachment and execution to the extent of any person's interest therein:
- (1) Household furnishings, household goods, wearing apparel, appliances, books, 4 animals, crops or musical instruments that are held primarily for personal, family or household use of such person or a dependent of such person, not to exceed three thousand dollars in value in the aggregate;
 - (2) A wedding ring not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars in value and other jewelry held primarily for the personal, family or household use of such person or a dependent of such person, not to exceed five hundred dollars in value in the aggregate;
 - (3) Any other property of any kind, not to exceed in value six hundred dollars in the aggregate;
- 12 (4) Any implements or professional books or tools of the trade of such person or the 13 trade of a dependent of such person not to exceed three thousand dollars in value in the 14 aggregate;
 - (5) Any motor [vehicle in the aggregate] vehicles, not to exceed three thousand dollars in value in the aggregate;
 - (6) Any mobile home used as the principal residence but not [on or] attached to real property in which the debtor has a fee interest, not to exceed five thousand dollars in value;
 - (7) Any one or more unmatured life insurance contracts owned by such person, other than a credit life insurance contract;
 - (8) The amount of any accrued dividend or interest under, or loan value of, any one or more unmatured life insurance contracts owned by such person under which the insured is such person or an individual of whom such person is a dependent; provided, however, that if proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code are commenced by or against such person, the amount exempt in such proceedings shall not exceed in value one hundred fifty thousand dollars in the aggregate less any amount of property of such person transferred by the life insurance company or fraternal benefit society to itself in good faith if such transfer is to pay a premium or to carry out a nonforfeiture insurance option and is required to be so transferred automatically under a life insurance contract with such company or society that was entered into before commencement of such proceedings. No amount of any accrued dividend or interest under, or loan value of, any such life insurance contracts shall be exempt from any claim for

child support. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no such amount shall be exempt in such proceedings under any such insurance contract which was purchased by such person within one year prior to the commencement of such proceedings;

- (9) Professionally prescribed health aids for such person or a dependent of such person;
- (10) Such person's right to receive:
- 37 (a) A Social Security benefit, unemployment compensation or a local public assistance 38 benefit;
 - (b) A veteran's benefit;
 - (c) A disability, illness or unemployment benefit;
 - (d) Alimony, support or separate maintenance, not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars a month;
 - (e) Any payment under a stock bonus plan, pension plan, disability or death benefit plan, profit-sharing plan, nonpublic retirement plan or any plan described, defined, or established pursuant to section 456.072, the person's right to a participant account in any deferred compensation program offered by the state of Missouri or any of its political subdivisions, or annuity or similar plan or contract on account of illness, disability, death, age or length of service, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of such person and any dependent of such person unless:
 - a. Such plan or contract was established by or under the auspices of an insider that employed such person at the time such person's rights under such plan or contract arose;
 - b. Such payment is on account of age or length of service; and
 - c. Such plan or contract does not qualify under Section 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408, 408A or 409 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (26 U.S.C. 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408, 408A or 409);

- except that any such payment to any person shall be subject to attachment or execution pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order, as defined by Section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, issued by a court in any proceeding for dissolution of marriage or legal separation or a proceeding for disposition of property following dissolution of marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse or lacked jurisdiction to dispose of marital property at the time of the original judgment of dissolution;
- (f) Any money or assets, payable to a participant or beneficiary from, or any interest of any participant or beneficiary in, a retirement plan or profit-sharing plan that is qualified under Section 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408, 408A or 409 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except as provided in this paragraph. Any plan or arrangement described in this

80

82

83

84

86

87

paragraph shall not be exempt from the claim of an alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order; however, the interest of any and all alternate payees under a qualified domestic 68 69 relations order shall be exempt from any and all claims of any creditor, other than the state of 70 Missouri through its division of family services. As used in this paragraph, the terms "alternate payee" and "qualified domestic relations order" have the meaning given to them in Section 71 72 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. If proceedings under Title 11 of the 73 United States Code are commenced by or against such person, no amount of funds shall be 74 exempt in such proceedings under any such plan, contract, or trust which is fraudulent as defined 75 in [section 456.630] subsection 2 of section 428.024 and for the period such person participated within three years prior to the commencement of such proceedings. For the purposes of this 76 section, when the fraudulently conveyed funds are recovered and after, such funds shall be 77 78 deducted and then treated as though the funds had never been contributed to the plan, contract, 79 or trust:

- (11) The debtor's right to receive, or property that is traceable to, a payment on account of the wrongful death of an individual of whom the debtor was a dependent, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the debtor and any dependent of the debtor.
- 2. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to exempt from attachment or execution for a valid judicial or administrative order for the payment of child support or maintenance any money or assets, payable to a participant or beneficiary from, or any interest of any participant or beneficiary in, a retirement plan which is qualified pursuant to Section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 513.440. Each head of a family may select and hold, exempt from execution, any other property, real, personal or mixed, or debts and wages, not exceeding in value the amount of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus three hundred fifty dollars for each of such person's unmarried dependent children under the age of [eighteen] **twenty-one** years or dependent as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration, except ten percent of any debt, income, salary or wages due such head of a family.

523.010. 1. In case land, or other property, is sought to be appropriated by any road, railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph or any electrical corporation organized for the manufacture or transmission of electric current for light, heat or power, including the construction, when that is the case, of necessary dams and appurtenant canals, flumes, tunnels and tailraces and including the erection, when that is the case, of necessary electric steam powerhouses, hydroelectric powerhouses and electric substations or any oil, pipeline or gas corporation engaged in the business of transporting or carrying oil, liquid fertilizer solutions, or

HCS SB 628 42

31

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

gas by means of pipes or pipelines laid underneath the surface of the ground, or other corporation created under the laws of this state for public use, and such corporation and the owners cannot 10 agree upon the proper compensation to be paid, or in the case the owner is incapable of 11 contracting, be unknown, or be a nonresident of the state, such corporation may apply to the 12 circuit court of the county of this state where such land or any part thereof lies by petition setting 13 forth the general directions in which it is desired to construct its road, railroad, street railway, 14 telephone, or telegraph line or electric line, including, when that is the case, the construction and 15 maintenance of necessary dams and appurtenant canals, tunnels, flumes and tailraces and, when 16 that is the case, the appropriation of land submerged by the construction of such dam, and including the erection and maintenance, when that is the case, of necessary electric steam 17 18 powerhouses, hydroelectric powerhouses and electric substations, or oil, pipeline, liquid fertilizer 19 solution pipeline, or gas line over or underneath the surface of such lands, a description of the real estate, or other property, which the company seeks to acquire; the names of the owners 21 thereof, if known; or if unknown, a pertinent description of the property whose owners are 22 unknown and praying the appointment of three disinterested residents of the county, as 23 commissioners, or a jury, to assess the damages which such owners may severally sustain in 24 consequence of the establishment, erection and maintenance of such road, railroad, street 25 railway, telephone, telegraph line, or electrical line including damages from the construction and 26 maintenance of necessary dams and the condemnation of land submerged thereby, and the 27 construction and maintenance of appurtenant canals, flumes, tunnels and tailraces and the 28 erection and maintenance of necessary electric steam powerhouses, hydroelectric powerhouses 29 and electric substations, or oil, pipeline, or gas line over or underneath the surface of such lands; to which petition the owners of any or all as the plaintiff may elect of such parcels as lie within 30 the county or circuit may be made parties defendant by names if the names are known, and by 32 the description of the unknown owners of the land therein described if their names are unknown.

- 2. If the proceedings seek to affect the lands of persons under conservatorship, the conservators must be made parties defendant. If the present owner of any land to be affected has less estate than a fee, the person having the next vested estate in remainder may at the option of the petitioners be made party defendant; but if such remaindermen are not made parties, their interest shall not be bound by the proceedings.
- 3. It shall not be necessary to make any persons party defendants in respect to their ownership unless they are either in actual possession of the premises to be affected claiming title or having a title of the premises appearing of record upon the proper records of the county.
- 4. Except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to give a public utility, as defined in section 386.020, or a rural electric cooperative,

as provided in chapter 394, the power to condemn property which is currently used by another provider of public utility service, including a municipality or a special purpose district, when such property is used or useful in providing utility services, if the public utility or cooperative seeking to condemn such property, directly or indirectly, will use or proposes to use the property for the same purpose, or a purpose substantially similar to the purpose [that] **for which** the property is being used by the provider of the public utility service.

- 5. A public utility or a rural electric cooperative may only condemn the property of another provider of public utility service, even if the property is used or useful in providing utility services by such provider, if the condemnation is necessary for the public purpose of acquiring a nonexclusive easement or right-of-way across the property of such provider and only if the acquisition will not materially impair or interfere with the current use of such property by the utility or cooperative and will not prevent or materially impair such provider of public utility service from any future expansion of its facilities on such property.
- 6. If a public utility or rural electric cooperative seeks to condemn the property of another provider of public utility service, and the conditions in subsection 4 of this section do not apply, this section does not limit the condemnation powers otherwise possessed by such public utility or rural electric cooperative.
- 7. Suits in inverse condemnation or involving dangerous conditions of public property against a municipal corporation established under article VI, section 30(a) of the Missouri Constitution shall be brought only in the county where such land or any part thereof lies.
- 537.345. As used in sections 537.345 to 537.347, **and section 537.351**, the following terms mean:
- (1) "Charge", the admission price or fee asked by an owner of land or an invitation or permission without price or fee to use land for recreational purposes when such invitation or permission is given for the purpose of sales promotion, advertising or public goodwill in fostering business purposes;
- 7 (2) "Land", all real property, land and water, and all structures, fixtures, equipment and 8 machinery thereon;
 - (3) "Owner", any individual, legal entity or governmental agency that has any ownership or security interest whatever or lease or right of possession in land;
- 11 (4) "Recreational use", hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, biking, nature study, 12 winter sports, viewing or enjoying archaeological or scenic sites, or other similar activities 13 undertaken for recreation, exercise, education, relaxation, or pleasure on land owned by another;

8

10

11

12

1314

1516

17

18 19

20

21

22

23

24

25

14 (5) "Trespasser", any person who enters on the property of another without 15 permission and without an invitation, express or implied regardless of whether actual 16 notice of trespass was given or the land was posted in accordance with the provisions of 17 sections 569.140 and 569.145.

537.346. Except as provided in sections 537.345 to 537.348, **and section 537.351**, an owner of land owes no duty of care to any person who enters on the land without charge to keep his land safe for recreational use or to give any general or specific warning with respect to any natural or artificial condition, structure, or personal property thereon.

- 537.351. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, a possessor of real property, including an owner, lessee, or other occupant, or an agent of such owner, lessee, or other occupant, owes no duty of care to a trespasser except to refrain from harming the trespasser by an intentional, willful, or wanton act. As used in this subsection, willful includes but is not limited to the failure of the possessor to remedy or warn against a dangerous artificial condition. A possessor of real property may use justifiable force to repel a criminal trespasser as provided by section 563.074.
 - 2. A possessor of real property may be subject to liability for physical injury or death to a trespasser in the following situations:
 - (1) If the trespasser is a child who is harmed by a dangerous condition on the land; and
 - (a) The possessor knew or should have known that children were likely to trespass at the location of the condition;
 - (b) The condition is one which the possessor knew or reasonably should have known involved an unreasonable risk of death or serious physical injury to such children;
 - (c) The injured child because of the child's youth did not discover the condition or realize the risk involved in the intermeddling with the condition or in coming within the area made dangerous by the condition; and
 - (d) The possessor failed to exercise reasonable care to eliminate the danger or otherwise protect the injured child; or
 - (2) The possessor knew or should have known that trespassers consistently intrude upon a limited area of the possessor's land where the trespasser was harmed, the harm resulted from a dangerous artificial condition on the land; and
 - (a) The possessor created or maintained the artificial condition that caused the injury;
- 26 (b) The possessor knew that the condition was likely to cause death or serious 27 bodily harm to trespassers;

(c) The possessor knew or should have known that the condition was of such a nature that trespassers would not discover it; and

- (d) The possessor failed to exercise reasonable care to warn trespassers of the condition and the risk involved; or
- (3) If the possessor knew of the trespasser's presence on the land and failed to warn of dangerous conditions on the land or failed to exercise ordinary care as to active operations carried out on the land.
- 3. This section does not create or increase the liability of any possessor of real property and does not affect any immunities from or defenses to liability established under state law or available under common law to which a possessor of real property may be entitled under circumstances not covered by this section.
- 537.528. 1. Any action [seeking money damages] against a person for conduct or speech undertaken or made in connection with a public hearing or public meeting, in a quasi-judicial proceeding before a tribunal or decision-making body of the state or any political subdivision of the state is subject to a special motion to dismiss, motion for judgment on the pleadings, or motion for summary judgment that shall be considered by the court on a priority or expedited basis to ensure the early consideration of the issues raised by the motion and to prevent the unnecessary expense of litigation. Upon the filing of any special motion described in this subsection, all discovery shall be suspended pending a decision on the motion by the court and the exhaustion of all appeals regarding the special motion.
- 2. If the rights afforded by this section are raised as an affirmative defense and if a court grants a motion to dismiss, a motion for judgment on the pleadings or a motion for summary judgment filed within ninety days of the filing of the moving party's answer, the court shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred by the moving party in defending the action. If the court finds that a special motion to dismiss or motion for summary judgment is frivolous or solely intended to cause unnecessary delay, the court shall award costs and reasonable attorney fees to the party prevailing on the motion.
- 3. Any party shall have the right to an expedited appeal from a trial court order on the special motions described in subsection 2 of this section or from a trial court's failure to rule on the motion on an expedited basis.
- 4. As used in this section, a "public meeting in a quasi-judicial proceeding" means and includes any meeting established and held by a state or local governmental entity, including without limitations meetings or presentations before state, county, city, town or village councils, planning commissions, review boards or commissions.

5. Nothing in this section limits or prohibits the exercise of a right or remedy of a party granted pursuant to another constitutional, statutory, common law or administrative provision, including civil actions for defamation.

- 6. If any provision of this section or the application of any provision of this section to a person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this section that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.
 - 7. The provisions of this section shall apply to all causes of actions.
- 542.301. 1. Property which comes into the custody of an officer or of a court as the result of any seizure and which has not been forfeited pursuant to any other provisions of law or returned to the claimant shall be disposed of as follows:
- (1) Stolen property, or property acquired in any other manner declared an offense by chapters 569 and 570, but not including any of the property referred to in subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall be delivered by order of court upon claim having been made and established, to the person who is entitled to possession:
- (a) The claim shall be made by written motion filed with the court with which a motion to suppress has been, or may be, filed. The claim shall be barred if not made within one year from the date of the seizure;
- (b) Upon the filing of such motion, the judge shall order notice to be given to all persons interested in the property, including other claimants and the person from whose possession the property was seized, of the time, place and nature of the hearing to be held on the motion. The notice shall be given in a manner reasonably calculated to reach the attention of all interested persons. Notice may be given to unknown persons and to persons whose address is unknown by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. No property shall be delivered to any claimant unless all interested persons have been given a reasonable opportunity to appear and to be heard;
- (c) After a hearing, the judge shall order the property delivered to the person or persons entitled to possession, if any. The judge may direct that delivery of property required as evidence in a criminal proceeding shall be postponed until the need no longer exists;
- (d) A law enforcement officer having custody of seized property may, at any time that seized property has ceased to be useful as evidence, request that the prosecuting attorney of the county in which property was seized file a motion with the court of such county for the disposition of the seized property. If the prosecuting attorney does not file such motion within sixty days of the request by the law enforcement officer having custody of the seized property, then such officer may request that the attorney general file a written motion with the circuit court

of the county or judicial district in which the seizure occurred. Upon filing of the motion, the court shall issue an order directing the disposition of the property. Such disposition may, if the property is not claimed within one year from the date of the seizure or if no one establishes a right to it, and the seized property has ceased to be useful as evidence, include a public sale of the property. Pursuant to a motion properly filed and granted under this section, the proceeds of any sale, less necessary expenses of preservation and sale, shall be paid into the county treasury for the use of the county. If the property is not salable, the judge may order its destruction. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if no claim is filed within one year of the seizure and no motion pursuant to this section is filed within six months thereafter, and the seized property has ceased to be useful as evidence, the property shall be deemed abandoned, converted to cash and shall be turned over immediately to the treasurer pursuant to section 447.543;

- (e) If the property is a living animal or is perishable, the judge may, at any time, order it sold at public sale. The proceeds shall be held in lieu of the property. A written description of the property sold shall be filed with the judge making the order of sale so that the claimant may identify the property. If the proceeds are not claimed within the time limited for the claim of the property, the proceeds shall be paid into the county treasury. If the property is not salable, the judge may order its destruction.
- (2) Weapons, tools, devices, **computers, computer equipment, computer software, computer hardware, cellular telephones, or other devices capable of accessing the internet,** and substances other than motor vehicles, aircraft or watercraft, used by the owner or with the owner's consent as a means for committing felonies other than the offense of possessing burglary tools in violation of section 569.180, and property, the possession of which is an offense under the laws of this state or which has been used by the owner, or used with the owner's acquiescence or consent, as a raw material or as an instrument to manufacture [or], produce, or distribute, or be used as a means of storage of anything the possession of which is an offense under the laws of this state, or which any statute authorizes or directs to be seized, other than lawfully possessed weapons seized by an officer incident to an arrest, shall be forfeited to the state of Missouri.
- 2. The officer who has custody of the property shall inform the prosecuting attorney of the fact of seizure and of the nature of the property. The prosecuting attorney shall thereupon file a written motion with the court with which the motion to suppress has been, or may be, filed praying for an order directing the forfeiture of the property. If the prosecuting attorney of a county in which property is seized fails to file a motion with the court for the disposition of the seized property within sixty days of the request by a law enforcement officer, the officer having

custody of the seized property may request the attorney general to file a written motion with the circuit court of the county or judicial district in which the seizure occurred. Upon filing of the motion, the court shall issue an order directing the disposition of the property. The signed motion shall be returned to the requesting agency. A motion may also be filed by any person claiming the right to possession of the property praying that the court declare the property not subject to forfeiture and order it delivered to the moving party.

- 3. Upon the filing of a motion either by the prosecuting attorney or by a claimant, the judge shall order notice to be given to all persons interested in the property, including the person out of whose possession the property was seized and any lienors, of the time, place and nature of the hearing to be held on the motion. The notice shall be given in a manner reasonably calculated to reach the attention of all interested persons. Notice may be given to unknown persons and to persons of unknown address by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Every interested person shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appear and to be heard as to the nature of the person's claim to the property and upon the issue of whether or not it is subject to forfeiture.
- 4. If the evidence is clear and convincing that the property in issue is in fact of a kind subject to forfeiture under this subsection, the judge shall declare it forfeited and order its destruction or sale. The judge shall direct that the destruction or sale of property needed as evidence in a criminal proceeding shall be postponed until this need no longer exists.
- 5. If the forfeited property can be put to a lawful use, it may be ordered sold after any alterations which are necessary to adapt it to a lawful use have been made. In the case of computers, computer equipment, computer software, computer hardware, cellular telephones, or other devices capable of accessing the internet, or other devices used in the acquisition, possession, or distribution of child pornography or obscene material, the law enforcement agency in possession of such items may, upon court order, retain possession of such property and convert such property to the use of the law enforcement agency for use in criminal investigations. If there is a holder of a bona fide lien against property which has been used as a means for committing an offense or which has been used as a raw material or as an instrument to manufacture or produce anything which is an offense to possess, who establishes that the use was without the lienholder's acquiescence or consent, the proceeds, less necessary expenses of preservation and sale, shall be paid to the lienholder to the amount of the lienholder's lien. The remaining amount shall be paid into the county treasury.
- 6. If the property is perishable the judge may order it sold at a public sale or destroyed, as may be appropriate, prior to a hearing. The proceeds of a sale, less necessary expenses of preservation and sale, shall be held in lieu of the property.

98

99

100101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

109

110111

112

113

114

115

116

117

118

119

120

121

122

123

124

125

126

127

128

129

130

131

132

7. When a warrant has been issued to search for and seize allegedly obscene matter for forfeiture to the state, after an adversary hearing, the judge, upon return of the warrant with the matter seized, shall give notice of the fact to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the matter was seized and the dealer, exhibitor or displayer and shall conduct further adversary proceedings to determine whether the matter is subject to forfeiture. If the evidence is clear and convincing that the matter is obscene as defined by law and it was being held or displayed for sale, exhibition, distribution or circulation to the public, the judge shall declare it to be obscene and forfeited to the state and order its destruction or other disposition; except that, no forfeiture shall be declared without the dealer, distributor or displayer being given a reasonable opportunity to appear in opposition and without the judge having thoroughly examined each item. If the material to be seized is the same as or another copy of matter that has already been determined to be obscene in a criminal proceeding against the dealer, exhibitor, displayer or such person's agent, the determination of obscenity in the criminal proceeding shall constitute clear and convincing evidence that the matter to be forfeited pursuant to this subsection is obscene. Except when the dealer, exhibitor or displayer consents to a longer period, or by such person's actions or pleadings willfully prevents the prompt resolution of the hearing, judgment shall be rendered within ten days of the return of the warrant. If the matter is not found to be obscene or is not found to have been held or displayed for sale, exhibition or distribution to the public, or a judgment is not entered within the time provided for, the matter shall be restored forthwith to the dealer, exhibitor or displayer.

- 8. If an appeal is taken by the dealer, exhibitor or displayer from an adverse judgment, the case should be assigned for hearing at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way. Destruction or disposition of a matter declared forfeited shall be postponed until the judgment has become final by exhaustion of appeal, or by expiration of the time for appeal, and until the matter is no longer needed as evidence in a criminal proceeding.
- 9. A determination of obscenity, pursuant to this subsection, shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding against any person or corporation for sale or possession of obscene matter; except that dealer, distributor or displayer from which the obscene matter was seized for forfeiture to the state.
- 10. When allegedly obscene matter or pornographic material for minors has been seized under a search warrant issued pursuant to subsection 2 of section 542.281 and the matter is no longer needed as evidence in a criminal proceeding the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the matter was seized may file a written motion with the circuit court of the county or judicial district in which the seizure occurred praying for an order directing the forfeiture of the matter. Upon filing of the motion, the court shall set a date for a hearing. Written notice of date,

136

137

138139

140

141

142

143

144

146

147

148

149

150

151

152

153154

155

156

157

158

159

160

161

162

163

164

165

time, place and nature of the hearing shall be personally served upon the owner, dealer, exhibitor,
displayer or such person's agent. Such notice shall be served no less than five days before the
hearing.

- 11. If the evidence is clear and convincing that the matter is obscene as defined by law, and that the obscene material was being held or displayed for sale, exhibition, distribution or circulation to the public or that the matter is pornographic for minors and that the pornographic material was being held or displayed for sale, exhibition, distribution or circulation to minors, the judge shall declare it to be obscene or pornographic for minors and forfeited to the state and order its destruction or other disposition. A determination that the matter is obscene in a criminal proceeding as well as a determination that such obscene material was held or displayed for sale, exhibition, distribution or circulation to the public or a determination that the matter is pornographic for minors in a criminal proceeding as well as a determination that such pornographic material was held or displayed for sale, exhibition, distribution or circulation to minors shall be clear and convincing evidence that such material should be forfeited to the state; except that, no forfeiture shall be declared without the dealer, distributor or displayer being given a reasonable opportunity to appear in opposition and without a judge having thoroughly examined each item. A dealer, distributor or displayer shall have had reasonable opportunity to appear in opposition if the matter the prosecutor seeks to destroy is the same matter that formed the basis of a criminal proceeding against the dealer, distributor or displayer where the dealer, distributor or displayer has been charged and found guilty of holding or displaying for sale, exhibiting, distributing or circulating obscene material to the public or pornographic material for minors to minors. If the matter is not found to be obscene, or if obscene material is not found to have been held or displayed for sale, exhibition, distribution or circulation to the public, or if the matter is not found to be pornographic for minors or if pornographic material is not found to have been held or displayed for sale, exhibition, distribution or circulation to minors, the matter shall be restored forthwith to the dealer, exhibitor or displayer.
- 12. If an appeal is taken by the dealer, exhibitor or displayer from an adverse judgment, the case shall be assigned for hearing at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way. Destruction or disposition of matter declared forfeited shall be postponed until the judgment has become final by exhaustion of appeal, or by expiration of the time for appeal, and until the matter is no longer needed as evidence in a criminal proceeding.
- 13. A determination of obscenity shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding against any person or corporation for sale or possession of obscene matter.
- 14. An appeal by any party shall be allowed from the judgment of the court as in other civil actions.

15. All other property still in the custody of an officer or of a court as the result of any seizure and which has not been forfeited pursuant to this section or any other provision of law after three years following the seizure and which has ceased to be useful as evidence shall be deemed abandoned, converted to cash and shall be turned over immediately to the treasurer pursuant to section 447.543.

- 16. In fiscal year 2003, the commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount of any additional state revenue received pursuant to this section and section 447.532, shall transfer an equivalent amount of general revenue to the schools of the future fund created in section 163.005.
- 558.019. 1. This section shall not be construed to affect the powers of the governor under article IV, section 7, of the Missouri Constitution. This statute shall not affect those provisions of section 565.020, section 558.018 or section 571.015, which set minimum terms of sentences, or the provisions of section 559.115, relating to probation.
- 2. The provisions of subsections 2 to 5 of this section shall be applicable to all classes of felonies except those set forth in chapter 195, and those otherwise excluded in subsection 1 of this section. For the purposes of this section, "prison commitment" means and is the receipt by the department of corrections of an offender after sentencing. For purposes of this section, prior prison commitments to the department of corrections shall not include commitment to a regimented discipline program established pursuant to section 217.378. Other provisions of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, any offender who has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of a felony other than a dangerous felony as defined in section 556.061 and is committed to the department of corrections shall be required to serve the following minimum prison terms:
- (1) If the offender has one previous prison commitment to the department of corrections for a felony offense, the minimum prison term which the offender must serve shall be forty percent of his or her sentence or until the offender attains seventy years of age, and has served at least thirty percent of the sentence imposed, whichever occurs first;
- (2) If the offender has two previous prison commitments to the department of corrections for felonies unrelated to the present offense, the minimum prison term which the offender must serve shall be fifty percent of his or her sentence or until the offender attains seventy years of age, and has served at least forty percent of the sentence imposed, whichever occurs first;
- (3) If the offender has three or more previous prison commitments to the department of corrections for felonies unrelated to the present offense, the minimum prison term which the offender must serve shall be eighty percent of his or her sentence or until the offender attains seventy years of age, and has served at least forty percent of the sentence imposed, whichever occurs first.

3. Other provisions of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, any offender who has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of a dangerous felony as defined in section 556.061 and is committed to the department of corrections shall be required to serve a minimum prison term of eighty-five percent of the sentence imposed by the court or until the offender attains seventy years of age, and has served at least forty percent of the sentence imposed, whichever occurs first.

- 4. For the purpose of determining the minimum prison term to be served, the following calculations shall apply:
 - (1) A sentence of life shall be calculated to be thirty years;
- (2) Any sentence either alone or in the aggregate with other consecutive sentences for crimes committed at or near the same time which is over seventy-five years shall be calculated to be seventy-five years.
- 5. For purposes of this section, the term "minimum prison term" shall mean time required to be served by the offender before he or she is eligible for parole, conditional release or other early release by the department of corrections.
- 6. (1) A sentencing advisory commission is hereby created to consist of eleven members. One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. One member shall be appointed by the president pro tem of the senate. One member shall be the director of the department of corrections. Six members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor from among the following: the public defender commission; private citizens; a private member of the Missouri Bar; the board of probation and parole; and a prosecutor. Two members shall be appointed by the supreme court, one from a metropolitan area and one from a rural area. All members shall be appointed to a four-year term. All members of the sentencing commission appointed prior to August 28, 1994, shall continue to serve on the sentencing advisory commission at the pleasure of the governor.
- (2) The commission shall study sentencing practices in the circuit courts throughout the state for the purpose of determining whether and to what extent disparities exist among the various circuit courts with respect to the length of sentences imposed and the use of probation for offenders convicted of the same or similar crimes and with similar criminal histories. The commission shall also study and examine whether and to what extent sentencing disparity among economic and social classes exists in relation to the sentence of death and if so, the reasons therefor sentences are comparable to other states, if the length of the sentence is appropriate, and the rate of rehabilitation based on sentence. It shall compile statistics, examine cases, draw conclusions, and perform other duties relevant to the research and investigation of disparities in death penalty sentencing among economic and social classes.

(3) [The commission shall establish a system of recommended sentences, within the statutory minimum and maximum sentences provided by law for each felony committed under the laws of this state. This system of recommended sentences shall be distributed to all sentencing courts within the state of Missouri. The recommended sentence for each crime shall take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- (a) The nature and severity of each offense;
- (b) The record of prior offenses by the offender;
- 69 (c) The data gathered by the commission showing the duration and nature of sentences 70 imposed for each crime; and
 - (d) The resources of the department of corrections and other authorities to carry out the punishments that are imposed.
 - (4)] The commission shall study alternative sentences, prison work programs, work release, home-based incarceration, probation and parole options, and any other programs and report the feasibility of these options in Missouri.
 - [(5) The commission shall publish and distribute its recommendations on or before July 1, 2004. The commission shall study the implementation and use of the recommendations until July 1, 2005, and return a report to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president pro tem of the senate. Following the July 1, 2005, report, the commission shall revise the recommended sentences every two years.
 - (6)] (4) The governor shall select a chairperson who shall call meetings of the commission as required or permitted pursuant to the purpose of the sentencing commission.
 - [(7)] (5) The members of the commission shall not receive compensation for their duties on the commission, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of these duties and for which they are not reimbursed by reason of their other paid positions.
 - [(8)] (6) The circuit and associate circuit courts of this state, the office of the state courts administrator, the department of public safety, and the department of corrections shall cooperate with the commission by providing information or access to information needed by the commission. The office of the state courts administrator will provide needed staffing resources.
 - 7. Courts shall retain discretion to lower or exceed the sentence recommended by the commission as otherwise allowable by law, and to order restorative justice methods, when applicable.
 - 8. If the imposition or execution of a sentence is suspended, the court may order any or all of the following restorative justice methods, or any other method that the court finds just or appropriate:

97 (1) Restitution to any victim or a statutorily created fund for costs incurred as a result 98 of the offender's actions;

(2) Offender treatment programs;

99

100

101

105

106

107

108

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

117118

119

120

121

123

- (3) Mandatory community service;
- (4) Work release programs in local facilities; and
- 102 (5) Community-based residential and nonresidential programs.
- 9. The provisions of this section shall apply only to offenses occurring on or after August 28, 2003.
 - 10. Pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 8 of this section, the court may order the assessment and payment of a designated amount of restitution to a county law enforcement restitution fund established by the county commission pursuant to section 50.565. Such contribution shall not exceed three hundred dollars for any charged offense. Any restitution moneys deposited into the county law enforcement restitution fund pursuant to this section shall only be expended pursuant to the provisions of section 50.565.
 - 11. A judge may order payment to a restitution fund only if such fund had been created by ordinance or resolution of a county of the state of Missouri prior to sentencing. A judge shall not have any direct supervisory authority or administrative control over any fund to which the judge is ordering a defendant to make payment.
 - 12. A defendant who fails to make a payment to a county law enforcement restitution fund may not have his or her probation revoked solely for failing to make such payment unless the judge, after evidentiary hearing, makes a finding supported by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant either willfully refused to make the payment or that the defendant willfully, intentionally, and purposefully failed to make sufficient bona fide efforts to acquire the resources to pay.
 - 13. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the sentencing advisory commission to issue recommended sentences in specific cases pending in the courts of this state.
 - 559.100. 1. The circuit courts of this state shall have power, herein provided, to place on probation or to parole persons convicted of any offense over which they have jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided in sections 195.275 to 195.296, section 558.018, section 559.115, section 565.020, sections 566.030, 566.060, 566.067, 566.151, and 566.213, section 571.015, and subsection 3 of section 589.425.
 - 2. The circuit court shall have the power to revoke the probation or parole previously granted and commit the person to the department of corrections. The circuit court shall determine any conditions of probation or parole for the defendant that it deems necessary to

15

16

17

18 19

20

21

22

23

24

25

2627

28

29

30

3132

3334

35

36

37

38

40

41

42

43

ensure the successful completion of the probation or parole term, including the extension of any term of supervision for any person while on probation or parole. The circuit court may require that the defendant pay restitution for his crime. The probation or parole may be revoked for failure to pay restitution or for failure to conform his behavior to the conditions imposed by the circuit court. The circuit court may, in its discretion, credit any period of probation or parole as time served on a sentence.

3. Restitution, whether court ordered as provided in subsection 2 of this section or agreed to by the parties, or as enforced under section 558.011, shall be paid through the office of the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney from contracting with or utilizing another entity for the collection of restitution and costs under this section. When ordered by the court, interest shall be allowed under subsection 1 of section 408.040. In addition to all other costs and fees allowed by law, each prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney who takes any action to collect restitution shall collect from the person paying restitution an administrative handling cost. The cost shall be twenty-five dollars for restitution less than one hundred dollars and fifty dollars for restitution of one hundred dollars but less than two hundred fifty dollars. For restitution of two hundred fifty dollars or more an additional fee of ten percent of the total restitution shall be assessed, with a maximum fee for administrative handling costs not to exceed seventy-five dollars total. In addition to the administrative handling costs, an installment cost shall be assessed in the amount of two dollars per installment, excepting the first installment, until such total amount of restitution is paid in full. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 50.525 to 50.745, the costs provided for in this subsection shall be deposited by the county treasurer into a separate interest-bearing fund to be expended by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney. This fund shall be known as the "Administrative Handling Cost Fund", and it shall be the fund for deposits under this section and under section 570.120. The funds shall be expended, upon warrants issued by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney directing the treasurer to issue checks thereon, only for purposes related to that authorized by subsection 4 of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, in addition to the administrative handling cost, the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney shall collect an additional cost of five dollars per each crime victim to whom restitution is paid for deposit to the Missouri office of prosecution services fund established in subsection 2 of section 56.765. All moneys collected under this section which are payable to the Missouri office of prosecution services fund shall be transmitted at least monthly by the county treasurer to the director of revenue who shall deposit the amount collected to

49

50

51

52

53 54

55

56

57

58

59

60

3

5

6

7

8

the credit of the Missouri office of prosecution services fund under the procedure established under subsection 2 of section 56.765. As used in this subsection, "crime victim" means any natural person or their survivors or legal guardians, the estate of a deceased person, a for-profit corporation or business entity, a nonprofit corporation or entity, a charitable entity, or any governmental body or a political subdivision thereof.

- 4. The moneys deposited in the fund may be used by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney for office supplies, postage, books, training, office equipment, capital outlay, expenses of trial and witness preparation, additional employees for the staff of the prosecuting or circuit attorney, employees' salaries, and for other lawful expenses incurred by the prosecuting or circuit attorney in the operation of that office.
- 5. This fund may be audited by the state auditor's office or the appropriate auditing agency.
- 6. If the moneys collected and deposited into this fund are not totally expended annually, then the unexpended balance shall remain in the fund and the balance shall be kept in the fund to accumulate from year to year.
- 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a crime victim from pursuing other lawful remedies against a defendant for restitution.
- 559.105. 1. Any person who has been found guilty [of] or has pled guilty to [a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 569.080 or paragraph (a) of subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 570.030] an offense may be ordered by the court to make restitution to the victim for the victim's losses due to such offense. Restitution pursuant to this section shall include, but not be limited to [, the following:
 - (1)] a victim's reasonable expenses to participate in the prosecution of the crime[;
- (2) A victim's payment for any repairs or replacement of the motor vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft; and
- 9 (3) A victim's costs associated with towing or storage fees for the motor vehicle caused 10 by the acts of the defendant].
- 2. No person ordered by the court to pay restitution pursuant to this section shall be released from probation until such restitution is complete. If full restitution is not made within the original term of probation, the court shall order the maximum term of probation allowed for such offense.
- 3. Any person eligible to be released on parole [for a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 569.080 or paragraph (a) of subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 570.030 may] **shall** be required, as a condition of parole, to make restitution pursuant to this section. The board of probation and parole shall not release any person from any term of parole

for such offense until the person has completed such restitution, or until the maximum term of parole for such offense has been served.

- 4. The court may set an amount of restitution to be paid by the defendant. Such amount may be taken from the inmate's account at the department of corrections while the defendant is incarcerated. Upon conditional release or parole, if any amount of such court-ordered restitution is unpaid, the payment of the unpaid balance may be collected as a condition of conditional release or parole by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney under section 559.100. The prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney may refer any failure to make such restitution as a condition of conditional release or parole to the parole board for enforcement.
- 566.083. 1. A person commits the crime of sexual misconduct involving a child if [the] **such** person:
- (1) Knowingly exposes his or her genitals to a child less than fifteen years of age under circumstances in which he or she knows that his or her conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm to the child;
- (2) Knowingly exposes his or her genitals to a child less than fifteen years of age for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, including the child; [or]
- (3) Knowingly coerces or induces a child less than fifteen years of age to expose the child's genitals for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, including the child; or
- (4) Knowingly coerces or induces a child who is known by such person to be less than fifteen years of age to expose the breasts of a female child through the Internet or other electronic means for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, including the child.
- 2. The provisions of this section shall apply regardless of whether the person violates [the] **this** section in person or via the Internet or other electronic means.
- 3. It is not an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this section that the other person was a peace officer masquerading as a minor.
- 4. Sexual misconduct involving a child or attempted sexual misconduct involving a child is a class D felony unless the actor has previously pleaded guilty to or been found guilty of an offense pursuant to this chapter or the actor has previously pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of an offense against the laws of another state or jurisdiction which would constitute an offense under this chapter, in which case it is a class C felony.
- 569.100. 1. A person commits the crime of property damage in the first degree if **such** 2 **person**:

3 (1) [He] Knowingly damages property of another to an extent exceeding seven hundred 4 and fifty dollars; or

- (2) [He] Damages property to an extent exceeding one thousand dollars for the purpose of defrauding an insurer; or
- (3) Knowingly damages a motor vehicle of another and the damage occurs while such person is making entry into the motor vehicle for the purpose of committing the crime of stealing therein or the damage occurs while such person is committing the crime of stealing within the motor vehicle.
- 2. Property damage in the first degree committed under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of this section is a class D felony. Property damage in the first degree committed under subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section is a class C felony unless committed as a second or subsequent violation of subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section in which case it is a class B felony.
 - 570.120. 1. A person commits the crime of passing a bad check when:
- (1) With purpose to defraud, the person makes, issues or passes a check or other similar sight order or any other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information for the payment of money, knowing that it will not be paid by the drawee, or that there is no such drawee; or
- (2) The person makes, issues, or passes a check or other similar sight order or any other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information for the payment of money, knowing that there are insufficient funds in or on deposit with that account for the payment of such check, sight order, or other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information in full and all other checks, sight orders, or other forms of presentment involving the transmission of account information upon such funds then outstanding, or that there is no such account or no drawee and fails to pay the check or sight order or other form of presentment involving the transmission of account information within ten days after receiving actual notice in writing that it has not been paid because of insufficient funds or credit with the drawee or because there is no such drawee.
- 2. As used in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, "actual notice in writing" means notice of the nonpayment which is actually received by the defendant. Such notice may include the service of summons or warrant upon the defendant for the initiation of the prosecution of the check or checks which are the subject matter of the prosecution if the summons or warrant contains information of the ten-day period during which the instrument may be paid and that payment of the instrument within such ten-day period will result in dismissal

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47 48

49

50

51

52

53

54

55

56

of the charges. The requirement of notice shall also be satisfied for written communications which are tendered to the defendant and which the defendant refuses to accept.

- 3. The face amounts of any bad checks passed pursuant to one course of conduct within any ten-day period may be aggregated in determining the grade of the offense.
 - 4. Passing bad checks is a class A misdemeanor, unless:
- (1) The face amount of the check or sight order or the aggregated amounts is five hundred dollars or more; or
- (2) The issuer had no account with the drawee or if there was no such drawee at the time the check or order was issued, in which cases passing bad checks is a class C felony.
- 5. (1) In addition to all other costs and fees allowed by law, each prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney who takes any action pursuant to the provisions of this section shall collect from the issuer in such action an administrative handling cost. The cost shall be twenty-five dollars for checks of less than one hundred dollars, and fifty dollars for checks of one hundred dollars but less than two hundred fifty dollars. For checks of two hundred fifty dollars or more an additional fee of ten percent of the face amount shall be assessed, with a maximum fee for administrative handling costs not to exceed seventy-five dollars total. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 50.525 to 50.745, the costs provided for in this subsection shall be deposited by the county treasurer into a separate interest-bearing fund to be expended by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney. This fund shall be known as the "Administrative Handling Cost Fund", and it shall be the fund for deposits under this section and under section 559.100. The funds shall be expended, upon warrants issued by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney directing the treasurer to issue checks thereon, only for purposes related to that previously authorized in this section. Any revenues that are not required for the purposes of this section may be placed in the general revenue fund of the county or city not within a county. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in addition to the administrative handling cost, the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney shall collect an additional cost of five dollars per check for deposit to the Missouri office of prosecution services fund established in subsection 2 of section 56.765. All moneys collected pursuant to this section which are payable to the Missouri office of prosecution services fund shall be transmitted at least monthly by the county treasurer to the director of revenue who shall deposit the amount collected pursuant to the credit of the Missouri office of prosecution services fund under the procedure established pursuant to subsection 2 of section 56.765.
- (2) The moneys deposited in the fund may be used by the prosecuting or circuit attorney for office supplies, postage, books, training, office equipment, capital outlay, expenses of trial and witness preparation, additional employees for the staff of the prosecuting or circuit attorney,

employees' salaries, and for other lawful expenses incurred by the circuit or prosecuting attorney
in operation of that office.

- (3) This fund may be audited by the state auditor's office or the appropriate auditing agency.
- (4) If the moneys collected and deposited into this fund are not totally expended annually, then the unexpended balance shall remain in said fund and the balance shall be kept in said fund to accumulate from year to year.
 - 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary:
- (1) In addition to the administrative handling costs provided for in subsection 5 of this section, the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney may collect from the issuer, in addition to the face amount of the check, a reasonable service charge, which along with the face amount of the check, shall be turned over to the party to whom the bad check was issued;
- (2) If a check that is dishonored or returned unpaid by a financial institution is not referred to the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney for any action pursuant to the provisions of this section, the party to whom the check was issued, or his or her agent or assignee, or a holder, may collect from the issuer, in addition to the face amount of the check, a reasonable service charge, not to exceed twenty-five dollars, plus an amount equal to the actual charge by the depository institution for the return of each unpaid or dishonored instrument.
- 7. When any financial institution returns a dishonored check to the person who deposited such check, it shall be in substantially the same physical condition as when deposited, or in such condition as to provide the person who deposited the check the information required to identify the person who wrote the check.

/