

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 986

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SIFTON.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 213.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Missouri human rights act.

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

Section A. Section 213.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 213.020, to read as follows:

213.020. 1. There is hereby created a "Missouri Commission on Human  
2 Rights". It shall consist of [eleven] **nine** members, with no less than one from  
3 each of the congressional districts of this state, serving without compensation, to  
4 be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. One of  
5 the members shall be appointed chairperson by the governor. Appointments to  
6 the commission shall be for a term of six years. No more than [six] **four**  
7 members at any one time shall be members of the same political party. In the  
8 event of the death or resignation of any member, his successor shall be appointed  
9 to serve for the unexpired period of the term for which such member had been  
10 appointed.

11 2. The function of the commission shall be to encourage fair treatment for  
12 and to foster mutual understanding and respect among, and to discourage  
13 discrimination against, any racial, ethnic, religious or other group protected by  
14 this chapter, members of these groups or persons with disabilities.

15 3. Any local commission created and established prior to August 13, 1986,  
16 by an ordinance adopted by the governing body of any city, constitutional charter  
17 city, town, village, or county, shall have the power and authority to seek to  
18 eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, housing, and public  
19 accommodation, and to establish related programs, which shall be certified by the

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

20 commission as substantially equivalent. The power and authority of such  
21 commissions to initiate and pursue administrative proceedings and remedies shall  
22 be solely as provided in section 213.135.

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