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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to civil actions for the deprivation of rights.

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

Section A. Chapter 537, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 537.570, to read as follows:

537.570. Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance,

- 2 regulation, custom, or usage, of the state of Missouri or any political
- subdivision thereof subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of
- 4 the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the
- 5 deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the
- 6 Missouri Constitution and laws of this state, or interferes or attempts
- 7 to interfere, by threats, intimidation or coercion, with the exercise or
- 8 enjoyment by any other person of rights secured by section 9 or section
- 9 15 of article I of the Missouri Constitution, shall be liable to the party
- 10 injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding
- 11 for redress. The attorney general shall be authorized to bring a civil
- 12 action on behalf of a party injured pursuant to this section.

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