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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 27.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to investigators for the attorney general.

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

Section A. Section 27.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 27.020, to read as follows:

27.020. 1. The attorney general is hereby authorized to appoint such assistant attorneys general as may be necessary to properly perform the duties of his **or her** office and shall fix the compensation of such assistants within the limits of the amount appropriated by the general assembly. Said assistant attorneys general shall hold their office at the pleasure of the attorney general, shall possess the same qualifications as the attorney general, and before entering upon the discharge of their duties shall each take and subscribe to an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri and to faithfully demean themselves in office. It shall be their duty to assist the attorney general in his **or her** official duties with power and authority under his **or her** direction to represent him **or her** in the discharge of all the duties of his **or her** office.

2. The attorney general may, at the request of any officer, department, board, bureau, commission or agency of

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

19 the state, assign assistant attorneys general to perform the
20 duties prescribed by law before or upon behalf of such
21 officer, department, board, bureau, commission or agency and
22 may, upon request as aforesaid, from time to time reassign
23 such assistants.

24 3. The attorney general is also authorized to appoint
25 a chief clerk, stenographers, typists, clerks[,
26 investigators] and such other employees as shall be
27 necessary to properly perform the duties of his **or her**
28 office [and shall fix the compensation of persons thus
29 employed within the limits of the amount appropriated by the
30 general assembly]. Said employees shall serve during the
31 pleasure of the attorney general. [The assistant attorneys
32 general and the chief clerk, stenographers, typists, clerks,
33 investigators and other employees shall be paid in the same
34 manner and at the same time as the attorney general. The
35 compensation and expenses of said assistants and employees
36 may be paid out of any state or federal funds appropriated
37 to said department for such purposes.]

38 4. **The attorney general is further authorized to**
39 **appoint commissioned and noncommissioned investigators, as**
40 **shall be necessary to properly perform the duties of his or**
41 **her office. Investigators shall serve at the pleasure of**
42 **the attorney general. Each commissioned investigator, upon**
43 **appointment, shall take and subscribe an oath of office to**
44 **support the constitution and laws of the United States and**
45 **the state of Missouri and shall receive a certificate of**
46 **appointment, a copy of which shall be filed with the**
47 **secretary of state, issued by the attorney general or his or**
48 **her designee granting such commissioned investigator all the**
49 **same powers of arrest held by peace officers to maintain**
50 **order and preserve the peace in any matter in which the**

51 attorney general is appointed or assigned in accordance with
52 the law. Commissioned investigators may assist law
53 enforcement agencies when requested. The certificate of
54 appointment of each commissioned investigator may be
55 withdrawn at any time by the attorney general. Commissioned
56 investigators shall comply with all peace officer standards
57 required by chapter 590.

58 5. The attorney general is authorized to fix the
59 compensation of persons employed by him or her within the
60 limits of the amount appropriated by the general assembly.
61 The assistant attorneys general and the chief clerk,
62 stenographers, typists, clerks, investigators, and other
63 employees shall be paid in the same manner and at the same
64 time as the attorney general. The compensation and expenses
65 of said assistants, investigators, and other employees may
66 be paid out of any state or federal funds appropriated to
67 said department for such purposes.

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