

# SENATE BILL NO. 593

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ROBERTS.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 559.016 and 559.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to probation.

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

Section A. Sections 559.016 and 559.600, RSMo, are  
2 repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be  
3 known as sections 559.016 and 559.600, to read as follows:

559.016. 1. Unless terminated as provided in section  
2 559.036 or modified under section 217.703, the terms during  
3 which each probation shall remain conditional and be subject  
4 to revocation are:

5 (1) A term of years not less than one year and not to  
6 exceed five years for a felony;

7 (2) A term not less than six months and not to exceed  
8 **[two years] eighteen months** for a misdemeanor **or municipal**  
9 **ordinance violation**;

10 (3) A term not less than six months and not to exceed  
11 one year for an infraction.

12 2. The court shall designate a specific term of  
13 probation at the time of sentencing or at the time of  
14 suspension of imposition of sentence. Such term may be  
15 modified by the division of probation and parole under  
16 section 217.703.

17 3. The court may extend a period of probation[,];  
18 however, no more than one extension of any probation may be

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

19 ordered, except that the court may extend the total time on  
20 probation by one additional year by order of the court if  
21 the defendant admits he or she has violated the conditions  
22 of his or her probation or is found by the court to have  
23 violated the conditions of his or her probation. Total time  
24 on any probation term, including any extension, shall not  
25 exceed the maximum term as established in subsection 1 of  
26 this section plus one additional year if the defendant  
27 admits or the court finds that the defendant has violated  
28 the conditions of his or her probation.

559.600. 1. In cases where the board of probation and  
2 parole is not required under section 217.750 to provide  
3 probation supervision and rehabilitation services for  
4 misdemeanor offenders, the circuit and associate circuit  
5 judges in a circuit may contract with one or more private  
6 entities or other court-approved entity to provide such  
7 services. The court-approved entity, including private or  
8 other entities, shall act as a misdemeanor probation office  
9 in that circuit and shall, pursuant to the terms of the  
10 contract, supervise persons placed on probation by the  
11 judges for class A, B, C, and D misdemeanor offenses,  
12 specifically including persons placed on probation for  
13 violations of section 577.023. Nothing in sections 559.600  
14 to 559.615 shall be construed to prohibit the board of  
15 probation and parole, or the court, from supervising  
16 misdemeanor offenders in a circuit where the judges have  
17 entered into a contract with a probation entity.

18 2. In all cases, the entity providing such private  
19 probation service shall utilize the cutoff concentrations  
20 utilized by the department of corrections with regard to  
21 drug and alcohol screening for clients assigned to such  
22 entity. A drug test is positive if drug presence is at or

23 above the cutoff concentration or negative if no drug is  
24 detected or if drug presence is below the cutoff  
25 concentration. **No client shall be required to submit to an**  
26 **alcohol or drug test unless the client is on probation for**  
27 **an offense that involved either alcohol or a controlled**  
28 **substance or unless ordered by the judge for good cause**  
29 **shown.**

30 3. In all cases, the entity providing such private  
31 probation service shall not require the clients assigned to  
32 such entity to travel in excess of fifty miles in order to  
33 attend their regular probation meetings.

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