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SENATE BILL NO. 86

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HEGEMAN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.646, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the use of public funds in elections, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 115.646, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.646,
3 to read as follows:

115.646. No contribution or expenditure of public
2 funds shall be made directly by any officer, employee or
3 agent of any political subdivision, **including school**
4 **districts and charter schools**, to advocate, support, or
5 oppose **the passage or defeat of** any ballot measure or **the**
6 **nomination or election of any** candidate for public office,
7 **or to direct any public funds to, or pay any debts or**
8 **obligations of, any committee supporting or opposing such**
9 **ballot measures or candidates.** This section shall not be
10 construed to prohibit any public official of a political
11 subdivision, **including school districts and charter schools**,
12 from making public appearances or from issuing press
13 releases concerning any such ballot measure. **Any purposeful**
14 **violation of this section shall be punished as a class four**
15 **election offense.**

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