SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 1126

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MCCREERY.

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 290.502, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the minimum wage rate.

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

Section A. Section 290.502, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 290.502, to read as follows:

290.502. 1. Except as may be otherwise provided 2 pursuant to sections 290.500 to 290.530, effective January 3 1, 2007, every employer shall pay to each employee wages at the rate of \$6.50 per hour, or wages at the same rate or 4 rates set under the provisions of federal law as the 5 prevailing federal minimum wage applicable to those covered 6 7 jobs in interstate commerce, whichever rate per hour is 8 higher.

9 2. The minimum wage shall be increased or decreased on 10 January 1, 2008, and on January 1 of successive years, by 11 the increase or decrease in the cost of living. On 12 September 30, 2007, and on each September 30 of each successive year, the director shall measure the increase or 13 decrease in the cost of living by the percentage increase or 14 decrease as of the preceding July over the level as of July 15 16 of the immediately preceding year of the Consumer Price 17 Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor 18

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

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19 or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage 20 increase or decrease rounded to the nearest five cents.

21 3. Except as may be otherwise provided pursuant to sections 290.500 to 290.530, and notwithstanding subsection 22 1 of this section, effective January 1, 2019, every employer 23 24 shall pay to each employee wages at the rate of not less than \$8.60 per hour, or wages at the same rate or rates set 25 under the provisions of federal law as the prevailing 26 federal minimum wage applicable to those covered jobs in 27 28 interstate commerce, whichever rate per hour is higher. Thereafter, the minimum wage established by this subsection 29 shall be increased each year by \$.85 per hour, effective 30 January 1 of each of the next four years, until it reaches 31 \$12.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2023. Effective 32 33 January 1, 2025, the minimum wage shall be \$13.75 per hour. 34 Effective January 1, 2026, the minimum wage shall be \$15.00 35 per hour. Thereafter, the minimum wage established by this subsection shall be increased or decreased on January 1, 36 [2024] 2027, and on January 1 of successive years, per the 37 method set forth in subsection 2 of this section. If at any 38 time the federal minimum wage rate is above or is thereafter 39 increased above the minimum wage then in effect under this 40 subsection, the minimum wage required by this subsection 41 42 shall continue to be increased pursuant to this subsection, but the higher federal rate shall immediately become the 43 44 minimum wage required by this subsection and shall be increased or decreased per the method set forth in 45 subsection 2 for so long as it remains higher than the state 46 47 minimum wage required and increased pursuant to this subsection. 48

49 4. For purposes of this section, the term "public50 employer" means an employer that is the state or a political

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subdivision of the state, including a department, agency, 51 officer, bureau, division, board, commission, or 52 instrumentality of the state, or a city, county, town, 53 village, school district, or other political subdivision of 54 55 the state. Subsection 3 of this section shall not apply to 56 a public employer with respect to its employees. Any public employer that is subject to subsections 1 and 2 of this 57 section shall continue to be subject to those subsections. 58

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