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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 772
89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Ethics, February 9, 1998, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 105, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to investigations by the ethics commission, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 105, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 105.966, to read as follows:

105.966. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, the ethics commission shall complete and make determinations on all complaint investigations within three months of initiation, except those complaint investigations assigned to a retired judge.

2. The commission may be granted an additional three months for investigation upon proving by a preponderance of the evidence that additional time is needed.

3. The hearing shall be held in camera before the Cole County circuit court and all records of the proceedings shall be closed.

4. The provisions of this section shall apply to all ongoing complaint investigations on the effective date of this section.

5. Any complaint investigation not completed and decided upon within the time allowed by this section shall be deemed to not have been a violation.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to reduce unnecessary delays in

investigations, this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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