

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
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SENATE BILLS NOS. 977 & 1011
AN ACT

To amend chapters 1, 506, and 508, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to application of foreign law.

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

Section A. Chapters 1, 506, and 508, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 1.037, 506.602, and 508.074, to read as follows:

1.037. The World Health Organization, the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, and any other international organization or body shall have no jurisdiction or power within the state of Missouri. No rule, regulation, fee, tax, policy, or mandate of any kind of the World Health Organization, the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, or any other international organization or body shall be enforced or implemented by the state of Missouri or any agency, department, board, or commission of the state or any municipality or other political subdivision of the state.

506.602. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "No Foreign Laws Act".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Foreign law", any law, legal framework, legal code, or system, including religious law when invoked as a substitute for a state or federal law, derived from a jurisdiction outside of any state or territory of the United States, including international organizations and tribunals;

9 (2) "Fundamental rights", rights guaranteed by the
10 Constitution of Missouri and the Constitution of the United
11 States, including, but not limited to, due process, equal
12 protection, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and
13 rights related to marriage, child custody, and property.

14 3. The application of any foreign law that denies the
15 parties fundamental rights shall be prohibited and render
16 the following void and unenforceable:

17 (1) A ruling or decision of any state court,
18 arbitration panel, or administrative agency;

19 (2) A contract or contractual provision, if severable,
20 that provides for the choice of any foreign law; and

21 (3) A contract or contractual provision, if severable,
22 that grants jurisdiction to a foreign tribunal.

23 4. No court shall enforce or apply:

24 (1) A judgment, decree, or arbitration decision if it
25 relies, in whole or in part, on any foreign law that
26 violates the fundamental rights of a party;

27 (2) A contract or contractual provision, if severable,
28 that provides for the choice of any foreign law where the
29 enforcement or application would be in violation of a
30 party's fundamental rights; or

31 (3) Foreign law in matters involving marriage,
32 divorce, child custody, adoption, or inheritance if such
33 enforcement or application would be inconsistent with
34 fundamental rights or public policy.

35 5. The provisions of this section shall not be
36 construed to:

37 (1) Disapprove or abrogate existing precedent of the
38 Missouri supreme court;

39 (2) Limit adjudication of ecclesiastical matters of a
40 religious organization, including the selection,

41 appointment, discipline, or removal of clergy or
42 interpretation of doctrine;

43 (3) Apply to corporations, partnerships, or
44 associations that voluntarily subject themselves to any
45 foreign law or foreign courts; or

46 (4) Apply where federal law preempts state law,
47 including obligations under treaties or international
48 agreements.

508.074. No state court, arbitration panel, tribunal,
2 or administrative agency shall transfer any civil action if
3 such transfer would result in the application of any other
4 foreign law, as the term "foreign law" is defined in section
5 506.602, that would violate or likely violate fundamental
6 rights, as the term "fundamental rights" is defined in
7 section 506.602.