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# HOUSE BILL NO. 858

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 109, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri board on geographic names.

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

Section A. Chapter 109, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 109.225, to read as follows:

**109.225. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Board on Geographic  
2 Names" within the office of the secretary of state. The board shall consist of the following  
3 sixteen members:**

4       **(1) The secretary of state, who shall serve as chair of the board;**

5       **(2) Nine citizens of Missouri appointed by the secretary of state;**

6       **(3) The director or the director's designee from the departments of transportation,  
7 conservation, and natural resources;**

8       **(4) The commissioner of the office of administration;**

9       **(5) The state archivist; and**

10       **(6) The executive director of the state historical society of Missouri.**

11       **2. In addition to the sixteen members listed in subsection 1 of this section, the  
12 secretary of state shall request that a representative of the following federal agencies be  
13 members of the board:**

14       **(1) The United States Geological Survey;**

15       **(2) The United States Forest Service; and**

16       **(3) The United States Corps of Engineers.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **3. Appointed members of the board shall serve three-year terms and board**  
18 **members shall serve until their successors are appointed. Vacancies on the board shall be**  
19 **filled in the same manner as the original appointment and such member appointed shall**  
20 **serve the remainder of the unexpired term.**

21           **4. The board shall designate from its members a vice-chair and shall adopt written**  
22 **guidelines to govern the management of the board. The board shall meet annually and as**  
23 **otherwise deemed necessary by the secretary of state.**

24           **5. Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed**  
25 **for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as**  
26 **members of the board.**

27           **6. The secretary of state shall designate an employee of the secretary of state's office**  
28 **as executive secretary for the board, who shall serve as a nonvoting member and shall**  
29 **maintain the records of the board's activities and decisions and shall be responsible for**  
30 **correspondence between the board and the United States Board on Geographic Names and**  
31 **other agencies.**

32           **7. The board shall:**

33           **(1) Receive and evaluate all proposals for changes in or additions to names of**  
34 **geographic features and places in the state of Missouri to determine the most appropriate**  
35 **and acceptable names for use in maps and official documents of all levels of government;**

36           **(2) Make official recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic**  
37 **Names on behalf of the state of Missouri with respect to each proposal;**

38           **(3) Assist and cooperate with the United States Board on Geographic Names in**  
39 **matters relating to names of geographic features and places in Missouri;**

40           **(4) Assist in the maintenance of a Missouri geographic names database as part of**  
41 **the national database;**

42           **(5) Maintain a list of advisers who have special interest and knowledge in Missouri**  
43 **history, geography, or culture and consult with such advisers on a regular basis in the**  
44 **course of the board's deliberations;**

45           **(6) Develop and revise state priorities for geographic records projects following**  
46 **guidelines of the United States Board on Geographic Names; and**

47           **(7) Submit an annual report on the board's activities.**

48           **8. The board may apply for moneys through federal and state grant programs to**  
49 **sponsor and publish surveys of the condition and needs of geographic records in the state**  
50 **of Missouri and to solicit or develop proposals for projects to be carried out in the state for**  
51 **preservation of geographic records and publications.**

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