

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 996

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN (30).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 84.830, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to prohibited activities by Kansas City police officers, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 84.830, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 84.830, to read as follows:

84.830. 1. [No person shall solicit orally, or by letter or otherwise, or shall be in any manner concerned in soliciting, any assessment, contribution, or payment for any political purpose whatsoever from any officer or employee in the service of the police department for such cities or from members of the said police board.] No officer, agent, or employee of the police department of such cities shall permit **or perform** any [such] solicitation **of any assessment, contribution, or payment for any political purpose** in any building or room occupied for the discharge of the official duties of the said department. [No officer or employee in the service of said police department shall directly or indirectly give, pay, lend, or contribute any part of his salary or compensation or any money or other valuable thing to any person on account of, or to be applied to, the promotion of any political party, political club, or any political purpose whatever.

2.] No officer or employee of said department shall promote, remove, or reduce any other official or employee, or promise or threaten to do so, for withholding or refusing to make any contribution for any political party or purpose or club, or for refusal to render any political service, and shall not directly or indirectly attempt to coerce, command, or advise any other officer or employee to make any such contribution or render any such service. No officer or employee in the service of said department or member of the police board shall use his official

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.

18 authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with any election or any nomination for  
19 office, or affecting the result thereof. No officer or employee of such department shall [be a  
20 member or official of any committee of any political party, or be a ward committeeman or  
21 committeewoman, nor shall any such] **hold a partisan political office. No officer or employee**  
22 **shall** solicit any person to vote for or against any candidate for public office, or "poll precincts"  
23 or be connected with other political work of similar character on behalf of any political  
24 organization, party, or candidate **while on duty, in uniform, or wearing any clothing or**  
25 **accessory with symbols, insignias, or words indicating his or her employment with the**  
26 **police department.** All such persons shall, however, retain the right to vote as they may choose  
27 and to express their opinions on all political subjects and candidates.

28 [3.] **2.** No person or officer or employee of said department shall affix any sign, bumper  
29 sticker or other device to any property or vehicle under the control of said department which  
30 either supports or opposes any ballot measure or political candidate.

31 [4.] **3.** No question in any examination shall relate to political or religious opinions or  
32 affiliations, and no appointment, transfer, layoff, promotion, reduction, suspension, or removal  
33 shall be affected by such opinions or affiliations.

34 [5.] **4.** No person shall make false statement, certification, mark, rating, or report with  
35 regard to any tests, certificate, or appointment made under any provision of sections 84.350 to  
36 84.860 or in any manner commit or attempt to commit any fraud preventing the impartial  
37 execution of this section or any provision thereof.

38 [6.] **5.** No person shall, directly or indirectly, give, render, pay, offer, solicit, or accept  
39 any money, service, or other valuable consideration for or on account of any appointment,  
40 proposed appointment, promotion to, or any advancement in, a position in the service of the  
41 police departments of such cities.

42 [7.] **6.** No person shall defeat, deceive, or obstruct any person in his right to  
43 examination, eligibility, certification, appointment or promotion under sections 84.350 to 84.860,  
44 or furnish to any person any such secret information for the purpose of affecting the right or  
45 prospects of any person with respect to employment in the police departments of such cities.

46 [8.] **7.** Any officer or any employee of the police department of such cities who shall be  
47 found by the board to have violated any of the provisions of this section shall be discharged  
48 forthwith from said service. It shall be the duty of the chief of police to prefer charges against  
49 any such offending person at once. Any member of the board or of the common council of such  
50 cities may bring suit to restrain payment of compensation to any such offending officer or  
51 employee and, as an additional remedy, any such member of the board or of the common council  
52 of such cities may also apply to the circuit court for a writ of mandamus to compel the dismissal  
53 of such offending officer or employee. Officers or employees discharged by such mandamus

54 shall have no right of review before the police board. Any person dismissed or convicted under  
55 this section shall, for a period of five years, be ineligible for appointment to any position in the  
56 service of the police department of such cities or the municipal government of such cities. Any  
57 persons who shall willfully or through culpable negligence violate any of the provisions of this  
58 section may, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not  
59 exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a time not exceeding six months, or by  
60 both such fine and imprisonment.

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