

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a task force on civilian review boards.

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

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 590.654, to read as follows:

**590.654. 1. There is hereby established in the department of public safety a "Task
2 Force on Civilian Review Boards".**

**3 2. The task force shall have a membership of nine persons appointed by the
4 governor. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following
5 groups:**

6 (1) Civic organizations;

7 (2) Community-based organizations;

8 (3) Local government;

9 (4) Local police organizations;

**10 (5) Licensed attorneys with experience in criminal defense who are in no way
11 involved in prosecuting crimes; and**

**12 (6) The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement
13 (NACOLE).**

**14 3. The director of the department of public safety or the director's designee shall
15 convene the first meeting of the task force for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the
16 task force and electing officers to include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.**

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 **The task force shall not meet more than four times annually. Members may be reimbursed**
18 **for expenses but shall not receive a per diem allowance.**

19 **4. The task force shall:**

20 **(1) Clarify the civilian review board's power to receive, investigate, make findings**
21 **and recommend disciplinary action upon complaints by members of the public against**
22 **members of the police department that allege misconduct involving excessive use of force,**
23 **abuse of authority, discourtesy, or use of offensive language, including, but not limited to,**
24 **slurs relating to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and disability; and**

25 **(2) Make recommendations to law enforcement agencies and communities that may**
26 **help the civilian review board perform its duties.**

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