

HOUSE BILL NO. 1624

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COOKSON

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 171, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to accessibility of school facilities based on sex, with a referendum clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 171.430, to read as follows:

171.430. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Bathroom", a room intended for more than one occupant at a time that contains a toilet or a urinal;

(2) "Changing room", a room or area, with or without stalls for individual use, designated for a person to change his or her clothes or to shower and intended for more than one occupant at a time;

(3) "Sex", the physical condition of being male or female, as determined by an individual's chromosomes and identified at birth by that individual's anatomy.

2. Each school district shall designate each bathroom and changing room located in a public school building in the district as for the exclusive use of individuals of only one sex.

3. No member of the female sex shall use a bathroom or changing room that has been designated by the school district for the exclusive use of the male sex unless given permission by the school district's superintendent or his or her designee, and no member of the male sex shall use a bathroom or changing room that has been designated by the school district for the exclusive use of the female sex unless given permission by the school district's superintendent or his or her designee.

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.

Section B. Section A of this act is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state
2 for approval or rejection at an election which is hereby ordered and which shall be held and
3 conducted on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November 2016, under the applicable
4 laws and constitutional provisions of this state for the submission of referendum measures by the
5 general assembly, and it shall become effective when approved by a majority of the votes cast
6 thereon at such election and not otherwise.

Section C. The official ballot title for section A of this act submitted under section B of
2 this act shall read as follows:

3 "Shall Missouri Statutes be amended to require that school districts reserve each
4 bathroom and changing room for the exclusive use of individuals of only one sex and to define
5 the male and female sexes for purposes of this requirement using biological and anatomical
6 criteria?"

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