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Missouri House Passes Comprehensive Judicial Reform Bill

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri House of Representatives proudly announces the passage of HB 1886, a comprehensive legislative measure sponsored by State Representative Rudy Veit aimed at reforming various aspects of judicial proceedings and related matters.

HB 1886 encompasses a wide range of legal reforms in Missouri. It introduces significant changes to Limited Liability Companies (LLCs), broadening reasons for court dissolution and establishing a non-binding alternative dispute resolution process. Additionally, it updates definitions in legal proceedings, adjusts provisions for spousal trusts, and introduces procedures for electronic wills and estate documents.

In terms of judicial proceedings, the bill prioritizes the protection of vulnerable individuals by raising the age limit for admissible statements in criminal proceedings and expanding the definition of "vulnerable person." It also sets minimum compensation for jurors and allows counties to adjust compensation structures accordingly. Moreover, the bill establishes procedures for out-of-state subpoenas in Missouri and shields individuals exercising constitutional rights from certain civil actions.

Furthermore, the bill makes adjustments to court fees, modifies guardianship proceedings to assist petitioners and prioritize fee payment, and excludes criminal proceedings from privileged information protections for probation and parole officers. It also addresses criminal offenses by raising the age limit for certain offenses and adjusting penalties based on the ages of individuals involved, reflecting a comprehensive effort to update and refine various aspects of Missouri's legal system.

"This legislation represents a collaborative effort to provide much-needed reform that addresses critical gaps in our judicial procedures while helping to facilitate the administration of justice," Veit, R-Wardsville, said. "These legislative proposals, which includes protections for vulnerable individuals, compensation adjustments, increasing age limits on certain offenses, and adopting modern practices will go a long way to ensuring that our justice system is fair, equitable, and serves all Missourians to the best of our abilities."

House Speaker Dean Plocher expressed his support for the bill, stating:

"The passage of HCS HB 1886 signifies a significant step forward in advancing judicial reform in Missouri. This comprehensive legislation addresses critical areas of concern while prioritizing the rights and interests of all stakeholders. I commend Representative Rudy Veit and his colleagues for their dedication to enhancing our legal system and ensuring fairness and justice for all Missourians."

The legislation now moves to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

*Representative Rudy Veit, a Republican, represents parts of Cole and Miller counties (District 59) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018. For more information, please contact Rep. Veit's office at 573-751-0665 or by email at **Rudy.Veit@House.Mo.Gov**.*

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