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Missouri House Passes HRB 1 to Streamline Legal Code, Removing Obsolete Provisions

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri House of Representatives has taken a significant step towards modernizing the state's legal framework with the passage of HRB 1. This legislative initiative, led by State Representative Dirk Deaton, aims to eliminate outdated and obsolete provisions from the statutes, streamlining the legal code for greater clarity and efficiency.

HRB 1 represents a collaborative effort by the Joint Committee on Legislative Research, drawing on input from various government agencies and entities. Through careful review and consultation, the bill targets sections of law that have become obsolete, expired, or are no longer applicable in the current legal landscape.

"This bill simply takes several hundreds of pages of obsolete and now ineffective statutes off the books," Deaton, R-Noel, said. "By passing this legislation, we are taking proactive steps to ensure that Missouri's legal code remains relevant and accessible to all. By removing obsolete provisions, we are streamlining the law, making it easier for citizens to understand and navigate."

"Government works best when it is efficient and uncomplicated. HRB 1's focus on streamlining our legal code by removing outdated provisions exemplifies this principle," House Speaker Dean Plocher, R-Des Peres, said. "By simplifying our statutes, we're not only making government more effective but also enhancing transparency and accessibility for all citizens."

The bill's passage in the House marks a significant milestone in the ongoing effort to modernize Missouri's legal framework. As it moves forward, HRB 1 holds the promise of a more efficient and effective legal system, benefiting both lawmakers and citizens alike.

Representative Dirk Deaton represents McDonald and Newton counties (District 159) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018 and re-elected in 2020 and 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Deaton's office at 573-751-9801 or by email at Dirk.Deaton@House.Mo.Gov.

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