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### Missouri House Passes HB 1489 to Modernize Notice Delivery Practices

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – The Missouri House of Representatives celebrated a significant milestone with the passage of House Bill 1489, a measure aimed at modernizing and improving the delivery of official notices from government departments to taxpayers and individuals across the state.

HB 1489, sponsored by Representative Dave Griffith, authorizes the Department of Revenue to send deficiency notices to taxpayers and other individuals electronically upon request, and also allows the use of first-class mail. Additionally, this bill updates the delivery method for notices from the Missouri Ethics Commission. Instead of being required to send notices by registered or certified mail, they can now be sent by first-class mail.

Speaking about the bill, Representative Dave Griffith highlighted its importance in adapting to the digital age, particularly in regard to Missouri citizens living with visual impairments: "This legislation removes the requirement for the Blind Pension Fund recipients to only receive certified mail, allowing them to receive notices via first-class mail as well," Griffith, R-Jefferson City, said. "This change was prompted by feedback I received from several individuals who are visually impaired. They explained the challenges they face in recognizing certified mail notices, which sometimes go unnoticed when posted on their doors. For recipients of the Blind Pension Fund, failure to respond promptly to such notices can result in loss of benefits. This change will address that issue. I am confident that these changes will greatly benefit Missourians and improve the overall effectiveness of our notice delivery systems."

House Speaker Dean Plocher commended the collaborative effort behind HB 1489 and emphasized its positive impact on government operations: "This bill represents a thoughtful approach to modernizing our notification procedures, which will ultimately benefit both taxpayers and government agencies. HB 1489 ensures that our state's notice delivery system keeps pace with modern communication methods. By authorizing electronic notices and updating mail delivery requirements, we are improving accessibility and convenience for taxpayers while maintaining the integrity of our processes. "

The bill's passage out of the Missouri House marks a significant step forward in the legislative process. It now heads to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

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