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State Rep. Mike Jones Introduces House Bill 920 to Support Teachers **Through Property Tax Relief**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Newly elected State Representative Mike Jones has introduced House Bill 920, known as the Active Teacher Property Tax Exemption Act, which is directed at providing real property tax relief to active classroom teachers across Missouri.

HB 920 aims to recognize and support the essential contributions of educators while enhancing efforts to attract and retain talented education professionals in the state.

"Missouri's teachers go above and beyond every day to inspire and educate the next generation," stated Jones, R-Kansas City. "HB 920 is a step toward showing them how much we value their hard work and would provide another tool to attract and retain great teachers. In providing much-needed tax relief, we're not just saying thank you; we would be standing by them in a powerful way."

Under the proposed legislation, active classroom teachers (including paraprofessionals and special education teachers) who own and reside in their primary homes would be eligible for an exemption from paying real property taxes on their primary residence. To qualify, teachers would need to spend at least 90% of their work time providing or assisting with direct classroom instruction and reside in the state of Missouri.

Jones emphasized that this measure is a tangible way to honor the dedication of educators, adding, "Our teachers are the heart of our communities, shaping the future every day. This bill represents a commitment to ensuring they feel appreciated in their critical role."

Jones is hopeful that HB 920 will garner support from the House and looks forward to working on behalf of his constituents and partnering with colleagues from both parties to find solutions that benefit all Missourians.

Representative Mike Jones, a Republican, represents part of Platte County (District 12) in the Missouri House of Representatives, including Parkville, Platte Woods, Riverside, Houston Lake, and part of Kansas City. He was elected to his first term in November of 2024. For more information, contact Rep. Jones by phone at 573-751-9760 or email at Mike.Jones@house.mo.gov