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Missouri House Passes State Rep. Voss' Coroner Reform Bill with Broad Bipartisan Support

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri House of Representatives has passed [House Bill 1122](#) with an overwhelming vote of 149-1. Sponsored by State Representative John Voss, this legislation strengthens the qualifications and training standards for county coroners in Missouri, ensuring that the men and women responsible for conducting death investigations have the education and resources they need to perform their duties effectively.

HB 1122 requires candidates for the office of coroner to provide evidence of certification in death investigations when filing for candidacy. Additionally, it expands training requirements and financial support to coroners, deputy coroners, and assistants. The bill also improves funding mechanisms for coroner training and office improvements by ensuring that designated funds are fully utilized for these purposes, rather than reverting to general revenue.

Representative Voss emphasized the importance of this legislation in advancing public safety and professional standards for coroners across the state as they serve our citizens and communities.

“This bill is a major step forward in ensuring that our coroners are well-trained and properly equipped to handle critical death investigations,” Rep. Voss, R-Cape Girardeau, said. “By requiring certification and expanding financial support for training and equipment, we are strengthening the integrity of Missouri’s death investigation system and providing better service to our communities.”

HB 1122 now moves to the Missouri Senate for further consideration. Representative Voss remains committed to seeing this important legislation signed into law and continuing efforts to enhance public safety measures across the state.

Rep. John Voss, a Republican, represents Cape Girardeau County, (District 147) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Voss was elected in November 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Voss at 573-751-1443 or by email at John.Voss@house.mo.gov

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