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Freshman Lawmaker Jeff Vernetti Scores Major Legislative Wins, Sending Key Bills to the Senate

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – In a significant achievement for State Representative Jeff Vernetti, the Missouri House of Representatives has overwhelmingly passed legislation that he sponsored, advancing them to the Senate for further consideration. With a unanimous 152-0 vote, HCS HB 105 has successfully cleared the House, while HCS for HBs 44 & 426 passed with near-unanimous approval at 147-1.

HCS HB 105 – Conveyance of Certain State Property

Sponsored by Rep. Vernetti, HCS HB 105 authorizes the Governor to convey specific state-owned properties to local entities for enhanced public benefit. The bill enables the transfer of the Lee C. Fine Airport to the City of Osage Beach, aligning governance of the property with local ordinances.

“This is significant for the City of Osage Beach and the entire Lake of the Ozarks community,” Rep. Vernetti, R-Camdenton, said. “The Lee C. Fine Airport is the most viable site for a commercial airport at the Lake of the Ozarks and this land conveyance is a necessary step to advance the prospects of that in the future. This is a huge win for our community.”

The legislation also included land conveyance in Jackson County to the State Highways and Transportation Commission and in Webster County to the State Highways and Transportation Commission. The Office of Administration will oversee the terms and conditions of each transfer, with final legal approval by the Attorney General.

HCS for HBs 44 & 426 – Private Pension Taxation Relief

Rep. Verneti also played a pivotal role in securing tax relief for Missouri retirees by sponsoring HB 426, which was incorporated into the committee substitute, HCS for HBs 44 & 426. This legislation doubles the current exemption for private retirement income, providing significant tax relief for Missouri retirees. Beginning January 1, 2026, eligible taxpayers will be able to exclude up to \$12,000 of privately funded retirement income, up from the current \$6,000 limit. Additionally, the adjusted gross income thresholds to qualify for the maximum exemption are increased as follows:

- **Single, Head of Household:** from \$25,000 to \$50,000
- **Married Filing Combined:** from \$32,000 to \$64,000
- **Married Filing Separate:** from \$16,000 to \$32,600

With the passage of these bills in the House, attention now shifts to the Senate, where these measures will be considered for final approval.

“These legislative victories are a testament to our commitment to responsible governance, economic relief for retirees, and strengthening local communities,” Rep. Verneti said. “I am honored to see my bills receive overwhelming bipartisan support, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to ensure they become law.”

Rep. Jeff Verneti, a Republican, represents Camden County, (District 123) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Verneti was elected in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Verneti at 573-751-1119 or by email at Jeff.Verneti@house.mo.gov.

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