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DISTRICT 77

MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS

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JUN 17 2019

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Honorable Elijah Haahr  
Speaker of the House  
201 W Capitol Ave, RM 308  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Speaker Haahr,

We write this letter to request for the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus to be recognized as an official caucus. Our organization has been in existence since 1989. Its focus is to advance legislation that supports social and economic progress, equality and fairness among all Missourians, and in particular African—American and neglected communities. With each new General Assembly, the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus commits itself to focusing on a slate of issues that affect Missourians from all over the state. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Representative Steven Roberts

*Chairman of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus*

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Representative Ashley Bland Manlove

*Vice Chairman of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus*

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Representative LaKeysha Bosley

*Secretary of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus*

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Representative Richard Brown

*Treasurer of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus*

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Representative Alan Green

*Former Chairman of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus*

# **THE MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS**

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – MISSION & PURPOSE**

As an organization, the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus (the “Caucus” or the “Black Caucus”) is a body whose members are united by a common interest in the purpose and function of the legislative process, and the manner in which that process affects the lives and well-being of the people, in general, and in particular, those persons with ties in the African-American community. Its deliberations and programs are directed towards:

1. State governance through participation in the legislative and state budget process so as to ensure an equitable distribution of the resources of government and maintain a constitutional balance among the three branches;
2. Inquiring, identifying, studying, analyzing and describing those conditions, circumstances and events that undermine, threaten, weaken and put in jeopardy the people’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;
3. Promulgating, fostering, advocating, championing, and pursuing public enactment that will complement and supplement private efforts to support the economy, to ensure social and scientific progress, to rehabilitate the state’s communities, to strengthen family life, and to make the legislative process responsive to the needs of all people;
4. Seeking the association of and exchanging information with other like-minded organizations; and
5. Engaging in such other related activities as will warrant the public’s trust, confidence, support, appreciation and respect.

**House Administration and Accounts Committee Resolution No. 1**

**Whereas**, the House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 7 on January 15, 2019; and

**Whereas**, said resolution enacted the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and

**Whereas**, Rule 24(2)(e) authorizes the Regular Standing Committee on Administration and Accounts to 'approve and prescribe regulation of caucuses; and

**Whereas**, said rule authorizes that 'any group of five or more House members may seek designation as a caucus for the purpose of identifying and collaborating on issues within a common sphere of public interest;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Regular Standing Committee on Administration and Accounts enacts the regulations of caucuses contained herein:

1. Any group of five or more House members seeking to receive designation as an Caucus shall submit a written letter to the Regular Standing Committee on Administration and Accounts, with a copy provided to both the Speaker of the House and the Chief Clerk, that includes the following:
  - a. The name of the specific desired Caucus.
  - b. The members of the desired Caucus.
  - c. A specific statement that clearly describes the purpose, intention and direction of the Caucus issues within a common sphere of public interest.
  - d. The name of the desired Caucus Chair.
  - e. The name of the desired Caucus Vice- Chair.
  - f. A statement acknowledging that no additional compensation shall be provided to any staff person for the carrying out of duties associated with the desired Caucus.
2. Upon receipt of said letter, the Chair of the Regular Standing Committee on Administration and Accounts may, at his or her discretion, approve, deny, or submit for review to all members of the Regular Standing Committee on Administration and Accounts, the application for designation as a Caucus.
3. At the discretion of the Chair, each proposed Caucus may be brought before the Regular Standing Committee on Administration for approval or denial by a majority vote of members appointed to the Committee.
4. Should a Caucus be approved, the Chair of the Regular Standing Committee on Administration and Accounts shall submit to the Speaker of the House and the Chief Clerk a letter indicating such approval and the entire of roster of House members appointed to the approved Caucus.

5. The Chief Clerk shall publish such letters in the Journal of the House of Representatives.
6. Every Caucus shall be deemed dissolved upon the conclusion of the General Assembly in which it is created unless previously dissolved by the Chair of the Regular Standing Committee on Administration and Accounts.

Offered by   
Representative Glen Kolkmeyer, District No. 53

I, Dana Rademan Miller, Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and correct copy adopted on May 1, 2019.

  
Dana Rademan Miller, Chief Clerk and Administrator