

HOUSE BILL NO. 983

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES McNEIL (Sponsor), KIRKTON, SCHUPP, CALLOWAY,
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to racial and gender equity in the membership of boards, commissions, committees, and councils.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 26.103, to read as follows:

26.103. 1. **The governor shall, when selecting appointees, ensure that, to the extent**
2 **possible, the collective membership of state appointive boards, commissions, committees,**
3 **and councils reflects the proportion that each gender and race represents in the population**
4 **of the state as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. Such equitable**
5 **representation shall, to the extent possible, be achieved no later than January 1, 2013. Ex-**
6 **officio members shall not be counted as members for the purposes of this section.**

7 2. **The executive officer, director, or chairperson of each state appointive board,**
8 **commission, committee, and council having members appointed by the governor shall**
9 **electronically report to the secretary of state no later than January 1, 2010, and annually**
10 **thereafter, the number of members of such body and the composition of the body with**
11 **respect to race and gender. Such report shall not include the names of the individual**
12 **members of the board, commission, committee, or council. The secretary of state shall**
13 **receive and maintain the reports submitted under this subsection as public records.**

14 3. **No provision of this section shall prohibit an individual from completing a term**
15 **as a member of a state appointive board, commission, committee, or council or create a**
16 **private right of action.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.