

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 306

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOSKINS (Sponsor), WOOD, BERRY, LOVE, DIEHL,  
KOLKMEYER, PIKE AND MUNTZEL (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 10, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the designation of the state historical dog.

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

Section A. Chapter 10, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 10.112, to read as follows:

**10.112. 1. The dog known as "Old Drum", whose death became the subject of a 1870 Missouri Supreme Court case and the delivery of a famous speech as the closing argument to the case known as the "Eulogy to Old Drum", is designated as the historical dog of the state of Missouri.**

**2. The eulogy to Old Drum:**

**"Gentlemen of the Jury, the best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith.**

**The money that a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it the most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads.**

**The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him and the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog.**

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.

17           **Gentleman of the Jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in**  
18 **health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and**  
19 **the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that**  
20 **has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and the sores that come in encounters with the**  
21 **roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince.**  
22 **When all other friends desert he remains.**

23           **When riches take wings and reputation fall to pieces, he is as constant in his love**  
24 **as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast**  
25 **in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that**  
26 **of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the**  
27 **last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away**  
28 **in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside**  
29 **will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert**  
30 **watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."**

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