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HOUSE BILL NO. 1560

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCANN BEATTY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the appointment of a special prosecutor in certain officer-involved incidents.

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

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 590.255, to read as follows:

2 **590.255. 1. If a prosecutor of a county or a city not within a county files criminal**
3 **charges against a law enforcement officer or receives a complaint against a law**
4 **enforcement officer based on the officer's actions during an officer-involved death or an**
5 **officer-involved shooting, the appropriate court judge shall appoint a special prosecutor**
6 **to investigate the officer's actions regarding such death or shooting. If charges have been**
7 **filed, in addition to investigating the case, the special prosecutor shall take over**
8 **prosecutorial duties until final disposition of the case.**

9 **2. The appropriate court judge shall have discretion to appoint any attorney**
10 **licensed in this state as special prosecutor. Such special prosecutor shall possess all powers**
11 **of a prosecuting attorney or assistant attorney general in exercising his or her prosecutorial**
12 **duties. If such special prosecutor is a prosecutor of a county or a city not within a county,**
13 **he or she shall receive no additional compensation for serving as special prosecutor. If the**
14 **special prosecutor is not a prosecutor of a county or a city not within a county, he or she**
15 **shall receive a reasonable fee for serving as such special prosecutor. Such fee shall be fixed**
16 **by the judge appointing the attorney and shall be paid from the funds of the office of the**
17 **prosecutor of the jurisdiction in which the complaint or charges are filed.**

17 **3. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

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.

18 **(1) "Officer-involved death", the death of an individual that results directly from**
19 **an action or an omission of a law enforcement officer while the officer is on duty or while**
20 **the officer is off duty but performing activities that are within the scope of his or her law**
21 **enforcement duties;**

22 **(2) "Officer-involved shooting", an incident in which an individual is injured as a**
23 **result of a law enforcement officer discharging his or her firearm while the officer is on**
24 **duty or while the officer is off duty but performing activities that are within the scope of**
25 **his or her law enforcement duties.**

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