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**HOUSE BILL NO. 879**  
**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 227, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to famous Missouriian highway designations.

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

Section A. Chapter 227, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 227.550, to read as follows:

**227.550. 1. An organization or person that seeks a highway designation on the state  
2 highway system to honor a famous Missouriian shall petition the department of  
3 transportation by submitting the following:**

4       **(1) An application in a form prescribed by the director of the department of  
5 transportation describing the not more than two-mile segment of highway for which  
6 designation is sought and the proposed name of the relevant portion of highway. The  
7 application shall include the name of at least one current member of the general assembly  
8 who will sponsor the highway designation. The application may contain written testimony  
9 for support of the highway designation;**

10       **(2) A list of at least one hundred signatures of individuals who support the naming  
11 of the highway and who live in the Senate district in which the proposed designation is  
12 located; and**

13       **(3) A fee to be determined by the highways and transportation commission to cover  
14 the costs of constructing and maintaining the proposed signs. The fee shall not exceed the  
15 cost of constructing and maintaining each sign.**

16       **2. In order to qualify as a famous Missouriian, a person shall:**

17       **(1) Be at least fifty years of age;**

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           **(2) Be nationally or internationally recognized for his or her accomplishments**  
19 **including, but not limited to, entertainers, professional athletes, scholars, authors, and**  
20 **scientists, but shall not be a living politician;**

21           **(3) Have never been convicted of a felony; and**

22           **(4) Have been born in Missouri or spent the majority of his or her childhood in**  
23 **Missouri or spent the majority of his or her life in Missouri.**

24           **3. All moneys received by the department of transportation for the construction**  
25 **and maintenance of highway signs on the state highway system shall be deposited in the**  
26 **state treasury to the credit of the state road fund.**

27           **4. The documents and fees required under this section shall be submitted to the**  
28 **department of transportation no later than November first prior to the next regular session**  
29 **of the general assembly to be approved or denied by the joint committee on transportation**  
30 **oversight during such legislative session.**

31           **5. The department of transportation shall give notice of any proposed highway**  
32 **designation on the state highway system in a manner reasonably calculated to advise the**  
33 **public of such proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal for the**  
34 **designation on the department's official public website, and making available copies of the**  
35 **sign designation application to any representative of the news media or public upon**  
36 **request, and posting the application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place**  
37 **that is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the**  
38 **principal office.**

39           **6. If the highway designation requested by the organization is not approved by the**  
40 **joint committee on transportation oversight, ninety-seven percent of the application fee**  
41 **shall be refunded to the requesting organization or person.**

42           **7. Two highway signs shall be erected for each highway designation on the state**  
43 **highway system processed under this section. If a named section of a highway crosses two**  
44 **or more county lines, consideration shall be given by the department of transportation to**  
45 **allow additional signage at the county lines or major intersections.**

46           **8. No portion of a highway on the state highway system may be named or**  
47 **designated after more than one event, place, organization, or person under this chapter.**  
48 **Each person shall only be eligible for one highway designation.**

49           **9. Any highway signs erected for a highway designation on the state highway**  
50 **system under the provisions of this section shall be erected and maintained for a**  
51 **twenty-year period, unless revoked as provided under subsection 10 of this section. After**  
52 **such twenty-year period, the signs shall be subject to removal by the department of**  
53 **transportation and the highway may be designated to honor events, places, organizations,**

54 or persons other than the current designee. An existing highway designation processed  
55 under the provisions of this section may be retained for additional twenty-year increments  
56 if an application to the department of transportation to retain the designation is submitted  
57 no earlier than one year prior to the designation's expiration date and no later than one  
58 year after the designation's expiration date, along with the required documents and all  
59 applicable fees required under this section.

60 10. Any highway designation established under this section may be subject to  
61 revocation upon submission of a petition of revocation to the department of transportation  
62 that is signed by a member of the general assembly whose district encompasses the  
63 designated portion of highway and by not less than one hundred residents of such district.  
64 Upon receiving a petition for revocation, the department shall present the matter of  
65 revocation to the joint committee on transportation for approval or denial, with approval  
66 of a designation revocation by majority vote at a meeting at which at least a quorum is  
67 present. Upon approval of a revocation, the signs shall be removed by the department of  
68 transportation and the highway may be designated to honor events, places, organizations,  
69 or persons other than the current designee.

70 11. The provisions of this section shall apply to highway designations sought after  
71 August 28, 2017.

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