

HB 19 -- RECALL PROCEDURE ST. LOUIS CITY CIRCUIT ATTORNEY

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This bill establishes a recall procedure for the circuit attorney of the City of St. Louis that requires an allegation that the circuit attorney:

- (1) Has failed personally to devote the circuit attorney's time to the performance of the duties of the office;
- (2) Is guilty of any willful or fraudulent violation or neglect of any official duty;
- (3) Has knowingly or willfully failed or refused to perform any official act or duty that, by law, is the circuit attorney's duty to perform;
- (4) Engages in misconduct in office; or
- (5) Is incompetent.

The requirements and procedure for gathering signatures and compiling the recall petition are set out in the bill. If the St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners finds and certifies the petition, an election must be held at the first election at which a recall may lawfully be submitted to the voters but within no more than 90 days, or the board shall set the election.

A vacancy resulting from this recall shall be filled as provided by law.

No recall petition shall be filed under this bill within the first six months or the last six months of the current circuit attorney's term, or within six months after a previous recall was defeated at an election.

This bill has an emergency clause.