

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Crime Prevention

This bill establishes the "Capitol Police Board", which shall consist of the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the minority Floor Leader of the House, the minority Floor Leader of the Senate, and the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, or their designees, and the chair of the State Capitol Commission. This Board shall be housed in the House of Representatives for administration purposes and provide for public safety at the seat of government and for the safety and security of elected officials, government employees, and their guests as needed outside the seat of government. The Board shall hire a Chief of Police and establish all necessary rules and regulations.

The bill specifies the Circuit Court of Cole County has authority to enforce the traffic or parking regulations of the Capitol Police Board.

The bill also authorizes the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem of the Senate to appoint "House marshals" or "Senate Marshals" to serve their respective house of the General Assembly. Marshals may provide physical security, serve papers, and otherwise assist members as deemed appropriate. Marshals shall have at least five years' experience as a law enforcement officer and maintain a peace officer license. Such marshals will be required to complete continuing basic training for licensure as required by the POST Commission. Together with the sergeant-at-arms, marshals may serve process, wear a concealable firearm, and make arrests based upon state law.

The Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate are authorized to commission peace officers to serve as sergeant-at-arms, deputy sergeant-at-arms, or house marshals. Such officers must take and subscribe an oath of office before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The oath will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the House or the office of the Secretary of the Senate. The Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate will give each appointed officer a certificate of appointment, which will empower the officer with the same authority to maintain order, preserve peace, and make arrests as is now held by law enforcement officers.