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HOUSE BILL NO. 592

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLIAMS, CRAWFORD,
LEVIN AND SHELTON (Co-sponsors).

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Read 2nd time February 1, 2001, and referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review and Government Reform, February 8, 2001.

Reported from the Committee on Fiscal Review and Government Reform, March 15, 2001, with recommendation that the bill Do
Pass with House Committee Amendment No. 1.

Taken up for Perfection April 24, 2001. Bill ordered Perfected and printed, as amended.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a multicultural program and committee within the office of the lieutenant governor, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 26.730, to read as follows:

26.730. 1. There is hereby established within the office of the lieutenant governor
2 **a "Missouri Multicultural Center and Program", which shall serve as an all-purpose all-**
3 **encompassing resource for local political subdivisions and government agencies, including**
4 **but not limited to counties, municipalities, judicial circuits, law enforcement agencies,**
5 **school districts, public health agencies or any other political subdivisions or local**
6 **government agencies, state governmental agencies, nongovernmental community agencies,**
7 **businesses, advocacy groups, immigrants and refugees in this state. The center and**
8 **program, as directed by the multicultural citizens' advisory committee, may develop**
9 **outreach materials, in various formats, and shall serve as a communications link to direct**
10 **persons to where materials are available, which describe the resources, opportunities,**
11 **informational sites or other informational sources that the committee determines would**
12 **be of assistance to the entities listed in this subsection. The materials and links described**

13 in this subsection shall, at minimum, be made available in electronic format, or in any
14 other form the committee deems appropriate. The center and program may contract for
15 the provision of the information and services described in this subsection with any higher
16 educational facility in the state or any other outside source it deems capable of adequately
17 providing such services and information.

18 2. There is hereby established within the office of the lieutenant governor a
19 "Multicultural Citizens' Advisory Committee", which shall develop and implement, or
20 facilitate the development and implementation of, the program authorized pursuant to
21 subsection 1 of this section. The committee shall consist of twenty-five members, to be
22 appointed as follows:

23 (1) Five persons employed by state executive departments, one from each of the
24 following five departments, to be designated by the director of the appropriate department:
25 elementary and secondary education, social services, health, economic development and
26 public safety;

27 (2) Four members of the general assembly, as follows:

28 (a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
29 house of representatives, one from each major political party; and

30 (b) Two members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate, one
31 from each major political party;

32 (3) Fifteen citizens of this state who work directly with the multicultural population
33 of this state, appointed by the governor and with the advice and consent of the senate; and

34 (4) The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as an ex officio member of the
35 committee.

36 3. The initial members of the committee shall be appointed between September 1,
37 2001, and December 31, 2001. Beginning January 1, 2002, all appointees shall become
38 members of the committee, and the lieutenant governor shall cause the committee to meet
39 no later than sixty days after that date. Upon the first meeting constituting a quorum of
40 the committee, the committee shall select one of its members as chair. The chair shall serve
41 as chair for two years, and the committee may reappoint the chair for an additional term
42 or select a new chair at the expiration of such term. The committee shall meet on a regular
43 basis until the program described in this section has been developed, and then the
44 committee shall meet only as needed. The members of the committee shall serve four-year
45 terms, except that the first term of the following members shall be for two years:

46 (1) The members appointed by the department of economic development and the
47 department of public safety;

48 (2) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one

49 member appointed by the president pro tem of the senate, as selected by the speaker and
50 the president pro tem prior to the appointment of the committee member;

51 (3) Eight members appointed by the governor, as selected by the governor prior to
52 the appointment of the committee member.

53 4. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled as soon as is practicable by the person
54 charged with the appointment of the person who vacated the position. Members of the
55 committee shall not be compensated for their duties as members, but shall receive
56 reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the course of performing
57 such duties, provided that the lieutenant governor shall not receive such expenses.

58 5. The committee shall submit to the lieutenant governor a list of three names, one
59 of which the lieutenant governor shall employ as an executive director, who shall serve as
60 the executive officer of the committee. As a priority, the director shall have a background
61 and knowledge of the transition faced by individuals with multicultural backgrounds
62 moving to Missouri. The salary and office space for the executive director, as well as the
63 expenses for committee hearings, shall be provided by the office of the lieutenant governor.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to provide full, meaningful and
2 expedited access for immigrants and refugees to the public services of this state, section A of this
3 act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and
4 safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and
5 section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.