

HB 586 -- Depositions in Criminal Cases

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This bill limits the depositions that a prosecutor may take in a criminal case. A prosecutor may depose only essential witnesses. An essential witness, defined in Section 492.303, RSMo, is an eyewitness to a felony or a witness whose testimony would establish an element of the felony that cannot be proven in any other manner.