

AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to statutory construction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 1.219, to read as follows:

1.219. 1. No existing or future state statute, law, instrument with the force or color of law, or executive order shall be construed, interpreted, or enforced which would violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution or similar provisions of the Constitution of Missouri guaranteeing the fair and equal protection of all Missouri citizens.

2. No existing or future state statute, law, instrument with the force or color of law, or executive order shall be construed, interpreted, or enforced which infringes upon the freedoms of conscience and speech guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or similar provisions of the Constitution of Missouri. Furthermore, no state statute, law, instrument with the force or color of law, or executive order shall be utilized to punish individuals or groups of individuals for their personal beliefs, thoughts, or freedom of

expression, excluding unlawful acts, conduct, or behavior which is already illegal under federal or state statutes.