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AN ACT

To amend chapter 536, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to administrative law judges, with an effective date.

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

Section A. Chapter 536, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 536.001, to read as follows:

536.001. 1. This section shall apply to each agency of the executive branch of state government that employs or engages more than one administrative law judge, either full or part-time, to adjudicate contested cases, and which provides for chief administrative law judges or administrative law judges in charge of particular offices or groups of administrative law judges.

2. The office shall be headed by a chief administrative law judge selected by a majority of the administrative law judges from their number to serve a term of two years, who may be removed only for cause and shall continue in office until a successor is appointed.

3. The chief administrative law judge shall:

(1) Supervise the administrative law judges in the office or group;

(2) Assign administrative law judges in any case referred to the office or group;

(3) Protect and ensure the decisional independence of each administrative law judge;

(4) Establish and implement standards and specialized training programs and provide materials for administrative law judges;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **(5) Provide and coordinate continuing education programs and services for**
18 **administrative law judges, including research, technical assistance, technical and**
19 **professional publications, compile and disseminate information, and advise of changes in**
20 **the law relative to their duties.**

Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective January 1, 2006.