

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1814
93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Special Committee on General Laws April 12, 2006 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1814 Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(26)(f).

STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 1.028, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the official state language.

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

Section A. Section 1.028, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof,
2 to be known as section 1.028, to read as follows:

1.028. The general assembly recognizes that English is the common language used in
2 Missouri and recognizes that fluency in English is necessary for full integration into our common
3 American culture for reading readiness. **English shall be the language of all official**
4 **proceedings in the state of Missouri. However, American Sign Language (ASL) may be**
5 **used in proceedings that either involve persons who are deaf and cannot hear a spoken**
6 **language or are instructional components of deaf or interpreter education.**

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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.