

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 263

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NIEVES (Sponsor), DEEKEN, YATES, ERVIN, NOLTE, WILDBERGER, DAY, FISHER, SMITH (14), DAVIS, RICHARD, SANDER, DENISON, QUINN (7), SCHARNHORST, WILSON (130), NANCE, LOEHNER, DUSENBERG, MAY, MCGHEE, SATER, RUESTMAN, SMITH (150), WILSON (119), MUSCHANY, AVERY, DIXON, MOORE, SCHAD, LEMBKE, ROBB, KRAUS, RUZICKA, ONDER, STREAM, HUNTER, DETHROW, COOPER (155), PEARCE, FUNDERBURK, BEARDEN, SCHOELLER, SELF, TILLEY, SCHLOTTACH, MUNZLINGER AND BRUNS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, 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, with a referendum clause.

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*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Section A. Section 1.028, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof,  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.**

Section B. Section A of this act is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state  
2 for approval or rejection at an election which is hereby ordered and which shall be held and  
3 conducted on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November, 2008, or at a  
4 special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, pursuant to the laws and  
5 constitutional provisions of this state applicable to general elections and the submission of  
6 referendum measures by initiative petition, and it shall become effective when approved by a  
7 majority of the votes cast thereon at such election and not otherwise.

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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.