

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2592

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to political activities of emergency personnel.

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

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 67.180, to read as follows:

**67.180. 1. No political subdivision shall prohibit any emergency personnel as  
2 defined in section 565.081, RSMo, from the following activities:**

3       **(1) Becoming or continuing to be members of any political party, club, or  
4 organization;**

5       **(2) Attending political meetings;**

6       **(3) Expressing views in private on political matters outside working hours and off  
7 political subdivision premises;**

8       **(4) Voting with complete freedom in any election;**

9       **(5) Being a candidate for or serving in elective or appointed office in any political  
10 subdivision that does not have jurisdiction over or provide services to such emergency  
11 personnel's place of residence.**

12       **2. A political subdivision may prohibit emergency personnel from engaging in any  
13 activity listed in subsection 1 of this section while in uniform or on duty, and may prohibit  
14 such emergency personnel from soliciting votes, campaigning for funds, or challenging**

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.

15 voters for the office for which such emergency personnel is a candidate while in uniform  
16 or on duty.

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