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HOUSE BILL NO. 2285

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 559.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to probation and parole services.

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

Section A. Section 559.600, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 559.600, to read as follows:

559.600. **1.** In cases where the board of probation and parole is not required under section 217.750, RSMo, to provide probation supervision and rehabilitation services for misdemeanor offenders, the circuit and associate circuit judges in a circuit may contract with one or more private entities to provide such services. The court-approved private entity shall act as a misdemeanor probation office in that circuit and shall, pursuant to the terms of the contract, supervise persons placed on probation by the judges for class A, B, and C misdemeanor offenses, specifically including persons placed on probation for violations of section 577.023, RSMo. Nothing in sections 559.600 to 559.615 shall be construed to prohibit the board of probation and parole, or the court, from supervising misdemeanor offenders in a circuit where the judges have entered into a contract with a private probation entity.

2. In counties of the first classification, the governing body of such county may establish a department of probation services to provide all probation services provided by private probation service providers under subsection 1 of this section. The county shall employ such personnel as may be required to provide such probation services. Any department of probation services established under this subsection shall be subject to the

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.

16 supervision of the circuit court for such county and shall set reasonable fees and charges
17 for the county probation services, which shall be paid and assessed to the respective
18 probationers. The county may contract for the rendering of probation services with any
19 circuit court or municipality, as may be agreed.

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