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# **HOUSE BILL NO. 117**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

## **AN ACT**

To repeal section 105.491, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to financial interest statements.

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

Section A. Section 105.491, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 105.491, to read as follows:

105.491. 1. The executive director of the commission shall:

- 2 (1) Develop and publish forms and printed instructions for use in filing the statements described in section 105.485;
- 4 (2) Furnish the necessary forms and instructions to persons required pursuant to the provisions of sections 105.483 to 105.492 to file financial statements by distributing them to any other locations the executive director deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of sections 105.483 to 105.492;
  - (3) Maintain a filing system for financial statements filed with the executive director's office and preserve such statements for a period of not less than five years;
  - (4) Make any financial statement filed with the executive director available for public inspection and copying within a reasonable time after filing and permit copying of any financial statement at a reasonable expense to such person; **and**
  - (5) Employ staff and retain such contract services, including legal services to represent the commission before any state agency or before the courts as the executive director deems necessary within the limits authorized by appropriation by the general assembly.
- 2. The executive director [and each other filing officer shall keep a public record of all persons inspecting or copying financial statements] of the commission may make financial

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.

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- 18 interest statements filed with his or her office available on a searchable electronic access
- 19 system that allows the general public to have open access to the statements.

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