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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1449

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 213, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the black, indigenous, and people of color task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 213, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 213.190, to read as follows:

**213.190. 1. There is hereby established within the Missouri human rights commission the "Missouri Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Task Force". The task force shall be composed of seventeen members. Of the initial appointments, the eight members from each federal congressional district shall be appointed for a term of four years and the nine members appointed by the house of representatives shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for terms of four years. No member shall serve more than one four year term. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred as a result of service on the task force.**

**2. Members of the task force shall be as follows:**

**(1) One person from each federal congressional district, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and the minority floor leader of the senate, no more than four of whom shall be from the same political party; and**

**(2) Nine people appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the minority floor leader of the house of representatives, no more than five of whom shall be from the same political party and who shall, to the extent practicable, represent the following industries and areas of expertise:**

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.

- 18           (a) One person with experience or knowledge relating to the business community;  
19           (b) One person with experience or knowledge relating to health care;  
20           (c) One person with experience or knowledge relating to housing;  
21           (d) One person with experience or knowledge relating to primary and secondary  
22 or higher education;  
23           (e) One person with experience or knowledge relating to community and public  
24 safety issues; and  
25           (f) Four at-large members.

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27 Members shall, to the extent practicable, be broadly reflective of and sensitive to the needs  
28 of BIPOC communities and represent a diversity of ethnicity, national origin, race, color,  
29 disability, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic  
30 status.

31           3. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the vacating member's  
32 appointment. The succeeding member shall fulfill the remainder of the term of the  
33 vacating member and, if fulfilling less than half of a term, may subsequently be appointed  
34 to his or her own four year term.

35           4. The task force shall select from its members a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary,  
36 except that the initial chair shall be selected by the president pro tempore of the senate and  
37 the minority floor leader of the senate.

38           5. The task force shall make recommendations on the following:

39           (1) Issues actually or potentially affecting persons within BIPOC communities or  
40 the BIPOC community as a whole;

41           (2) Improving the ability of the state and its vendors, contractors, and consultants  
42 to serve, support, and employ BIPOC communities;

43           (3) Measures designed to enhance the health, safety, economic opportunity,  
44 mobility, cultural and learning opportunities, and government access and accountability  
45 for BIPOC communities;

46           (4) Educational programs to promote equal treatment, opportunity, and  
47 understanding of persons within BIPOC communities that are designed to lead to greater  
48 understanding of and create solutions for issues of concern to BIPOC communities for the  
49 governor and general assembly;

50           (5) Ways to incorporate intersectionality; and

51           (6) BIPOC quality-of-life initiatives the state can participate in.

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53 In making its recommendations, the task force shall hold public meetings, take testimony  
54 from members of the public, and consult with BIPOC organizations.

55 6. The task force shall collect its recommendations in an annual report, to be  
56 submitted to the human rights commission, the governor, the general assembly, and the  
57 Missouri supreme court before September thirtieth, beginning in 2022.

58 7. The human rights commission shall promulgate rules to assist in the  
59 implementation of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in  
60 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become  
61 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,  
62 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any  
63 of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay  
64 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
65 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted  
66 after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.

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