

HB 482 -- INTERNET CENSORSHIP

SPONSOR: Coleman (32)

This bill establishes the "Stop Social Media Censorship Act", which prohibits certain social media websites, defined in the bill, from intentionally censoring the political or religious speech of a Missouri resident and provides the user a cause of action against a social media website that censors such speech. Hate speech will not be a justifiable basis for a social media website to censor users. The bill also provides circumstances in which a social media website will be immune from liability for censoring certain users or speech. The Attorney General may bring a civil cause of action against a social media website in a court of competent jurisdiction on behalf of users who reside in Missouri and whose political or religious speech was censored in violation of the provisions of this bill.