

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 763

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAKER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 213.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Missouri commission on human rights.

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

Section A. Section 213.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 213.020, to read as follows:

213.020. 1. There is hereby created a "Missouri Commission on Human Rights". It shall consist of ~~eleven~~ **nine** members, with no less than one from each of the congressional districts of this state, serving without compensation, to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. One of the members shall be appointed chairperson by the governor. Appointments to the commission shall be for a term of six years. No more than ~~six~~ **five** members at any one time shall be members of the same political party. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, his **or her** successor shall be appointed to serve for the unexpired period of the term for which such member had been appointed.

2. The function of the commission shall be to encourage fair treatment for and to foster mutual understanding and respect among, and to discourage discrimination against, any racial, ethnic, religious or other group protected by this chapter, members of these groups or persons with disabilities.

3. Any local commission created and established prior to August 13, 1986, by an ordinance adopted by the governing body of any city, constitutional charter city, town, village, or county, shall have the power and authority to seek to eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodation, and to establish related programs, which shall be certified by the commission as substantially equivalent. The power

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 and authority of such commissions to initiate and pursue administrative proceedings and
19 remedies shall be solely as provided in section 213.135.

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