

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2428

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 484.040, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the licensing of attorneys.

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

Section A. Section 484.040, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 484.040, to read as follows:

484.040. 1. The power to admit and license persons to practice as attorneys and counselors in the courts of record of this state, or in any of them, is hereby vested exclusively in the supreme court and shall be regulated by rules of that court.

2. (1) **In addition to admitting applicants for admission to the Missouri bar through an examination, on or before January 1, 2026, the supreme court shall develop rules that allow an applicant to be admitted to the Missouri bar through a program in which the applicant performs legal work in a supervised employment setting. Such rules may include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- (a) **Qualifications of program participants;**
- (b) **Applications and admissions into the program;**
- (c) **Any professional liability coverage required by program participants; and**
- (d) **Roles and duties of program participants.**

(2) **The implementation date of the program required to be established under this subsection shall be determined by the supreme court but shall be no later than December 31, 2027.**

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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.