



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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The Freedom Principle MO is in full support of this bill. For more than seven years, the former St. Louis City Circuit Attorney refused to prosecute criminals or was too incompetent and corrupt to prosecute criminals. For more than three years the Freedom Principle MO tried to get Governor Parson to invoke the state statute that would give the Attorney General the power to assist the circuit attorney's office in prosecuting the cases. But we believe we have something stronger. This bill will give the governor the authority to remove and appoint a special prosecutor to that specific district/county and will help protect victims. A similar bill was close to being passed last session. It had overwhelming support in the House and strong support in the Senate but was undercut by Senate leadership last year. Although Kim Gardner has resigned and the Governor has "appointed" a more competent attorney, things may be calm now. However, because this position is an elected position, someone of the same pro-criminal philosophy as Kim Gardner could get elected and we could be starting this entire process again. By passing this bill, the legislature would be sending a strong message to left-wing funded prosecutors who believe the criminals have more rights than the victims, that they will be held accountable if they refuse to prosecute violent criminals.



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I SUPPORT HB 1763. This bill seems like it would solve the problem of negligent PA's and CA's failing to prosecute certain crimes committed by certain types of criminals. This seems like a good solution for the failed soft-on-crime approach.



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I urge you to oppose HB1763 and any similar bills. Hands off the elected prosecutor or St. Louis. For the Republicans in the Missouri Legislature, the so-called party of small government and local control, to propose that the Governor has the ability to appoint his own Special Prosecutor in the City of St. Louis or anywhere else is racist hypocrisy. Why does Representative Hicks think he knows ANYTHING about what the people of St. Louis want or need. If the people of St. Louis want a different prosecutor, they would elect one. That's how our representative government is supposed to work. This is ridiculous culture war legislation proposed by people out of touch with the reality of St. Louis residents. Kimberly Gardner was already forced to resign last year under the same threats so you already got your wishes. Let St. Louisans govern St. Louis. Oppose this bill.



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The legislature should respect the vote of the local people who choose their prosecutor. It is suspicious that only the areas of the state with high populations of black and brown people are being targeted for this kind of pre-emption of their local government. Springfield has experienced a dramatic increase in violent crime over the last five years, and their crime rate is nearly identical to Kansas City. No one is talking about needing to intervene in the local government of Springfield.



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Local control — The People — would be best served by holding a special election if such an elected official is truly unable to serve. Disagreement between the governor and/or attorney general and the locally elected official should not be grounds for a fascistic takeover.



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There is a lot to this Bill and its has political ramifications. First-Off I have made a Public Information Request to the Bill's Sponsor Mr. Hicks about the Amended Substitute Bill that was Electronically Filed with the Members of the Committee, but NOT disclosed to the Public in a Transparent Format, which I am calling into question and this Bill is just not right for Missourians to understand the full ramification and effect of the Amended Bill. This Bill NEEDS some Amendments, Discussion and Debate, before being approved for "Prime-Time" on the House Floor. This gives a lot of Power and Control to the Sitting Governor.