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HOUSE BILL NO. 721

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to legal personhood.

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

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 1.206, to read as follows:

1.206. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Body of water", any natural or man-made accumulation of water, regardless of whether the accumulation of water is static or subject to a force that causes a hydrological current;

(2) "Governmental entity", a court, the general assembly, the legislative body of a political subdivision, or another entity of the state or a political subdivision if the entity has adjudicatory or rulemaking authority;

(3) "Human being", a member of the species classified as homo sapiens;

(4) "Land", the solid terrestrial surface or subsurface of the earth;

(5) "Legal personhood", the legal rights and obligations of an individual under the laws of this state or the legal rights and obligations of a person other than an individual under the laws of this state;

(6) "Political subdivision", the same as under section 67.750;

(7) "Real property", any building, fixture, improvement, appurtenance, structure, or other development that is affixed permanently to land;

(8) "State", the same as under section 1.020.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a governmental entity shall not grant legal personhood to, nor recognize legal personhood in:

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.

- 19 **(1) Artificial intelligence;**
- 20 **(2) An inanimate object;**
- 21 **(3) A body of water;**
- 22 **(4) Land;**
- 23 **(5) Real property;**
- 24 **(6) Atmospheric gases;**
- 25 **(7) An astronomical object;**
- 26 **(8) Weather;**
- 27 **(9) A plant;**
- 28 **(10) A nonhuman animal; or**
- 29 **(11) Any member of a taxonomic species that is not a human being.**

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