

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2608

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGAUGH.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.646, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the expenditure of public funds, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 115.646, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.646, to read as follows:

115.646. No contribution or expenditure of public funds shall be made directly by any officer, employee, or agent of any political subdivision, ~~[including school districts and charter schools]~~ **special district, or charter school** to advocate, support, or oppose the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or the nomination or election of any candidate for public office, or to direct any public funds to, or pay any debts or obligations of, any committee supporting or opposing such ballot measures or candidates. This section shall not be construed to prohibit any public official of a political subdivision, including school districts and charter schools, from making public appearances or from issuing press releases concerning any such ballot measure. Any purposeful violation of this section shall be punished as a class four election offense.

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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.