

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2286

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTENSEN.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

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

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*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  
2 known as section 1.206, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

9       **(4) "Land", the solid terrestrial surface or subsurface of the Earth;**

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

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

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

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

17       **2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a governmental**  
18       **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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