

HB 3289 -- COURT OPERATIONS

SPONSOR: Parker

The bill makes technical changes to the Statewide Court Automation Fund, and it makes changes to the makeup of the Court Automation Committee, including:

- (1) Requiring the judicial members of the Committee to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court;
- (2) Adding two members of the Missouri Bar appointed by the governors of the Missouri Bar. The bill repeals a provision designating the two members from the Bar as ex-officio members of the Committee;
- (3) Clarifying that, of the members on the Committee from the Senate and the House of Representatives, one member from each chamber must be from the majority party and one must be from the minority party;
- (4) Adding two ex officio members: one being the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court or his or her designee, and the other being the Commissioner of Administration or his or her designee.

The bill specifies that members of the Committee will serve for two-year terms and will be reimbursed from the Statewide Court Automation Fund for their actual expenses in performing their official committee duties. The bill authorizes the Committee to implement pilot projects in the State at any time. The Committee is required to submit a report on the progress of the court automation system electronically by the 15th of January of each year to the chairs of the specified committees or their successor committees.

The bill creates definitions for the statutes related to court records and the statewide court automation system. The definitions include, among others, "case record", "confidential information", and "minor child". The bill requires confidential information and confidential records in a case record to be inaccessible to the general public, as provided under Missouri Supreme Court Rules.

The bill makes changes to the information that must be redacted from court documents, including pleadings, attachments, and exhibits.