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Parties to state litigation should have the ability to appeal preliminary injunctions - just like parties in federal litigation have under 28 U.S. Code §1292:

(a) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the courts of appeals shall have jurisdiction of appeals from:

(1) Interlocutory orders of the district courts of the United States, the United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone, the District Court of Guam, and the District Court of the Virgin Islands, or of the judges thereof, granting, continuing, modifying, refusing or dissolving injunctions, or refusing to dissolve or modify injunctions, except where a direct review may be had in the Supreme Court; ...

Appellate review of preliminary injunctions is important because it allows parties to challenge a court's decision before the final trial, which can significantly impact the outcome of the case. This helps ensure that the rights of the parties are protected and that the legal process is fair, especially in cases where immediate harm could occur if the injunction is not, on the one hand, dissolved or denied, or on the other hand, granted or upheld.

Because litigation leading to a full trial on the merits can take so long, and if the issue involves public law, then the government has a strong interest in acting without delay to protect the health and safety of its citizens. Drawn out litigation without the opportunity for an appeal of an interlocutory decision can frustrate the efforts of lawmakers and governmental authorities to protect individuals and entities at risk of harm.

On the other hand, a challenger to public law has an interest in retaining the status quo, in order that the challenger's rights are not infringed upon during the pendency of the litigation.



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This was the reason SB 22 let politicians lie act was struck down because it gave the Missouri AG more power, less accountability, less oversight and weakened the judicial branch power of checks and balances. This is in retaliation of amendment 3 passing in 2025 and the success of the the People not Politicians campaign against the illegal gerrymandering by our elected officials. I'm extremely disappointed by our legislators continuing trying to change laws for their own interests and lobbyists instead of the people because they don't like how something turned out.



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This notice is submitted to formally document foreseeable structural and practical consequences of HB 3160.

HB 3160 authorizes immediate interlocutory appeal of any preliminary injunction. While facially procedural, this change materially alters the balance of equitable relief in Missouri courts.

Preliminary injunctions exist to prevent ongoing irreparable harm pending full adjudication. Expanding automatic interlocutory appeal rights will predictably:

- Increase delay in the enforcement of trial court orders;
- Incentivize strategic appeals designed to exhaust plaintiffs;
- Shift practical leverage toward institutional or governmental defendants with greater appellate resources;
- Undermine the effectiveness of emergency judicial relief.

Although the bill is framed neutrally, its real-world impact will disproportionately burden individuals seeking urgent equitable protection.

Members are hereby placed on notice that:

- Delayed enforcement of preliminary injunctions may result in continued constitutional or statutory harm during the pendency of appeal;
- Increased litigation costs may chill access to equitable remedies;
- Courts may face procedural congestion that weakens timely judicial intervention.

Should harm result from preventable delay caused by expanded interlocutory appeals, the legislative record will reflect that such consequences were foreseeable.