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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 209.287 and 209.307, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the board for certification of interpreters.

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

Section A. Sections 209.287 and 209.307, RSMo, are repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 209.287 and 209.307, to
3 read as follows:

209.287. 1. There is hereby established within the Missouri commission
2 for the deaf and hard of hearing a board to be known as the "Board for
3 Certification of Interpreters", which shall be composed of [five] **three**
4 members. The executive director of the Missouri commission for the deaf and
5 hard of hearing or the director's designee shall be a nonvoting member of the
6 board.

7 2. The members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and
8 consent of the senate from a list of recommendations from the commission. The
9 members shall be appointed for terms of three years[, except those first appointed
10 whose terms shall be staggered and one member appointed to serve for one year,
11 two members to serve for two years and two members one to serve for three
12 years]. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms,
13 except a person appointed to fill a vacancy for a partial term may serve two
14 additional terms. [Two] **One** of the members appointed shall be deaf, [two] **one**
15 shall be a certified [interpreters] **interpreter**, and one shall be deaf or a
16 certified interpreter. The members shall be fluent in American sign language,
17 Pidgin Signed English, oral, tactile sign, or any specialized vocabulary used by
18 deaf persons. The member shall have a background and knowledge of

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 interpreting and evaluation.

20 3. The members shall receive no compensation for their services on the
21 board, but the commission shall reimburse the members for actual and necessary
22 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The board shall
23 meet not less than two times per year. The board shall elect from its membership
24 a chairperson and a secretary. A quorum of the board shall consist of ~~[three]~~ **two**
25 of its members.

26 4. Any member of the commission may petition the governor to remove a
27 member from the board for the following reasons: misconduct, inefficiency,
28 incompetence or neglect of his official duties. The governor may remove the
29 member after giving the committee member written notice of the charges against
30 him **or her** and an opportunity to be heard pursuant to administrative
31 procedures in chapter 621.

 209.307. Any member of the board or an evaluation team who has a
2 conflict of interest that may have a direct effect on an evaluation shall excuse
3 himself **or herself** from the evaluation. The remaining members[, not consisting
4 of less than three members,] shall assess that individual's performance.

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