

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1692

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIPMAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 491.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the admissibility of municipal offenses to prove credibility.

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

Section A. Section 491.050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 491.050, to read as follows:

491.050. Any person who has been convicted of a crime is, notwithstanding, a competent witness; however, any prior **convictions of municipal offenses or** criminal convictions may be proved to affect his **or her** credibility in a civil or criminal case and, further, any prior pleas of guilty, pleas of nolo contendere, and findings of guilty **in state or municipal court** may be proved to affect his **or her** credibility in a criminal case. Such proof may be either by the record or by his **or her** own cross-examination, upon which he **or she** must answer any question relevant to that inquiry, and the party cross-examining shall not be concluded by his **or her** answer.

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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.