

SENATE BILL NO. 1078

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RAZER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the office of the governor.

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

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 26.250, to read as
3 follows:

26.250. 1. The general assembly hereby finds that the
2 term "Your Excellency" is an honorific title used to refer
3 to monarchs and members of an aristocracy. The United
4 States proudly has no monarchy. The President of the United
5 States is neither a king nor an emperor. George Washington
6 knew that the name to which he answered, as our young
7 nation's first chief executive, would set the tone for the
8 democracy over which he presided. Washington chose to be
9 referred to as "The President of the United States", not
10 "Your Excellency". The general assembly hereby finds it
11 antagonistic toward our democracy for any chief executive to
12 be referred to as "Your Excellency".

13 2. Beginning January 13, 2025, no document or record
14 of any public official in the state of Missouri, as well as
15 any oral communication in a public meeting, shall refer to,
16 or address, the governor of the state of Missouri as his or
17 her excellency.

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