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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WRIGHT-JONES.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 8.115 and 8.177, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to security within the state capitol.

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

Section A. Sections 8.115 and 8.177, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 8.115 and 8.177, to read as follows:

8.115. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 571, the office of administration, division of facilities management, is authorized to provide armed security guards at state-owned or leased facilities [except at the seat of government and within the county which contains the seat of government], **including the state capitol building, but not otherwise for any state-owned or leased facility within the county containing the seat of government**, either through qualified persons employed by the office of administration, or through the use of a contract with a properly licensed firm.

8.177. 1. The director of the department of public safety shall employ Missouri capitol police officers for public safety at the seat of state government. Each Missouri capitol police officer, upon appointment, shall take and subscribe an oath of office to support the constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Missouri and shall receive a certificate of appointment, a copy of which shall be filed with the secretary of state, granting such police officers all the same powers of arrest held by other police officers to maintain order and preserve the peace in all state-owned or leased buildings, and the grounds thereof, at the seat of government and such buildings and grounds within the county which contains the seat of government.

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

11 2. The director of the department of public safety shall appoint a
12 sufficient number of Missouri capitol police officers, with available
13 appropriations, as appropriated specifically for the purpose designated in this
14 subsection, so that the capitol grounds may be patrolled at all times, and that
15 traffic and parking upon the capitol grounds and the grounds of other state
16 buildings owned or leased within the capital city and the county which contains
17 the seat of government may be properly controlled. Missouri capitol police
18 officers may make arrests for the violation of parking and traffic regulations
19 promulgated by the office of administration.

20 3. Missouri capitol police officers shall be authorized to arrest a person
21 anywhere in the county that contains the state seat of government, when there
22 is probable cause to believe the person committed a crime within capitol police
23 jurisdiction or when a person commits a crime in the presence of an on-duty
24 capitol police officer.

25 **4. The office of administration shall establish and maintain a**
26 **system of video camera surveillance for all public spaces within the**
27 **state capitol building. Such system shall be available to the Missouri**
28 **capitol police officers to fulfill duties prescribed to such officers by the**
29 **provisions of this section.**

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