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## AN ACT

To repeal section 620.1210, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Missouri film commission.

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

Section A. Section 620.1210, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 620.1210, to read as follows:

- 620.1210. 1. There is hereby established within the department of 2 economic development the "Office of the Missouri Film Commission". The 3 objectives of this office shall be to:
- 4 (1) Explain the benefits and advantages of producing motion pictures in
- 5 Missouri, and describe the services and assistance available from the state and
- 6 local governments for the producers of motion pictures;
- 7 (2) Scout potential film locations for national and international film
- 8 prospects, and prepare and distribute promotional, informational and advertising
- 9 material, which describe and promote locations within the state for the
- 10 production of motion pictures;
- 11 (3) Encourage cooperation between local, state and federal government 12 agencies in the location and production of motion pictures in the state;
- 13 (4) Serve as a liaison between film makers, community leaders and 14 federal, state and local authorities;
- 15 (5) Assist motion picture companies in securing permits to film at specific
- 16 locations within the state, and assist such companies in obtaining other needed
- 17 services related to the production of motion pictures;
- 18 (6) Escort film production prospects on scouting trips;
- 19 (7) Prepare a directory of the persons, firms and governmental agencies
- 20 available to assist in the production of motion pictures;

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- 21 (8) Sponsor workshops on topics relating to filmmaking, including screen 22 writing, film financing and the preparation of communities to attract and assist 23 motion picture productions;
  - (9) Represent the state at film industry trade shows and film festivals;
- 25 (10) Produce and maintain a video library which depicts the variety and 26 extent of the locations within Missouri, including rural locations, available for the 27 production of motion pictures.
- 28 2. The office of the film commission, shall closely coordinate its efforts 29 with any local film office. A "local film office" shall include any film office, 30 tourism bureau or other economic development agency that seeks to promote film 31 production funded principally by local governments in Missouri.
  - 3. The office of the film commission may enter into contractual agreements with the film offices of any state which shares a border with this state to create and market regional film districts.

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