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HOUSE BILL NO. 224

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROWDEN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 33, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the return of settlement revenue collected by any statewide office to the general revenue fund.

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

Section A. Chapter 33, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 33.855, to read as follows:

**33.855. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any legal
2 settlement funds collected by a statewide official including, but not limited to, the office of
3 the attorney general, the office of the secretary of state, and the ethics commission shall be
4 deposited in the legal settlements fund which is created under this section. However, this
5 section shall not require the deposit of any funds dedicated to the restitution of victims or
6 to the compensation of parties employed by a statewide office as directed by a court order
7 or agreed to in a written settlement contract. Settlements may also disburse funds for
8 charitable purposes as agreed to in a written settlement contract.**

**9 2. There is hereby crated in the state treasury the “Legal Settlements Fund”, which
10 shall consist of moneys required to be deposited under subsection 1 of this section. The
11 state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. Unless appropriated in a contrary
12 fashion by the general assembly, the moneys in the fund shall be deposited at least annually
13 in the general revenue fund by the treasurer and any remaining funds not deposited at the
14 end of the biennium shall automatically revert to the general revenue fund under section
15 33.080.**

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.

16 **3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other**
17 **funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited**
18 **to the fund.**

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