

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 715

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LYNCH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 535, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to legal representation of corporations in eviction proceedings.

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

Section A. Chapter 535, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 535.190, to read as follows:

3 **535.190. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 484.020 to the contrary, a**
4 **corporation may institute an eviction action or appear in any eviction proceeding without**
5 **an attorney by any authorized officer, agent, director, or employee of the corporation**
6 **provided that the appearance by any such person who is not an attorney shall be deemed**
7 **to constitute the requisite authority to bind the corporation in a settlement or trial. The**
8 **court may make reasonable inquiry to determine the authority of any person who appears**
9 **for the corporation in such a proceeding.**

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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.