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HOUSE BILL NO. 776

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HIGDON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 8.177, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the commission on capitol security infrastructure.

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

Section A. Section 8.177, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 8.173 and 8.177, to read as follows:

8.173. 1. There is hereby created a “Commission on Capitol Security Infrastructure”.

2. The commission shall be composed of the governor, president pro tempore of the senate, and the speaker of the house, or his or her designees.

3. The commission shall:

(1) Oversee the general supervision and charge of the Missouri state capitol building, the state capitol parking garages, and any other state-owned buildings adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the state capitol building that house any offices of the general assembly or its staff; and

(2) Employ and supervise Missouri capitol police officers as set forth in section 8.177.

4. The members of the commission shall meet at such times as requested or is necessary to administer the duties bestowed upon them under this section.

8.177. 1. The [director of the department of public safety] **commission on capitol security infrastructure** 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

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.

5 of Missouri and shall receive a certificate of appointment, a copy of which shall be filed with the
6 secretary of state, granting such police officers all the same powers of arrest held by other police
7 officers to maintain order and preserve the peace in all state-owned or leased buildings, and the
8 grounds thereof, at the seat of government and such buildings and grounds within the county
9 which contains the seat of government.

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

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

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