

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2124

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLEY (127).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 545.430, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to change of venue.

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

Section A. Section 545.430, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 545.430, to read as follows:

545.430. Any criminal cause pending in any circuit court may be removed, by the order of such court or the judge thereof, to the circuit court of another county in the same circuit, whenever it shall appear, in the manner provided in section 545.490, that the minds of the inhabitants of the county in which the cause is pending are so prejudiced against the defendant that a fair trial cannot be had therein. **No defendant shall be allowed a change of venue solely as a matter of right.**

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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.