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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KLINDT.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal supreme court rule 8.07, and to enact in lieu thereof one new supreme court rule relating to the application for bar examination.

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

Section A. Supreme court rule 8.07, is repealed and one new rule enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as rule 8.07, to read as follows:

8.07 APPLICATION FOR BAR EXAMINATION

(a) Every applicant for admission to the bar by examination shall file with the clerk of this Court an application for bar examination in the form prescribed by the Board. In order to be timely filed, an application shall be properly postmarked or received on or before March 15 for the July examination and on or before the prior October 15 for the February examination. For applicants who failed the most recent examination and are applying for the next scheduled examination, the application shall be properly postmarked or received on or before May 15 for the July examination and on or before November 15 for the February examination in order to be timely filed. The prescribed fee, which is nonrefundable, shall accompany the application.

(b) Subject to payment of an increased fee as set out in the prescribed fee schedule, an application submitted after the timely filing date prescribed in Rule 8.07(a) will be accepted if it is received no later than June 15 for the July examination or January 15 for the February examination. An application received after June 15 for the July examination or after January 15 for the February examination will not be accepted.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

(c) Except as provided in Rule 8.07(d), no person shall be eligible to take the bar examination until such person shall have met all the requirements for graduation with a juris doctorate degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association.

(d) An applicant who has been admitted to practice in the highest court of another state or territory but who fails to meet the requirement set out in Rule 8.07(c) may[, in the discretion of the Board,] be permitted to take the bar examination upon furnishing [satisfactory evidence that the applicant for at least five years has:

(1) Been lawfully engaged in the full-time practice of law in states or territories of the United States where the applicant was licensed to practice;

(2) Served full-time as a lawyer with the United States government or its armed forces; or

(3) Taught full-time at a law school approved by the

American Bar Association] a certificate of good standing from the licensing authority and a disciplinary statement completed by the disciplinary authority of each state in which the applicant is admitted to the bar.

(e) An applicant who has served at least eight years as a member of the Missouri general assembly may be permitted to take the bar examination.

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