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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the
holocaust education and awareness commission.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 161.700, to read as follows:

**161.700. 1. This section shall be known as the "Holocaust
2 Education and Awareness Commission Act".**

**3 2. There is hereby created a permanent state commission known
4 as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission". The
5 commission shall be housed in the department of elementary and
6 secondary education and shall promote implementation of holocaust
7 education and awareness programs in Missouri in order to encourage
8 understanding of the holocaust and discourage bigotry.**

**9 3. The commission shall be composed of twelve members to be
10 appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate. The
11 makeup of the commission shall be:**

- 12 (1) The commissioner of higher education;**
- 13 (2) The commissioner of elementary and secondary education;**
- 14 (3) The president of the University of Missouri system; and**
- 15 (4) Nine members of the public, representative of the diverse
16 religious and ethnic heritage groups populating Missouri.**

**17 4. The holocaust education and awareness commission may
18 receive such funds as appropriated from public moneys or contributed
19 to it by private sources. It may sponsor programs or publications to
20 educate the public about the crimes of genocide in an effort to deter
21 indifference to crimes against humanity and human suffering wherever**

22 they occur.

23 5. The term "holocaust" shall be defined as the period from 1933
24 through 1945 when six million Jews and millions of others were
25 murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of a structured, state-
26 sanctioned program of genocide.

27 6. The commission may employ an executive director and such
28 other persons to carry out its functions.

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