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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to recall elections for school board members.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 160.670, to read as follows:

160.670. 1. A school board member in any school district may be removed by the voters in a recall election. Such election shall be held $\mathbf{2}$ upon the submission of a petition signed by voters of the district equal 3 4 in number to at least twenty-five percent of the number of persons voting at the last preceding election to elect a district board 5 member. The petition shall be filed with the election authority and the 6 secretary of the district board of education, and the petition shall 7 contain a general statement of the grounds for which the removal is 8 sought. The signatures to the petition need not all be appended to one 9 paper, but each signer shall add to his or her signature his or her place 10 of residence, giving the street and number. One of the signers of each 11 paper shall make oath before an officer competent to administer oaths 12that the statements made on the paper are true as he or she believes 1314 and that each signature to the paper appended is the genuine signature 15of the person whose name it purports to be.

2. Within thirty days from the date of filing the petition, the election authority shall examine and ascertain whether the petition is signed by the requisite number of voters. The election authority shall attach to the petition his or her certificate, showing the result of the examination. The election authority shall, within ten days after such amendment, make like examination of the amended petition and, if his or her certificate shall show the amended petition to be insufficient, it shall be returned to the person filing the amended petition, without prejudice to the filing of a new petition to the same effect. If the petition shall be deemed to be sufficient, the election authority shall submit the petition to the district board without delay. If the petition shall be found to be sufficient, the district board shall order the question to be submitted to the voters of the district.

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3. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of retaining the member, the member shall remain in office and shall not be subject to another recall election during his or her term of office. If a majority of voters vote to remove the member, his or her successor shall be chosen as provided in section 162.261, RSMo.

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