

BOARD BILL NO. 286 INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN DONNA BARINGER

1 An Ordinance intended to eliminate, reduce and remedy discrimination in
2 housing, employment, education, services, public accommodations, and real property
3 transactions and uses, and to provide equal opportunity enforcement amending and
4 restating Sections Four and Ten (C) of Ordinance 67119 approved June 13, 2006 and
5 containing a severability clause.

6 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

7 **SECTION ONE.** Section Four of Ordinance 67119 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows:

9 Section Four. Composition of the Commission.

10 The Commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members, one of whom shall be the
11 Chairman of the Legislation Committee of the Board of Alderman. The other twelve (12)
12 members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Board of
13 Aldermen. The terms of office of each member shall be for three (3) years. All members
14 shall serve without compensation.

15 **SECTION TWO.** Section Ten (C) of Ordinance 67119 is hereby amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (C) Investigation.

18 (1) The Agency shall make an investigation of a complaint of
19 prohibited discriminatory practice, commencing before the end of the 30th day after
20 receipt of the complaint.

21 (2) The investigation of a complaint alleging a violation of the Fair
22 Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq. or a violation of Section Five (C) of Ordinance
23 68715 shall be completed within 100 days. If the Agency is unable to complete the

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1 investigation within 100 days of the receipt of the complaint, the Agency shall continue
2 the investigation and shall notify the complainant and respondent in writing of the
3 reasons for the delay. The Agency shall make a final administrative disposition of said
4 complaint within one year of the date of receipt of a complaint, unless it is impracticable
5 to do so. If the Agency is unable to do so, it shall notify the complainant and respondent
6 in writing of the reasons for not doing so and shall continue with the investigation,
7 administrative proceeding or conciliation of the complaint.

8 (3) If the parties enter into conciliation agreement pursuant to the
9 provisions of Section Ten (B) of Ordinance 67119, any investigation shall be terminated
10 upon approval of the conciliation agreement by the Director.

11 (4) The Agency may, in the course of its investigation, direct
12 interrogatories to any or all complainants and/or respondents. Parties shall respond to
13 said interrogatories within twenty (20) days of issuance thereof.

14 (5) At the conclusion of the investigation of a complaint pursuant to
15 the provisions of this section, the Agency shall prepare a final investigative report which
16 shall contain the names and dates of contacts with witnesses and a summary of statements
17 made by such witnesses; a summary and dates of correspondence and contact with the
18 complainant(s) and respondent(s); a summary of other pertinent documents examined by
19 the Agency; and answers to interrogatories propounded by the Agency. This report may
20 be amended if additional relevant evidence is uncovered subsequent to the filing of the
21 report. The investigative report shall be made available to both the complainant and the
22 respondent. Until completion of such a report, a party shall only be given access to

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1 documents or other materials in the possession of the Commission or Agency which that
2 party provided to the Agency.

3 **SECTION THREE.** Severability Clause.

4 If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this
5 Ordinance, to the extent severable therefrom, shall not thereby be invalidated.