OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

JAMES HIXSON,	)	No. ED108289
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Petitioner/Appellant,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of St. Louis County
v.	)	
	)	
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL and ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHIEF OF POLICE JON M. BELMAR,	)	Honorable John R. Lasater
	)	
Respondents/Respondents.	)	Filed: November 10, 2020

James Hixson (Appellant) appeals from the judgment of the trial court dismissing his petition for removal from Missouri's sex offender registry. On appeal, Appellant claims he was entitled to removal under subsection 589.401.2 of Missouri's recently amended Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) because his offense was adjudicated in another state and he has been removed from that state's registry.

AFFIRMED.

Division Two Holds: Appellant's point on appeal is denied because Appellant is a tier III offender and thus not entitled to removal as stated in the plain language of subsections 589.400.10 and 589.401.3 of SORA. Additionally, we find no direct conflict between subsections 589.401.2 and 589.401.3, and instead read them to be harmonious. Finally, Appellant's argument would lead to absurd and unreasonable results, allowing some offenders to bypass Missouri's tier system, in direct contradiction of the intent of the Missouri General Assembly.

Opinion by: Sherri B. Sullivan, J. Robin Ransom, P.J., and Lisa P. Page, J., concur.

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