

Former Missouri Attorney General Quietly Withdraws First of Its Kind Content Moderation Rule

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Just before leaving office, former Missouri AG Andrew Bailey withdrew a proposed rule that would have barred social media companies from requiring users to rely solely on in-house content moderation. The rule drew strong opposition from industry and policy groups who warned of data security risks, First Amendment violations, and technical impracticalities.

While the withdrawal pauses the effort for now, it leaves open the possibility that future AGs—or other states—could revisit similar proposals.

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