AN ACT

To repeal section 80.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the disincorporation of villages in St. Louis County.

Section A. Section 80.020, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 80.020 and 80.675, to read as follows:

80.020. Except in any county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, whenever two-thirds of the taxable inhabitants of any town or village within this state shall present a petition to the county commission of the county, setting forth the metes and bounds of their village and commons, and praying that they may be incorporated under a police established for their local government, and for the preservation and regulation of any commons appertaining to such town and village, and the county commission shall be satisfied that two-thirds of the taxable inhabitants of such town or village have signed such petition, and that the prayer of such petition is reasonable, the county commission may declare such town or village incorporated, designating in such order the metes and bounds thereof, and thenceforth the inhabitants within such bounds shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The town of ....." naming it and by that name they and their successors shall be known in law; have perpetual succession, unless disincorporated; sue and be sued; plead and be impleaded; defend and be defended in all courts and in all actions, pleas and matters whatsoever; may grant, purchase, hold and receive property, real and personal, within such town and no other, burial grounds and cemeteries excepted; and may lease, sell and dispose of the same for the benefit of the town, and may have a
common seal, and alter the same at pleasure.

80.675. 1. Beginning January 1, 2015, each village incorporated
in any county with a charter form of government and with more than
nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants shall be disincorporated. The
disincorporation of the villages shall not be subject to the provisions
of sections 72.400 to 72.430. The governance of the area within the
metes and bounds of the village, including the policing of the area,
shall be under the authority of the county as if the village had never
been incorporated. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
contrary, the disincorporated area may not be incorporated as a city or
annexed by a city.

2. No dissolution of any village under this section shall
invalidate or affect any right, forfeiture, or penalty accruing to such
village, or invalidate or affect any contract entered into or imposed
upon such village.

3. The county executive shall appoint a competent person to act
as trustee for each dissolved village. The trustee, before entering upon
the discharge of his or her duties, shall take and subscribe an oath
before a judge or associate circuit judge that the trustee will faithfully
discharge the duties of office. Each trustee shall give bond, with
sufficient security, to be approved of by the executive, to the use of the
disincorporated village, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the
duties of the office.

4. The trustee shall, as soon as possible, prosecute or defend to
final judgment all suits instituted by or against the village; collect all
money due to the village; liquidate all lawful demands against the
village, and for that purpose shall sell any property belonging to the
village as may be necessary, and generally do all acts requisite to bring
to a speedy close all the affairs of the village.

5. When the trustee shall have closed the affairs of the village,
the trustee shall:
   (1) Pay over to the county all moneys collected by the trustee in
       the dissolution process;
   (2) Deliver to the county clerk all books, papers, records, and
       deeds belonging to the dissolved village; and
   (3) Provide the county executive with a report of the dissolution
       proceedings.
6. The trustee shall receive compensation to be determined by the county executive.

7. If any disincorporated village have an annual revenue accruing thereto, it shall be paid to the county by the person owing the moneys and all moneys thus paid, as well as all moneys paid them by the trustee, shall be held and disposed of by the county executive for the benefit of the village, and may be applied by the county executive to any specific object, upon the petition of a majority of the taxable inhabitants of the village.