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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the Missouri biomass technology commission, with an expiration date.

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

Section A. Chapter 640, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 640.845, to read as follows:

640.845. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Biomass Technology Commission". The commission shall consist of seven members, including the director of the department of agriculture, the director of the department of economic development, the director of the department of natural resources and four members with backgrounds in alternative energy research or business, two of which shall be appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and two of which shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

2. Members of the commission shall not be compensated for their services, but they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The members of the commission shall meet within ten days of their creation and elect one member as chairman and another as vice chairman. Such officers shall serve for terms of three years.

3. The specific duties of the Missouri alternative energy commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Collect data for the development and use alternative energy as a source of electricity;

(2) Evaluate existing incentives and programs that encourage the development

and use of alternative energy;

(3) Create new incentives and programs to promote alternative energy use;

(4) Make recommendations to the legislature on programs, developments and uses for alternative energy.

4. The commission, after appropriate study, shall adopt a comprehensive state alternative energy development, production and use guide consisting of policy statements, objectives, standards and programs. The guide must recognize the community and economic needs, and food and agricultural policy, and the resources of Missouri, and provide a plan to coordinate and allocate public and private resources to the development and production of alternative energy sources of the state. The commission shall submit the guide to the general assembly by December 31, 2004.

5. This section shall expire on June 30, 2005.

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