

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 281**  
**92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Local Government, February 24, 2003, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Committee Substitute adopted March 10, 2003.

Taken up March 10, 2003. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 49.370, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county property.

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

Section A. Section 49.370, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 49.370, to read as follows:

49.370. 1. The county commission shall designate the place whereon to erect any county building, on any land belonging to such county, at the established seat of justice thereof. **If there is no suitable ground belonging to said county within the limits of the original town known as the established seat of justice, the county commission shall select a proper piece of ground anywhere within the corporate limits of the town known as the county seat, and may purchase or receive by donation a lot or lots of ground for that purpose, and shall take a good and sufficient deed in fee simple for the same to the county, and shall make report to the circuit court at its next sitting.**

2. The provisions of subsection 1, notwithstanding, any county of the first classification may acquire, own, erect, operate, manage, and maintain buildings and property outside the limits of the established seat of justice, so long as the building or property is located within the county.