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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KOSTER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 205, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to community health districts.

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

Section A. Chapter 205, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 205.563, to read as follows:

205.563. 1. The board of directors of any township may impose, by order or ordinance, an annual real property tax to fund the establishment of a community health district. The tax authorized in this section shall not exceed thirty-five cents per year on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real property within the township. The tax authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other property taxes imposed by law, and shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes.

2. No order or ordinance adopted under this section shall become effective unless the board of directors of the township submits to the voters residing within the township at a state general, primary, or special election a proposal to authorize the board to impose a tax under this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the tax shall become effective in the tax year immediately following its approval. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the tax shall not become effective unless and until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and such question is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

22 3. The tax authorized in this section shall be levied and collected
23 in the same manner as other real property taxes are levied and
24 collected within the township.

25 4. The board of directors of any township that has imposed a real
26 property tax under this section may submit the question of repeal of
27 the tax to the voters on any date available for elections for the
28 township. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the
29 qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of repeal, that repeal shall
30 become effective on the first day of the tax year immediately following
31 its approval. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the
32 qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the tax
33 shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this
34 section to the qualified voters and the repeal is approved by a majority
35 of the qualified voters voting on the question.

36 5. Whenever the board of directors of any township that has
37 imposed a real property tax under this section receives a petition,
38 signed by a number of registered voters of the township equal to at
39 least two percent of the number of registered voters of the township
40 voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for an election to
41 repeal the tax, the board shall submit to the voters of the township a
42 proposal to repeal the tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the
43 question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the
44 repeal, the repeal shall become effective on the first day of the tax year
45 immediately following its approval. If a majority of the votes cast on
46 the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the
47 repeal, then the tax shall remain effective until the question is
48 resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and the repeal is
49 approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

50 6. If the real property tax is repealed or terminated by any
51 means, all funds collected under the tax shall continue to be used solely
52 for the designated purposes.

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