SENATE BILL NO. 624

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 92, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a sales tax for public safety purposes.

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

Section A. Chapter 92, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 92.500, to read as follows:

92.500. 1. The governing body of any city not within a county
2 **may impose, by order or ordinance, a sales tax on all retail sales made**
3 **within the city which are subject to sales tax under chapter 144,**
4 **RSMo. The tax authorized in this section shall not exceed one-half of**
5 **one percent, and shall be imposed solely for the purpose of providing**
6 **revenues for the operation of public safety departments, including**
7 **police and fire departments, which operations are defined to include,**
8 **but not be limited to, compensation, pension programs, and health care**
9 **for employees and pensioners of the public safety departments. The tax**
10 **authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other sales taxes**
11 **imposed by law, and shall be stated separately from all other charges**
12 **and taxes. The order or ordinance shall not become effective unless the**
13 **governing body of the city submits to the voters residing within the city**
14 **at a state general, primary, or special election a proposal to authorize**
15 **the governing body of the city to impose a tax under this section.**
16 **2. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section**
17 **shall be in substantially the following form:**
18 **"Shall..(insert the name of the city)**
19 **impose a sales tax at a rate of ....(insert rate of percent)**
20 **percent, solely for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation**
21 **of public safety departments of the city, including hiring more police**

22 **officers, prosecuting more criminals, nuisance crimes, and problem**

23 **properties?**

24   ☐ **YES**   ☐ **NO**

25 **If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite**

26 **"YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box**

27 **opposite "NO."**

28 **If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters**

29 **voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the tax shall become**

30 **effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter immediately**

31 **following notification to the department of revenue. If a majority of the**

32 **votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are**

33 **opposed to the question, then the tax shall not become effective unless**

34 **and until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified**

35 **voters and such question is approved by a majority of the qualified**

36 **voters voting on the question.**