## FIRST REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# **SENATE BILL NO. 242**

### 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government, February 25, 2009, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To repeal section 204.569, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to sewer subdistricts, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Section 204.569, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 204.569, to read as follows:

204.569. When an unincorporated sewer subdistrict of a common sewer 2 district has been formed pursuant to sections 204.565 to 204.573, the board of 3 trustees of the common sewer district shall have the same powers with regard to 4 the subdistrict as for the common sewer district as a whole, plus the following 5 additional powers:

6 (1) To enter into agreements to accept, take title to, or otherwise acquire, 7 and to operate such sewers, sewer systems, treatment and disposal facilities, and 8 other property, both real and personal, of the political subdivisions included in 9 the subdistrict as the board determines to be in the interest of the common sewer 10 district to acquire or operate, according to such terms and conditions as the board 11 finds reasonable, provided that such authority shall be in addition to the powers 12 of the board of trustees pursuant to section 204.340;

(2) To provide for the construction, extension, improvement, and operation
of such sewers, sewer systems, and treatment and disposal facilities, as the board
determines necessary for the preservation of public health and maintenance of
sanitary conditions in the subdistrict;

17 (3) For the purpose of meeting the costs of activities undertaken pursuant18 to the authority granted in this section, to issue bonds in anticipation of revenues

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of the subdistrict in the same manner as set out in sections 204.360 to 204.450, 1920for other bonds of the common sewer district. Issuance of such bonds for the subdistrict shall require the assent only of four-sevenths of the voters of the 2122subdistrict voting on the question, [and] except that, as an alternative to such a vote, if the subdistrict is a part of a common sewer district 23located in whole or in part in any county of the first classification with 24more than eighty-two thousand but fewer than eighty-two thousand one 25hundred inhabitants, bonds may be issued for such subdistrict if the 26question receives the written assent of three-quarters of the customers 27of the subdistrict in a manner consistent with section 204.370, where 28"customer", as used in this subdivision, means any political subdivision 2930within the subdistrict that has a service or user agreement with the 31common sewer district. The principal and interest of [such] any bonds 32issued under this subdivision shall be payable only from the revenues of the subdistrict and not from any revenues of the common sewer district as a whole; 33(4) To charge the costs of the common sewer district for operation and 34maintenance attributable to the subdistrict, plus a proportionate share of the 35common sewer district's costs of administration to revenues of the subdistrict and 36to consider such costs in determining reasonable charges to impose within the 37

38 subdistrict under section 204.440;

(5) With prior concurrence of the subdistrict's advisory board, to provide for the treatment and disposal of sewage from the subdistrict in or by means of facilities of the common sewer district not located within the subdistrict, in which case the board of trustees shall also have authority to charge a proportionate share of the costs of the common sewer district for operation and maintenance to revenues of the subdistrict and to consider such costs in determining reasonable charges to impose within the subdistrict under section 204.440.

Section B. Because the adequate provision of sewer services is an essential part of daily existence for Missouri residents and businesses, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.