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SENATE BILL NO. 377

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RUPP.

Read 1st time February 16, 2009, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time February 19, 2009, and referred to the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government.

Reported from the Committee March 11, 2009, with recommendation that the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Taken up March 30, 2009. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 71, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to research park annexation.

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

Section A. Chapter 71, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 71.275, to read as follows:

71.275. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the governing body of any municipality finds it in the public interest that a parcel of land that has not been sold within the previous six months and is contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits of the municipality and located in an unincorporated area of the county, which is used as a research park, should be located 7 in the municipality, such municipality may annex such parcel, provided that the municipality obtains written consent of all the property owners located within the unincorporated area of such parcel. Further, both such municipality and county shall adopt reciprocal ordinances authorizing the annexation of such parcel by the municipality. For 11 12purposes of this section, the term "research park" shall mean an area 13 developed by a university to be used by technology-intensive and 14 research-based companies as a business location, and a parcel of land shall be considered "sold" when there is a change in at least fifty-one 15percent of the property's ownership in a transaction that involves a 16 buyer or buyers and a seller or sellers, but shall not include a partial 17

18 divestment of such real property or any transaction in which

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19 ownership is vested in whole or in part in a subsidiary, affiliate,

20 partner, joint venturer, or other entity to the owner.

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