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AN ACT

To repeal sections 50.660, 50.783, 67.1360, 67.2000, 94.902, and 138.431, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections relating to political subdivisions.

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

Section A. Sections 50.660, 50.783, 67.1360, 67.2000, 94.902, and 138.431,

- 2 RSMo, are repealed and eight new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known
- 3 as sections 50.660, 50.783, 67.1360, 67.2000, 77.305, 94.271, 94.902, and 138.431,
- 4 to read as follows:

50.660. 1. All contracts shall be executed in the name of the county, or

- 2 in the name of a township in a county with a township form of government, by the
- B head of the department or officer concerned, except contracts for the purchase of
- 4 supplies, materials, equipment or services other than personal made by the officer
- 5 in charge of purchasing in any county or township having the officer. No contract
- 6 or order imposing any financial obligation on the county or township is binding
- 7 on the county or township unless it is in writing and unless there is a balance
- 8 otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which it is to be
- 9 charged and a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit
- 10 of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the
- 11 obligation incurred and unless the contract or order bears the certification of the
- 12 accounting officer so stating; except that in case of any contract for public works
- 13 or buildings to be paid for from bond funds or from taxes levied for the purpose
- 14 it is sufficient for the accounting officer to certify that the bonds or taxes have
- 15 been authorized by vote of the people and that there is a sufficient unencumbered
- 16 amount of the bonds yet to be sold or of the taxes levied and yet to be collected
- 17 to meet the obligation in case there is not a sufficient unencumbered cash balance

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in the treasury. All contracts and purchases shall be let to the lowest and best 18 19 bidder after due opportunity for competition, including advertising the proposed letting in a newspaper in the county or township with a circulation of at least five 20 21hundred copies per issue, if there is one, except that the advertising is not 22required in case of contracts or purchases involving an expenditure of less than 23six thousand dollars. It is not necessary to obtain bids on any purchase in the amount of [four] six thousand [five hundred] dollars or less made from any one 2425person, firm or corporation during any period of ninety days. All bids for any 26 contract or purchase may be rejected and new bids advertised for. Contracts 27which provide that the person contracting with the county or township shall, 28 during the term of the contract, furnish to the county or township at the price therein specified the supplies, materials, equipment or services other than 29 personal therein described, in the quantities required, and from time to time as 30 31 ordered by the officer in charge of purchasing during the term of the contract, need not bear the certification of the accounting officer, as herein provided; but 32 all orders for supplies, materials, equipment or services other than personal shall 33 bear the certification. In case of such contract, no financial obligation accrues 34 against the county or township until the supplies, materials, equipment or 35 services other than personal are so ordered and the certificate furnished. 36

- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section to the contrary, advertising shall not be required in any county in the case of contracts or purchases involving an expenditure of less than six thousand dollars.
- 50.783. 1. The county commission may waive the requirement of competitive bids or proposals for supplies when the commission has determined in writing and entered into the commission minutes that there is only a single feasible source for the supplies. Immediately upon discovering that other feasible sources exist, the commission shall rescind the waiver and proceed to procure the supplies through the competitive processes as described in this chapter. A single feasible source exists when:
 - (1) Supplies are proprietary and only available from the manufacturer or a single distributor; or
- 10 (2) Based on past procurement experience, it is determined that only one 11 distributor services the region in which the supplies are needed; or
- 12 (3) Supplies are available at a discount from a single distributor for a 13 limited period of time.
- 14 2. On any single feasible source purchase where the estimated

expenditure is [three] six thousand dollars or over, the commission shall post 15 notice of the proposed purchase. Where the estimated expenditure is five 16 thousand dollars or over, the commission shall also] and advertise the 17 18 commission's intent to make such purchase in at least one daily and one weekly newspaper of general circulation in such places as are most likely to reach 19 20 prospective bidders or offerors and may provide such information through an electronic medium available to the general public at least ten days before the 21contract is to be let. 22

67.1360. The governing body of:

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- (1) A city with a population of more than seven thousand and less than seven thousand five hundred;
- 4 (2) A county with a population of over nine thousand six hundred and less 5 than twelve thousand which has a total assessed valuation of at least sixty-three 6 million dollars, if the county submits the issue to the voters of such county prior 7 to January 1, 2003;
- 8 (3) A third class city which is the county seat of a county of the third 9 classification without a township form of government with a population of at least 10 twenty-five thousand but not more than thirty thousand inhabitants;
- 11 (4) Any fourth class city having, according to the last federal decennial
 12 census, a population of more than one thousand eight hundred fifty inhabitants
 13 but less than one thousand nine hundred fifty inhabitants in a county of the first
 14 classification with a charter form of government and having a population of
 15 greater than six hundred thousand but less than nine hundred thousand
 16 inhabitants;
- 17 (5) Any city having a population of more than three thousand but less
 18 than eight thousand inhabitants in a county of the fourth classification having
 19 a population of greater than forty-eight thousand inhabitants;
- 20 (6) Any city having a population of less than two hundred fifty inhabitants 21 in a county of the fourth classification having a population of greater than 22 forty-eight thousand inhabitants;
- 23 (7) Any fourth class city having a population of more than two thousand 24 five hundred but less than three thousand inhabitants in a county of the third 25 classification having a population of more than twenty-five thousand but less 26 than twenty-seven thousand inhabitants;
- 27 (8) Any third class city with a population of more than three thousand two 28 hundred but less than three thousand three hundred located in a county of the

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third classification having a population of more than thirty-five thousand but less than thirty-six thousand;

- 31 (9) Any county of the second classification without a township form of 32 government and a population of less than thirty thousand;
- 33 (10) Any city of the fourth class in a county of the second classification 34 without a township form of government and a population of less than thirty 35 thousand;
- 36 (11) Any county of the third classification with a township form of government and a population of at least twenty-eight thousand but not more than thirty thousand;
 - (12) Any city of the fourth class with a population of more than one thousand eight hundred but less than two thousand in a county of the third classification with a township form of government and a population of at least twenty-eight thousand but not more than thirty thousand;
- 43 (13) Any city of the third class with a population of more than seven 44 thousand two hundred but less than seven thousand five hundred within a county 45 of the third classification with a population of more than twenty-one thousand but 46 less than twenty-three thousand;
- 47 (14) Any fourth class city having a population of more than two thousand 48 eight hundred but less than three thousand one hundred inhabitants in a county 49 of the third classification with a township form of government having a 50 population of more than eight thousand four hundred but less than nine thousand 51 inhabitants;
 - (15) Any fourth class city with a population of more than four hundred seventy but less than five hundred twenty inhabitants located in a county of the third classification with a population of more than fifteen thousand nine hundred but less than sixteen thousand inhabitants;
- (16) Any third class city with a population of more than three thousand eight hundred but less than four thousand inhabitants located in a county of the third classification with a population of more than fifteen thousand nine hundred but less than sixteen thousand inhabitants;
 - (17) Any fourth class city with a population of more than four thousand three hundred but less than four thousand five hundred inhabitants located in a county of the third classification without a township form of government with a population greater than sixteen thousand but less than sixteen thousand two hundred inhabitants;

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(18) Any fourth class city with a population of more than two thousand four hundred but less than two thousand six hundred inhabitants located in a county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of more than fifty-five thousand but less than sixty thousand inhabitants;

- (19) Any fourth class city with a population of more than two thousand five hundred but less than two thousand six hundred inhabitants located in a county of the third classification with a population of more than nineteen thousand one hundred but less than nineteen thousand two hundred inhabitants;
- (20) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government with a population greater than sixteen thousand but less than sixteen thousand two hundred inhabitants:
- (21) Any county of the second classification with a population of more than forty-four thousand but less than fifty thousand inhabitants;
- (22) Any third class city with a population of more than nine thousand five hundred but less than nine thousand seven hundred inhabitants located in a county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with a population of more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand but less than one hundred ninety-eight thousand two hundred inhabitants;
- (23) Any city of the fourth classification with more than five thousand two hundred but less than five thousand three hundred inhabitants located in a county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than twenty-four thousand five hundred but less than twenty-four thousand six hundred inhabitants;
- (24) Any third class city with a population of more than nineteen thousand nine hundred but less than twenty thousand in a county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with a population of more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand but less than one hundred ninety-eight thousand two hundred inhabitants;
- 94 (25) Any city of the fourth classification with more than two thousand six 95 hundred but less than two thousand seven hundred inhabitants located in any 96 county of the third classification without a township form of government and with 97 more than fifteen thousand three hundred but less than fifteen thousand four 98 hundred inhabitants;
- 99 (26) Any county of the third classification without a township form of 100 government and with more than fourteen thousand nine hundred but less than

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- 102 (27) Any city of the fourth classification with more than five thousand four 103 hundred but fewer than five thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in 104 more than one county;
- 105 (28) Any city of the fourth classification with more than six thousand 106 three hundred but fewer than six thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in more than one county through the creation of a tourism district which may 107 108 include, in addition to the geographic area of such city, the area encompassed by 109 the portion of the school district, located within a county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but fewer than ninety-three 110 thousand nine hundred inhabitants, having an average daily attendance for 111 school year 2005-06 between one thousand eight hundred and one thousand nine 112113 hundred;
 - (29) Any city of the fourth classification with more than seven thousand seven hundred but less than seven thousand eight hundred inhabitants located in a county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but less than ninety-three thousand nine hundred inhabitants;
- 118 (30) Any city of the fourth classification with more than two thousand 119 nine hundred but less than three thousand inhabitants located in a county of the 120 first classification with more than seventy-three thousand seven hundred but less 121 than seventy-three thousand eight hundred inhabitants;
 - (31) Any city of the third classification with more than nine thousand three hundred but less than nine thousand four hundred inhabitants; [or]
 - (32) Any city of the fourth classification with more than three thousand eight hundred but fewer than three thousand nine hundred inhabitants and located in any county of the first classification with more than thirty-nine thousand seven hundred but fewer than thirty-nine thousand eight hundred inhabitants; or
- 129 (33) Any city of the fourth classification with more than three 130 thousand eight hundred but fewer than four thousand inhabitants and 131 located in more than one county;

may impose a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns and campgrounds and any docking facility which rents slips to recreational boats which are used by transients for sleeping, which shall be at least two percent, but not more than five percent per occupied room per night, except that such tax shall not become

137 effective unless the governing body of the city or county submits to the voters of 138 the city or county at a state general, primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the city or county to impose a tax pursuant to the 139 140 provisions of this section and section 67.1362. The tax authorized by this section and section 67.1362 shall be in addition to any charge paid to the owner or 141 142 operator and shall be in addition to any and all taxes imposed by law and the 143 proceeds of such tax shall be used by the city or county solely for funding the 144 promotion of tourism. Such tax shall be stated separately from all other charges 145 and taxes.

67.2000. 1. This section shall be known as the "Exhibition Center and Recreational Facility District Act".

3 2. Whenever not less than fifty owners of real property located within any county of the first classification with more than seventy-one thousand three 4 hundred but less than seventy-one thousand four hundred inhabitants, or any 5 county of the first classification with more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand but less than one hundred ninety-nine thousand two hundred inhabitants, or any county of the first classification with more than eighty-five 8 thousand nine hundred but less than eighty-six thousand inhabitants, or any 9 county of the second classification with more than fifty-two thousand six hundred 10 11 but less than fifty-two thousand seven hundred inhabitants, or any county of the 12first classification with more than one hundred four thousand six hundred but less than one hundred four thousand seven hundred inhabitants, or any county 13 14 of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than seventeen thousand nine hundred but less than eighteen thousand 15 inhabitants, or any county of the first classification with more than thirty-seven 16 thousand but less than thirty-seven thousand one hundred inhabitants, or any 17 county of the third classification without a township form of government and with 18 more than twenty-three thousand five hundred but less than twenty-three 19 thousand six hundred inhabitants, or any county of the third classification 20 without a township form of government and with more than nineteen thousand 21three hundred but less than nineteen thousand four hundred inhabitants, or any 22 23 county of the first classification with more than two hundred forty thousand three hundred but less than two hundred forty thousand four hundred inhabitants, or 2425any county of the third classification with a township form of government and with more than eight thousand nine hundred but fewer 2627than nine thousand inhabitants, or any county of the third

classification without a township form of government and with more 28 29 than eighteen thousand nine hundred but fewer than nineteen 30 thousand inhabitants, or any county of the third classification with a township form of government and with more than eight thousand but 31 fewer than eight thousand one hundred inhabitants, or any county of 32the third classification with a township form of government and with 33 more than eleven thousand five hundred but fewer than eleven 34thousand six hundred inhabitants, desire to create an exhibition center and 35recreational facility district, the property owners shall file a petition with the 36 governing body of each county located within the boundaries of the proposed 37 district requesting the creation of the district. The district boundaries may 38 39 include all or part of the counties described in this section. The petition shall 40 contain the following information:

- 41 (1) The name and residence of each petitioner and the location of the real 42 property owned by the petitioner;
- 43 (2) A specific description of the proposed district boundaries, including a 44 map illustrating the boundaries; and
 - (3) The name of the proposed district.

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- 3. Upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section, the governing body of any county described in this section may, by resolution, approve the creation of a district. Any resolution to establish such a district shall be adopted by the governing body of each county located within the proposed district, and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) A description of the boundaries of the proposed district;
- 52 (2) The time and place of a hearing to be held to consider establishment 53 of the proposed district;
- 54 (3) The proposed sales tax rate to be voted on within the proposed district; 55 and
- 56 (4) The proposed uses for the revenue generated by the new sales tax.
- 4. Whenever a hearing is held as provided by this section, the governing body of each county located within the proposed district shall:
 - (1) Publish notice of the hearing on two separate occasions in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each county located within the proposed district, with the first publication to occur not more than thirty days before the hearing, and the second publication to occur not more than fifteen days or less than ten days before the hearing;

SB 580 9 64 (2) Hear all protests and receive evidence for or against the establishment 65 of the proposed district; and (3) Rule upon all protests, which determinations shall be final. 66 67 5. Following the hearing, if the governing body of each county located within the proposed district decides to establish the proposed district, it shall 68 69 adopt an order to that effect; if the governing body of any county located within 70 the proposed district decides to not establish the proposed district, the boundaries 71 of the proposed district shall not include that county. The order shall contain the 72following: (1) The description of the boundaries of the district; 73 74 (2) A statement that an exhibition center and recreational facility district has been established; 75 76 (3) The name of the district; 77 (4) The uses for any revenue generated by a sales tax imposed pursuant 78 to this section; and 79 (5) A declaration that the district is a political subdivision of the state. 80 6. A district established pursuant to this section may, at a general, primary, or special election, submit to the qualified voters within the district 81 boundaries a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent, for a period not to exceed 82 83 twenty-five years, on all retail sales within the district, which are subject to 84 taxation pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, to fund the acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, and promotion of an 85 86 exhibition center and recreational facilities. The ballot of submission shall be in 87 substantially the following form: 88 Shall the (name of district) impose a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent to fund the acquisition, construction, 89 90 maintenance, operation, improvement, and promotion of an exhibition center and recreational facilities, for a period of (insert number of years)? 91 92 \square YES \square NO If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you 93 are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO". 94 If a majority of the votes cast in the portion of any county that is part of the 95

95 If a majority of the votes cast in the portion of any county that is part of the 96 proposed district favor the proposal, then the sales tax shall become effective in 97 that portion of the county that is part of the proposed district on the first day of 98 the first calendar quarter immediately following the election. If a majority of the 99 votes cast in the portion of a county that is a part of the proposed district oppose

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the proposal, then that portion of such county shall not impose the sales tax authorized in this section until after the county governing body has submitted another such sales tax proposal and the proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.

However, if a sales tax proposal is not approved, the governing body of the county shall not resubmit a proposal to the voters pursuant to this section sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal submitted pursuant to this section. If the qualified voters in two or more counties that have contiguous districts approve the sales tax proposal, the districts shall combine to become one district.

7. There is hereby created a board of trustees to administer any district created and the expenditure of revenue generated pursuant to this section consisting of four individuals to represent each county approving the district, as provided in this subsection. The governing body of each county located within the district, upon approval of that county's sales tax proposal, shall appoint four members to the board of trustees; at least one shall be an owner of a nonlodging business located within the taxing district, or their designee, at least one shall be an owner of a lodging facility located within the district, or their designee, and all members shall reside in the district except that one nonlodging business owner, or their designee, and one lodging facility owner, or their designee, may reside outside the district. Each trustee shall be at least twenty-five years of age and a resident of this state. Of the initial trustees appointed from each county, two shall hold office for two years, and two shall hold office for four years. Trustees appointed after expiration of the initial terms shall be appointed to a four-year term by the governing body of the county the trustee represents, with the initially appointed trustee to remain in office until a successor is appointed, and shall take office upon being appointed. Each trustee may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner in which the trustee vacating the office was originally appointed. The trustees shall not receive compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses. The board shall elect a chair and other officers necessary for

(1) By a two-thirds vote, the board moves for the member's removal and submits such motion to the governing body of the county from which the trustee was appointed; and

its membership. Trustees may be removed if:

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appointed, by a majority vote, adopts the motion for removal.

- 137 8. The board of trustees shall have the following powers, authority, and 138 privileges:
 - (1) To have and use a corporate seal;
 - (2) To sue and be sued, and be a party to suits, actions, and proceedings;
 - (3) To enter into contracts, franchises, and agreements with any person or entity, public or private, affecting the affairs of the district, including contracts with any municipality, district, or state, or the United States, and any of their agencies, political subdivisions, or instrumentalities, for the funding, including without limitation interest rate exchange or swap agreements, planning, development, construction, acquisition, maintenance, or operation of a single exhibition center and recreational facilities or to assist in such activity. "Recreational facilities" means locations explicitly designated for public use where the primary use of the facility involves participation in hobbies or athletic activities;
 - (4) To borrow money and incur indebtedness and evidence the same by certificates, notes, or debentures, to issue bonds and use any one or more lawful funding methods the district may obtain for its purposes at such rates of interest as the district may determine. Any bonds, notes, and other obligations issued or delivered by the district may be secured by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust of any or all of the property and income of the district. Every issue of such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be payable out of property and revenues of the district and may be further secured by other property of the district, which may be pledged, assigned, mortgaged, or a security interest granted for such payment, without preference or priority of the first bonds issued, subject to any agreement with the holders of any other bonds pledging any specified property or revenues. Such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be authorized by resolution of the district board, and shall bear such date or dates, and shall mature at such time or times, but not in excess of thirty years, as the resolution shall specify. Such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be in such denomination, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such form, either coupon or registered, be issued as current interest bonds, compound interest bonds, variable rate bonds, convertible bonds, or zero coupon bonds, be issued in such manner, be payable in such place or places, and be subject to redemption as such resolution may provide, notwithstanding section 108.170, RSMo. The bonds, notes, or other obligations may be sold at either public or private sale, at such

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172 interest rates, and at such price or prices as the district shall determine;

- (5) To acquire, transfer, donate, lease, exchange, mortgage, and encumber real and personal property in furtherance of district purposes;
- 175 (6) To refund any bonds, notes, or other obligations of the district without
 176 an election. The terms and conditions of refunding obligations shall be
 177 substantially the same as those of the original issue, and the board shall provide
 178 for the payment of interest at not to exceed the legal rate, and the principal of
 179 such refunding obligations in the same manner as is provided for the payment of
 180 interest and principal of obligations refunded;
 - (7) To have the management, control, and supervision of all the business and affairs of the district, and the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of district improvements therein; to collect rentals, fees, and other charges in connection with its services or for the use of any of its facilities;
 - (8) To hire and retain agents, employees, engineers, and attorneys;
- 186 (9) To receive and accept by bequest, gift, or donation any kind of 187 property;
- 188 (10) To adopt and amend bylaws and any other rules and regulations not 189 in conflict with the constitution and laws of this state, necessary for the carrying 190 on of the business, objects, and affairs of the board and of the district; and
- 191 (11) To have and exercise all rights and powers necessary or incidental 192 to or implied from the specific powers granted by this section.
 - 9. There is hereby created the "Exhibition Center and Recreational Facility District Sales Tax Trust Fund", which shall consist of all sales tax revenue collected pursuant to this section. The director of revenue shall be custodian of the trust fund, and moneys in the trust fund shall be used solely for the purposes authorized in this section. Moneys in the trust fund shall be considered nonstate funds pursuant to section 15, article IV, Constitution of Missouri. The director of revenue shall invest moneys in the trust fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the trust fund. All sales taxes collected by the director of revenue pursuant to this section on behalf of the district, less one percent for the cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, RSMo, shall be deposited in the trust fund. The director of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of moneys in the trust fund which was collected in the district imposing a sales tax pursuant to this section, and the

records shall be open to the inspection of the officers of each district and the general public. Not later than the tenth day of each month, the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the district. The director of revenue may authorize refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to the district for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of the district.

- 10. The sales tax authorized by this section is in addition to all other sales taxes allowed by law. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087, RSMo, apply to the sales tax imposed pursuant to this section.
- 11. Any sales tax imposed pursuant to this section shall not extend past
 the initial term approved by the voters unless an extension of the sales tax is
 submitted to and approved by the qualified voters in each county in the manner
 provided in this section. Each extension of the sales tax shall be for a period not
 to exceed twenty years. The ballot of submission for the extension shall be in
 substantially the following form:

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230 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you 231 are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

If a majority of the votes cast favor the extension, then the sales tax shall remain in effect at the rate and for the time period approved by the voters. If a sales tax extension is not approved, the district may submit another sales tax proposal as authorized in this section, but the district shall not submit such a proposal to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last extension submitted.

12. Once the sales tax authorized by this section is abolished or terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the trust fund shall be used solely for the purposes approved in the ballot question authorizing the sales tax. The sales tax shall not be abolished or terminated while the district has any financing or other obligations outstanding; provided that any new financing, debt, or other obligation or any restructuring or refinancing of an existing debt or obligation incurred more than ten years after voter approval of the sales tax

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provided in this section or more than ten years after any voter-approved 244245 extension thereof shall not cause the extension of the sales tax provided in this section or cause the final maturity of any financing or other obligations 246 247outstanding to be extended. Any funds in the trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the district in the securities 248 249 described in subdivisions (1) to (12) of subsection 1 of section 30.270, RSMo, or 250 repurchase agreements secured by such securities. If the district abolishes the sales tax, the district shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least 251252 ninety days before the effective date of the repeal, and the director of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of 253254 the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the sales tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts 255 deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the 256257effective date of abolition of the sales tax in the district, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to the district and close the account of the 258 259 district. The director of revenue shall notify the district of each instance of any 260 amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the district.

13. In the event that the district is dissolved or terminated by any means, the governing bodies of the counties in the district shall appoint a person to act as trustee for the district so dissolved or terminated. Before beginning the discharge of duties, the trustee shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of the office, and shall give bond with sufficient security, approved by the governing bodies of the counties, to the use of the dissolved or terminated district, for the faithful discharge of duties. The trustee shall have and exercise all powers necessary to liquidate the district, and upon satisfaction of all remaining obligations of the district, shall pay over to the county treasurer of each county in the district and take receipt for all remaining moneys in amounts based on the ratio the levy of each county bears to the total levy for the district in the previous three years or since the establishment of the district, whichever time period is shorter. Upon payment to the county treasurers, the trustee shall deliver to the clerk of the governing body of any county in the district all books, papers, records, and deeds belonging to the dissolved district.

77.305. The city council may submit any question to a vote as an advisory referendum to be included on the ballot for an election to be conducted on a date authorized under section 115.123. Such an advisory referendum, upon receiving a majority of votes in such city,

shall only be used by the city council as a measure of public preference and shall not have the force and effect of law. Such questions shall only be submitted in the same manner that questions are otherwise submitted to a vote under chapter 115.

94.271. 1. The governing body of any city of the fourth classification with more than twenty-four thousand eight hundred but fewer than twenty-five thousand inhabitants may impose a tax on the 3 charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels or motels situated in the city or a portion thereof, which shall not be more than five percent per occupied room per night, except that such tax shall not become effective unless the governing body of the city submits to the voters of the city at a state general or primary election a 8 proposal to authorize the governing body of the city to impose a tax under this section. The tax authorized in this section shall be in 10 addition to the charge for the sleeping room and all other taxes 11 12 imposed by law, and the proceeds of such tax shall be used by the city for the promotion of tourism. Such tax shall be stated separately from 13 14 all other charges and taxes.

2. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section shall be in substantially the following form:

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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 on the first day of the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the election was held. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the tax authorized by this section shall not become effective unless and until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters of the city and such question is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the city voting on the question.

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3. As used in this section, "transient guests" means a person or persons who occupy a room or rooms in a hotel or motel for thirty-one days or less during any calendar quarter.

94.902. 1. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more than twenty-six thousand three hundred but less than twenty-six thousand 2 seven hundred inhabitants, or any city of the fourth classification with more than thirty thousand three hundred but fewer than thirty thousand seven hundred inhabitants, or any city of the fourth classification with more than twenty-four thousand eight hundred but fewer than twenty-five 7 thousand inhabitants, may impose, by order or ordinance, a sales tax on all retail sales made in the city which are subject to taxation under chapter 144, RSMo. The tax authorized in this section may be imposed in an amount of up to 10 one-half of one percent, and shall be imposed solely for the purpose of improving the public safety for such city, including but not limited to expenditures on 11 12 equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers. The tax authorized in this section shall be in 13 14 addition to all other sales taxes imposed by law, and shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes. The order or ordinance imposing a sales tax 15 16 under this section shall not become effective unless the governing body of the city submits to the voters residing within the city, at a county or state general, 17 18 primary, or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the city to impose a tax under this section. 19

2. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section shall be in substantially the following form:

 \square YES \square NO

26 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments to the order or ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter after the director of revenue receives notice of the adoption of the sales tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the proposal, then the tax shall not

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become effective unless the proposal is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposal. However, in no event shall a proposal under this section be submitted to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal under this section.

3. Any sales tax imposed under this section shall be administered, collected, enforced, and operated as required in section 32.087, RSMo. All sales taxes collected by the director of the department of revenue under this section on behalf of any city, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, RSMo, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, to be known as the "City Public Safety Sales Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund. The director shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust fund and which was collected in each city imposing a sales tax under this section, and the records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the city and the public. Not later than the tenth day of each month the director shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the city which levied the tax. Such funds shall be deposited with the city treasurer of each such city, and all expenditures of funds arising from the trust fund shall be by an appropriation act to be enacted by the governing body of each such city. Expenditures may be made from the fund for any functions authorized in the ordinance or order adopted by the governing body submitting the tax to the voters. If the tax is repealed, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall continue to be used solely for the designated purposes. Any funds in the special trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures shall be invested in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

4. The director of the department of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any city for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such cities. If any city abolishes the tax, the city shall notify the director of the action at least ninety days before the

effective date of the repeal, and the director may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such city, the director shall remit the balance in the account to the city and close the account of that city. The director shall notify each city of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the city.

5. The governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section may submit the question of repeal of the tax to the voters on any date available for elections for the city. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall (insert the name of the city) repeal the sales tax imposed at a rate of (insert rate of percent) percent for the purpose of improving the public safety of the city?

 \square YES \square NO

If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal are in favor of repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the sales tax authorized in this section shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters, and the repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

6. Whenever the governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section receives a petition, signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the city voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for an election to repeal the sales tax imposed under this section, the governing body shall submit to the voters of the city a proposal to repeal the tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the tax shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and the repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

7. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and

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106 32.087, RSMo, shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.

138.431. 1. To hear and decide appeals pursuant to section 138.430, the commission shall appoint one or more hearing officers. The hearing officers shall be subject to supervision by the commission. No person shall participate on behalf of the commission in any case in which such person is an interested party.

- 52. The commission may assign such appeals as it deems fit to a hearing6 officer for disposition.
 - (1) The assignment shall be deemed made when the scheduling order is first issued by the commission and signed by the hearing officer assigned, unless another hearing officer is assigned to the case for disposition by other language in said order.
 - (2) A change of hearing officer, or a reservation of the appeal for disposition as described in subsection 3 of this section, shall be ordered by the commission in any appeal upon the timely filing of a written application by a party to disqualify the hearing officer assigned. The application shall be filed within thirty days from the assignment of any appeal to a hearing officer and need not allege or prove any cause for such change and need not be verified. No more than one change of hearing officer shall be allowed for each party in any appeal.
 - 3. The commission may, in its discretion, reserve such appeals as it deems fit to be heard and decided by the full commission, a quorum thereof, or any commissioner, subject to the provisions of section 138.240, and, in such case, the decision shall be final, subject to judicial review in the manner provided in subsection 4 of section 138.470.
- 24[3.] 4. The manner in which appeals shall be presented and the conduct 25of hearings shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the commission 26 for determining the rights of the parties; provided that, the commission, with the consent of all the parties, may refer an appeal to mediation. The commission 27 28 shall promulgate regulations for mediation pursuant to this section. No regulation or portion of a regulation promulgated pursuant to the authority of 29this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the 30 provisions of chapter 536, RSMo. There shall be no presumption that the 31 assessor's valuation is correct. A full and complete record shall be kept of all 32proceedings. All testimony at any hearing shall be recorded but need not be 33 transcribed unless the matter is further appealed. 34
 - [4.] 5. Unless an appeal is voluntarily dismissed, a hearing officer, after

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36 affording the parties reasonable opportunity for fair hearing, shall issue a 37 decision and order affirming, modifying, or reversing the determination of the board of equalization, and correcting any assessment which is unlawful, unfair, 38 improper, arbitrary, or capricious. The commission may, prior to the decision 39 being rendered, transfer to another hearing officer the proceedings on an appeal 40 determination before a hearing officer. The complainant, respondent-assessor, or 41 other party shall be duly notified of a hearing officer's decision and order, 42 together with findings of fact and conclusions of law. Appeals from decisions of 43 hearing officers shall be made pursuant to section 138.432. 44

[5.] 6. All decisions issued pursuant to this section or section 138.432 by the commission or any of its duly assigned hearing officers shall be issued no later than sixty days after the hearing on the matter to be decided is held or the date on which the last party involved in such matter files his or her brief, whichever event later occurs.

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