

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILLS NOS. 710 & 713

AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to sports complex authorities.

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

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 67.646, to read as follows:

67.646. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Authority", a county sports complex authority created pursuant to this section;

(2) "Convention and sports complex fund", the fund established by a county pursuant to the provisions of this section for the purposes of developing, maintaining, or operating within its jurisdiction, sports, convention, exhibition, or trade facilities;

(3) "County", any county with more than two hundred thirty thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants;

(4) "Governing body", the county commission or other governing body charged with governing the county.

2. (1) There is hereby authorized to be created in any county a special authority to be known as the "County Sports Complex Authority". Such authority shall be created by order of the governing body and certified copies of said order shall be filed in the offices of the governor and secretary of state. The authority shall be a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the state of Missouri.

(2) (a) The authority shall consist of five commissioners who shall be qualified voters of the state of Missouri, and residents of the county. The governing body shall by a majority vote submit a panel of nine names to the governor who shall select, with the advice and consent of the senate, five commissioners from such panel, no more than three of which shall be of any one political party, who shall constitute the members of such authority; provided, however, that no elective or appointed official of any political subdivision of the state of Missouri shall be a member of the authority.

(b) The authority shall elect from its number a chairman and may appoint such officers and employees as it may require for the performance of its duties and fix and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. No action of the authority shall be binding unless taken at a meeting at which at least three members are present and unless a majority of the members present at such meeting shall vote in favor thereof.

(c) Commissioners shall serve in the following manner: one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years, and one for six years. Successors shall hold office for terms of five years, or for the unexpired terms of their predecessors.

(d) In the event a vacancy exists a new panel of three names shall be submitted by majority vote of the governing body to the governor for appointment. All such vacancies shall be filled within thirty days from the date thereof. If the governing body has not submitted a panel of three names to the governor within thirty days of the expiration of a commissioner's term, the governor shall immediately make an appointment to the authority with the advice and consent of the senate. In the event the governor does not

appoint a replacement, no commissioner shall continue to serve beyond the expiration of that commissioner's term.

(3) The authority shall have the same powers as a sports complex authority created pursuant to sections 64.920 to 64.950.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the powers of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision to acquire, own, operate, develop, or improve any facility which an authority is given the right and power to own, operate, develop, or improve.

3. (1) A county establishing an authority pursuant to this section shall be authorized to establish, by ordinance or order of the county, a "Convention and Sports Complex Fund", for the purposes of developing, maintaining or operating within its jurisdiction, sports, convention, exhibition, or trade facilities. Such fund shall be separate from the general funds of the county.

(2) The general assembly may annually appropriate up to three million dollars from the state general revenue fund to the convention and sports complex fund created pursuant to this subsection, provided that the county or authority has entered into a contract or lease with a professional sports team affiliated with or franchised by the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, or the American League or the National League of Major League Baseball on or after January 1, 2026. The convention and sports complex fund shall be administered by the county and shall be used to carry out the provisions of this section.

(3) Any county which has a convention and sports complex fund established pursuant to this section shall, prior to receipt of any appropriations pursuant to this subsection, enact or promulgate ordinances, rules, or

regulations which provide, pursuant to the terms and provisions of section 70.859, for the purchase of goods and services and for construction of capital improvements for facilities administered by the authority. In no event shall more than three million dollars be transferred from the state to any one such convention and sports complex fund in any fiscal year pursuant to this subsection.

(4) No appropriation of state moneys shall be made pursuant to this subsection until the county which has created a convention and sports complex fund has commenced paying into the convention and sports complex fund amounts at a rate sufficient for the county to contribute the sum of three million dollars per calendar year. Appropriations made pursuant to this subsection to any convention and sports complex fund shall not exceed the amounts contributed by the county to the fund. The county's proportional amount specified in this subdivision may come from any source. Once the county has commenced paying such appropriate proportional amounts into its convention and sports complex fund, the county shall so notify the state treasurer and the director of revenue and, thereafter, subject to annual appropriation, transfers shall commence and continue each month pursuant to this subsection until such monthly transfers are made for forty years. Moneys appropriated from general revenue shall not be expended until the county has paid three million dollars into its fund.

4. The county shall make an annual report to the general assembly stating the condition of its convention and sports complex fund and the various sums of money received by the county into that fund and distributed by the county from that fund during the preceding calendar year. The county shall employ a certified public accountant to conduct a biennial audit of all accounts and transactions of the

convention and sports complex fund and may compensate such
accountants out of the funds.