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# SENATE BILL NO. 1145

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHNELTING.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 67.1754, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county sales taxes for park purposes.

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

Section A. Section 67.1754, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 67.1754,  
3 to read as follows:

67.1754. 1. The sales tax authorized in sections  
2 67.1712 to 67.1721 shall be collected and allocated as  
3 follows:

4 (1) Fifty percent of the sales taxes collected from  
5 each county shall be deposited in the metropolitan park and  
6 recreational fund to be administered by the board of  
7 directors of the district to pay costs associated with the  
8 establishment, administration, operation and maintenance of  
9 public recreational facilities, parks, and public  
10 recreational grounds associated with the district. Costs  
11 for office administration beginning in the second fiscal  
12 year of district operations may be up to but shall not  
13 exceed fifteen percent of the amount deposited pursuant to  
14 this subdivision;

15 (2) Fifty percent of the sales taxes collected from  
16 each county shall be returned to the source county for park  
17 purposes, **which may include storm water management projects**

18 in such county that are confined to acquiring land for the  
19 sole purpose of building a park or greenway or for the  
20 deployment and augmentation of natural infrastructure or  
21 features that would otherwise add to or not take away from  
22 the benefits of the park to the community, except that forty  
23 percent of such fifty percent amount shall be reserved for  
24 distribution to municipalities within the county in the form  
25 of grant revenue-sharing funds. Each county in the district  
26 shall establish its own process for awarding the grant  
27 proceeds to its municipalities for park purposes provided  
28 the purposes of such grants are consistent with the purpose  
29 of the district. In the case of a county of the first  
30 classification with a charter form of government having a  
31 population of at least nine hundred thousand inhabitants,  
32 such grant proceeds shall be awarded to municipalities by a  
33 municipal grant commission as described in section 67.1757;  
34 in such county, notwithstanding other provisions to the  
35 contrary, the grant proceeds may be used to fund any  
36 recreation program or park improvement serving municipal  
37 residents and for such other purposes as set forth in  
38 section 67.1757.

39 2. The sales tax authorized under subsection 2 of  
40 section 67.1712 shall be collected and allocated as follows:

41 (1) Sixty percent of the sales taxes collected from  
42 all counties shall be deposited in a separate metropolitan  
43 park and recreational fund to be administered by the board  
44 of directors of the metropolitan district to pay costs  
45 associated with the administration, operation, and  
46 maintenance of public recreational facilities, parks, and  
47 public recreational grounds associated with the metropolitan  
48 district. Of this amount:

49           (a) For a period ending twenty years after the  
50 issuance of any bonds issued for the purpose of improving  
51 and maintaining the Gateway Arch grounds, but no later than  
52 twenty-three years after the effective date of the  
53 incremental sales tax as approved by voter initiative under  
54 subsection 2 of section 67.1715:

55           a. Fifty percent shall be apportioned to  
56 accessibility, safety, improvement, and maintenance of the  
57 Gateway Arch grounds; and

58           b. Fifty percent shall be apportioned to  
59 accessibility, safety, improvement, and maintenance of park  
60 projects other than the Gateway Arch grounds;

61           (b) After the period described in paragraph (a) of  
62 this subdivision:

63           a. Twenty percent shall be apportioned to  
64 accessibility, safety, improvement, and maintenance of the  
65 Gateway Arch grounds; and

66           b. Eighty percent shall be apportioned to  
67 accessibility, safety, improvement, and maintenance of park  
68 projects other than the Gateway Arch grounds;

69           (c) Costs for office administration beginning in the  
70 second fiscal year of collection and allocation may be up to  
71 but shall not exceed fifteen percent of the amount deposited  
72 under this subdivision;

73           (2) Forty percent of the sales taxes collected from  
74 each county shall be returned to the source county for park  
75 purposes, except that forty percent of the amount allocated  
76 to each source county shall be reserved for distribution to  
77 municipalities within the county in the form of grant-  
78 sharing funds. Each county in the metropolitan district  
79 shall establish its own process for awarding the grant  
80 proceeds to its municipalities for park purposes, provided

81 the purposes of such grants are consistent with the purpose  
82 of the metropolitan district. In the case of any county  
83 with a charter form of government and with more than nine  
84 hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, such grant proceeds  
85 shall be awarded to municipalities by a municipal grant  
86 commission as described in section 67.1757, and in such  
87 county, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
88 contrary, such grant proceeds may be used to fund any  
89 recreation program or park improvement serving municipal  
90 residents and for such other purposes as set forth in  
91 section 67.1757.

92 3. At a general election occurring not less than six  
93 months before the expiration of twenty years after issuance  
94 of any bonds issued for the purpose of improving and  
95 maintaining the Gateway Arch grounds, but no later than  
96 twenty-three years after the effective date of the  
97 incremental sales tax as approved by voter initiative under  
98 subsection 2 of section 67.1715, the governing body of any  
99 county within the metropolitan district whose voters  
100 approved such incremental tax shall submit to its voters a  
101 proposal to reauthorize such tax after the expiration of  
102 such period. The form of the question shall be determined  
103 by the metropolitan district. Such reauthorization shall  
104 become effective only after a majority of the voters of each  
105 such county who vote on such reauthorization approve the  
106 reauthorization.

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