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ANACT

To repeal sections 137.073, 137.115, 143.011, 143.031, 143.131, 143.175, and 143.177, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections relating to taxation.

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

Section A. Sections 137.073, 137.115, 143.011, 143.031,

- 2 143.131, 143.175, and 143.177, RSMo, are repealed and eight new
- 3 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
- 4 137.067, 137.073, 137.115, 143.011, 143.031, 143.131, 143.175,
- 5 and 143.512, to read as follows:

137.067. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to

- 2 the contrary, any ballot measure seeking approval to add,
- 3 change, or modify a tax on real property shall express the
- 4 effect of the proposed change within the ballot language in
- 5 terms of the change in real dollars owed per one hundred
- 6 thousand dollars of a property's market valuation.

137.073. 1. As used in this section, the following

- 2 terms mean:
- 3 (1) "General reassessment", changes in value, entered
- 4 in the assessor's books, of a substantial portion of the
- 5 parcels of real property within a county resulting wholly or
- 6 partly from reappraisal of value or other actions of the
- 7 assessor or county equalization body or ordered by the state
- 8 tax commission or any court;

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

9 (2) "Tax rate", "rate", or "rate of levy", singular or 10 plural, includes the tax rate for each purpose of taxation 11 of property a taxing authority is authorized to levy without 12 a vote and any tax rate authorized by election, including 13 bond interest and sinking fund;

- 14 "Tax rate ceiling", a tax rate as revised by the 15 taxing authority to comply with the provisions of this 16 section or when a court has determined the tax rate; except 17 that, other provisions of law to the contrary 18 notwithstanding, a school district may levy the operating levy for school purposes required for the current year 19 20 pursuant to subsection 2 of section 163.021, less all 21 adjustments required pursuant to Article X, Section 22 of 22 the Missouri Constitution, if such tax rate does not exceed 23 the highest tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980 tax 24 year. This is the maximum tax rate that may be levied, 25 unless a higher tax rate ceiling is approved by voters of 26 the political subdivision as provided in this section;
- 27 (4) "Tax revenue", when referring to the previous year, means the actual receipts from ad valorem levies on 28 29 all classes of property, including state-assessed property, 30 in the immediately preceding fiscal year of the political 31 subdivision, plus an allowance for taxes billed but not 32 collected in the fiscal year and plus an additional allowance for the revenue which would have been collected 33 34 from property which was annexed by such political 35 subdivision but which was not previously used in determining 36 tax revenue pursuant to this section. The term "tax 37 revenue" shall not include any receipts from ad valorem 38 levies on any property of a railroad corporation or a public 39 utility, as these terms are defined in section 386.020, 40 which were assessed by the assessor of a county or city in

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41 the previous year but are assessed by the state tax 42 commission in the current year. All school districts and 43 those counties levying sales taxes pursuant to chapter 67 shall include in the calculation of tax revenue an amount 44 45 equivalent to that by which they reduced property tax levies 46 as a result of sales tax pursuant to section 67.505 and 47 section 164.013 [or as excess home dock city or county fees as provided in subsection 4 of section 313.820] in the 48 49 immediately preceding fiscal year but not including any 50 amount calculated to adjust for prior years. For purposes 51 of political subdivisions which were authorized to levy a tax in the prior year but which did not levy such tax or 52 53 levied a reduced rate, the term "tax revenue", as used in relation to the revision of tax levies mandated by law, 54 55 shall mean the revenues equal to the amount that would have 56 been available if the voluntary rate reduction had not been 57 made. 58

(1) Whenever changes in assessed valuation are entered in the assessor's books for any personal property, 59 60 in the aggregate, or for any subclass of real property as 61 such subclasses are established in Section 4(b) of Article X 62 of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016, 63 the county clerk in all counties and the assessor of St. 64 Louis City shall notify each political subdivision wholly or partially within the county or St. Louis City of the change 65 66 in valuation of each subclass of real property, 67 individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, 68 exclusive of new construction and improvements. All 69 political subdivisions shall immediately revise the 70 applicable rates of levy for each purpose for each subclass 71 of real property, individually, and personal property, in 72 the aggregate, for which taxes are levied to the extent

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73 necessary to produce from all taxable property, exclusive of 74 new construction and improvements, substantially the same 75 amount of tax revenue as was produced in the previous year 76 for each subclass of real property, individually, and 77 personal property, in the aggregate, except that the rate 78 shall not exceed the greater of the most recent voter-79 approved rate or the most recent voter-approved rate as 80 adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this 81 section.

- (2) Any political subdivision that has received approval from voters for a tax increase after August 27, 2008, may levy a rate to collect substantially the same amount of tax revenue as the amount of revenue that would have been derived by applying the voter-approved increased tax rate ceiling to the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision as most recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before the date of the election in which such increase is approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law, except that the rate shall not exceed the greater of the most recent voter-approved rate or the most recent voterapproved rate as adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section. Such tax revenue shall not include any receipts from ad valorem levies on any real property which was assessed by the assessor of a county or city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property.
- (3) Where the taxing authority is a school district for the purposes of revising the applicable rates of levy for each subclass of real property, the tax revenues from state-assessed railroad and utility property shall be

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apportioned and attributed to each subclass of real property
based on the percentage of the total assessed valuation of
the county that each subclass of real property represents in
the current [taxable] tax year.

- (4) As provided in Section 22 of Article X of the constitution, a political subdivision may also revise each levy to allow for inflationary assessment growth occurring within the political subdivision. The inflationary growth factor for any such subclass of real property or personal property shall be limited to the actual assessment growth in such subclass or class, exclusive of new construction and improvements, and exclusive of the assessed value on any real property which was assessed by the assessor of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property, but not to exceed the [consumer price index or five percent, whichever is lower] lesser of:
- 121 (a) The consumer price index; or
- 122 (b) The following percentage:
- 123 a. For revisions under this subsection occurring 124 before January 1, 2027, five percent; or
- b. For revisions under this subsection occurring on orafter January 1, 2027, three percent.
- 127 (5) Should the tax revenue of a political subdivision 128 from the various tax rates determined in this subsection be different than the tax revenue that would have been 129 130 determined from a single tax rate as calculated pursuant to 131 the method of calculation in this subsection prior to 132 January 1, 2003, then the political subdivision shall revise 133 the tax rates of those subclasses of real property, 134 individually, and/or personal property, in the aggregate, in 135 which there is a tax rate reduction, pursuant to the

provisions of this subsection. Such revision shall yield an

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137 amount equal to such difference and shall be apportioned 138 among such subclasses of real property, individually, and/or 139 personal property, in the aggregate, based on the relative 140 assessed valuation of the class or subclasses of property 141 experiencing a tax rate reduction. Such revision in the tax 142 rates of each class or subclass shall be made by computing 143 the percentage of current year adjusted assessed valuation 144 of each class or subclass with a tax rate reduction to the 145 total current year adjusted assessed valuation of the class 146 or subclasses with a tax rate reduction, multiplying the 147 resulting percentages by the revenue difference between the 148 single rate calculation and the calculations pursuant to 149 this subsection and dividing by the respective adjusted 150 current year assessed valuation of each class or subclass to 151 determine the adjustment to the rate to be levied upon each 152 class or subclass of property. The adjustment computed 153 herein shall be multiplied by one hundred, rounded to four 154 decimals in the manner provided in this subsection, and 155 added to the initial rate computed for each class or 156 subclass of property.

on each subclass of real property and personal property in the aggregate, if voters approved a ballot before January 1, 2011, that presented separate stated tax rates to be applied to the different subclasses of real property and personal property in the aggregate, or increases the separate rates that may be levied on the different subclasses of real property and personal property and personal property in the aggregate by different amounts, the tax rate that shall be used for the single tax rate calculation shall be a blended rate, calculated in the manner provided under subdivision (1) of subsection 6 of this section.

(7) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection
to the contrary, no revision to the rate of levy for
personal property shall cause such levy to increase over the
levy for personal property from the prior year.

- 173 3. (1) Where the taxing authority is a school 174 district, it shall be required to revise the rates of levy 175 to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable 176 property, including state-assessed railroad and utility 177 property, which shall be separately estimated in addition to 178 other data required in complying with section 164.011, 179 substantially the amount of tax revenue permitted in this 180 section. In the year following tax rate reduction, the tax 181 rate ceiling may be adjusted to offset such district's 182 reduction in the apportionment of state school moneys due to 183 its reduced tax rate. However, in the event any school 184 district, in calculating a tax rate ceiling pursuant to this 185 section, requiring the estimating of effects of state-186 assessed railroad and utility valuation or loss of state 187 aid, discovers that the estimates used result in receipt of excess revenues, which would have required a lower rate if 188 189 the actual information had been known, the school district shall reduce the tax rate ceiling in the following year to 190 191 compensate for the excess receipts, and the recalculated 192 rate shall become the tax rate ceiling for purposes of this 193 section.
- 194 (2) For any political subdivision which experiences a 195 reduction in the amount of assessed valuation relating to a 196 prior year, due to decisions of the state tax commission or 197 a court pursuant to sections 138.430 to 138.433, or due to 198 clerical errors or corrections in the calculation or 199 recordation of any assessed valuation:

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(a) Such political subdivision may revise the tax rate ceiling for each purpose it levies taxes to compensate for the reduction in assessed value occurring after the political subdivision calculated the tax rate ceiling for the particular subclass of real property or for personal property, in the aggregate, in a prior year. Such revision by the political subdivision shall be made at the time of the next calculation of the tax rate for the particular subclass of real property or for personal property, in the aggregate, after the reduction in assessed valuation has been determined and shall be calculated in a manner that results in the revised tax rate ceiling being the same as it would have been had the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation;

- (b) In addition, for up to three years following the determination of the reduction in assessed valuation as a result of circumstances defined in this subdivision, such political subdivision may levy a tax rate for each purpose it levies taxes above the revised tax rate ceiling provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision to recoup any revenues it was entitled to receive had the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation.
- 4. (1) In order to implement the provisions of this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, the term improvements shall apply to both real and personal property. In order to determine the value of new construction and improvements, each county assessor shall maintain a record of real property valuations in such a manner as to identify each year the increase in valuation for each political subdivision in the county as a result of new construction and improvements. The value of new

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232 construction and improvements shall include the additional 233 assessed value of all improvements or additions to real 234 property which were begun after and were not part of the 235 prior year's assessment, except that the additional assessed 236 value of all improvements or additions to real property 237 which had been totally or partially exempt from ad valorem 238 taxes pursuant to sections 99.800 to 99.865, sections 239 135.200 to 135.255, and section 353.110 shall be included in 240 the value of new construction and improvements when the 241 property becomes totally or partially subject to assessment 242 and payment of all ad valorem taxes. The aggregate increase 243 in valuation of personal property for the current year over 244 that of the previous year is the equivalent of the new 245 construction and improvements factor for personal property. 246 Beginning January 1, 2027, any increase in the aggregate 247 valuation of personal property for the current year over 248 that of the previous year shall not be counted as new 249 construction. Notwithstanding any opt-out implemented 250 pursuant to subsection 14 of section 137.115, the assessor 251 shall certify the amount of new construction and 252 improvements and the amount of assessed value on any real 253 property which was assessed by the assessor of a county or 254 city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor 255 of a county or city in the current year in a different 256 subclass of real property separately for each of the three 257 subclasses of real property for each political subdivision 258 to the county clerk in order that political subdivisions 259 shall have this information for the purpose of calculating 260 tax rates pursuant to this section and Section 22, Article 261 X, Constitution of Missouri. In addition, the state tax 262 commission shall certify each year to each county clerk the 263 increase in the general price level as measured by the

264 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United 265 States, or its successor publications, as defined and 266 officially reported by the United States Department of 267 Labor, or its successor agency. The state tax commission 268 shall certify the increase in such index on the latest 269 twelve-month basis available on February first of each year 270 over the immediately preceding prior twelve-month period in 271 order that political subdivisions shall have this 272 information available in setting their tax rates according 273 to law and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of 274 Missouri. For purposes of implementing the provisions of 275 this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Missouri 276 Constitution, the term "property" means all taxable 277 property, including state-assessed property.

278 (2) Each political subdivision required to revise 279 rates of levy pursuant to this section or Section 22 of 280 Article X of the Constitution of Missouri shall calculate 281 each tax rate it is authorized to levy and, in establishing 282 each tax rate, shall consider each provision for tax rate 283 revision provided in this section and Section 22 of Article 284 X of the Constitution of Missouri, separately and without 285 regard to annual tax rate reductions provided in section 286 67.505 and section 164.013. Each political subdivision 287 shall set each tax rate it is authorized to levy using the 288 calculation that produces the lowest tax rate ceiling. 289 is further the intent of the general assembly, pursuant to 290 the authority of Section 10(c) of Article X of the 291 Constitution of Missouri, that the provisions of such 292 section be applicable to tax rate revisions mandated 293 pursuant to Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of 294 Missouri as to reestablishing tax rates as revised in 295 subsequent years, enforcement provisions, and other

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provisions not in conflict with Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri. Annual tax rate reductions provided in section 67.505 and section 164.013 shall be applied to the tax rate as established pursuant to this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, unless otherwise provided by law.

- 5. (1) In all political subdivisions, the tax rate ceiling established pursuant to this section shall not be increased unless approved by a vote of the people. Approval of the higher tax rate shall be by at least a majority of votes cast. When a proposed higher tax rate requires approval by more than a simple majority pursuant to any provision of law or the constitution, the tax rate increase must receive approval by at least the majority required.
- 310 (2) When voters approve an increase in the tax rate, 311 the amount of the increase shall be added to the tax rate 312 ceiling as calculated pursuant to this section to the extent 313 the total rate does not exceed any maximum rate prescribed 314 by law. If a ballot question presents a stated tax rate for approval rather than describing the amount of increase in 315 316 the question, the stated tax rate approved shall be adjusted 317 as provided in this section and, so adjusted, shall be the current tax rate ceiling. The increased tax rate ceiling as 318 319 approved shall be adjusted such that when applied to the 320 current total assessed valuation of the political 321 subdivision, excluding new construction and improvements 322 since the date of the election approving such increase, the 323 revenue derived from the adjusted tax rate ceiling is equal 324 to the sum of: the amount of revenue which would have been 325 derived by applying the voter-approved increased tax rate 326 ceiling to total assessed valuation of the political 327 subdivision, as most recently certified by the city or

328 county clerk on or before the date of the election in which 329 such increase is approved, increased by the percentage 330 increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law. 331 Such adjusted tax rate ceiling may be applied to the total 332 assessed valuation of the political subdivision at the 333 setting of the next tax rate. If a ballot question presents 334 a phased-in tax rate increase, upon voter approval, each tax 335 rate increase shall be adjusted in the manner prescribed in 336 this section to yield the sum of: the amount of revenue that would be derived by applying such voter-approved 337 338 increased rate to the total assessed valuation, as most 339 recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before 340 the date of the election in which such increase was 341 approved, increased by the percentage increase in the 342 consumer price index, as provided by law, from the date of 343 the election to the time of such increase and, so adjusted, 344 shall be the current tax rate ceiling.

- 345 The governing body of any political subdivision 346 may levy a tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling and may, 347 in a nonreassessment year, increase that lowered tax rate to 348 a level not exceeding the tax rate ceiling without voter 349 approval in the manner provided under subdivision (4) of 350 this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed 351 as prohibiting a political subdivision from voluntarily 352 levying a tax rate lower than that which is required under 353 the provisions of this section or from seeking voter 354 approval of a reduction to such political subdivision's tax 355 rate ceiling.
- 356 (4) In a year of general reassessment, a governing 357 body whose tax rate is lower than its tax rate ceiling shall 358 revise its tax rate pursuant to the provisions of subsection 359 4 of this section as if its tax rate was at the tax rate

360 ceiling. In a year following general reassessment, if such 361 governing body intends to increase its tax rate, the 362 governing body shall conduct a public hearing, and in a 363 public meeting it shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or 364 policy statement justifying its action prior to setting and 365 certifying its tax rate. The provisions of this subdivision 366 shall not apply to any political subdivision which levies a 367 tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling solely due to a 368 reduction required by law resulting from sales tax 369 collections. The provisions of this subdivision shall not 370 apply to any political subdivision which has received voter 371 approval for an increase to its tax rate ceiling subsequent 372 to setting its most recent tax rate.

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373 (1) For the purposes of calculating state aid for 374 public schools pursuant to section 163.031, each taxing 375 authority which is a school district shall determine its 376 proposed tax rate as a blended rate of the classes or 377 subclasses of property. Such blended rate shall be 378 calculated by first determining the total tax revenue of the 379 property within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority, 380 which amount shall be equal to the sum of the products of 381 multiplying the assessed valuation of each class and 382 subclass of property by the corresponding tax rate for such 383 class or subclass, then dividing the total tax revenue by 384 the total assessed valuation of the same jurisdiction, and 385 then multiplying the resulting quotient by a factor of one 386 hundred. Where the taxing authority is a school district, 387 such blended rate shall also be used by such school district 388 for calculating revenue from state-assessed railroad and 389 utility property as defined in chapter 151 and for 390 apportioning the tax rate by purpose.

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391 (2) Each taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate 392 in any year shall notify the clerk of the county commission in the county or counties where the tax rate applies of its 393 394 tax rate ceiling and its proposed tax rate. Each taxing 395 authority shall express its proposed tax rate in a fraction 396 equal to the nearest one-tenth of a cent, unless its 397 proposed tax rate is in excess of one dollar, then one/one-398 hundredth of a cent. If a taxing authority shall round to 399 one/one-hundredth of a cent, it shall round up a fraction 400 greater than or equal to five/one-thousandth of one cent to 401 the next higher one/one-hundredth of a cent; if a taxing 402 authority shall round to one-tenth of a cent, it shall round 403 up a fraction greater than or equal to five/one-hundredths 404 of a cent to the next higher one-tenth of a cent. Any 405 taxing authority levying a property tax rate shall provide 406 data, in such form as shall be prescribed by the state 407 auditor by rule, substantiating such tax rate complies with 408 Missouri law. All forms for the calculation of rates 409 pursuant to this section shall be promulgated as a rule and 410 shall not be incorporated by reference. The state auditor 411 shall promulgate rules for any and all forms for the 412 calculation of rates pursuant to this section which do not 413 currently exist in rule form or that have been incorporated 414 by reference. In addition, each taxing authority proposing 415 to levy a tax rate for debt service shall provide data, in 416 such form as shall be prescribed by the state auditor by 417 rule, substantiating the tax rate for debt service complies 418 with Missouri law. A tax rate proposed for annual debt 419 service requirements will be prima facie valid if, after 420 making the payment for which the tax was levied, bonds 421 remain outstanding and the debt fund reserves do not exceed 422 the following year's payments. The county clerk shall keep

423 on file and available for public inspection all such 424 information for a period of three years. The clerk shall, 425 within three days of receipt, forward a copy of the notice 426 of a taxing authority's tax rate ceiling and proposed tax 427 rate and any substantiating data to the state auditor. The 428 state auditor shall, within fifteen days of the date of 429 receipt, examine such information and return to the county 430 clerk his or her findings as to compliance of the tax rate 431 ceiling with this section and as to compliance of any proposed tax rate for debt service with Missouri law. 432 Τf 433 the state auditor believes that a taxing authority's 434 proposed tax rate does not comply with Missouri law, then 435 the state auditor's findings shall include a recalculated tax rate, and the state auditor may request a taxing 436 437 authority to submit documentation supporting such taxing 438 authority's proposed tax rate. The county clerk shall 439 immediately forward a copy of the auditor's findings to the 440 taxing authority and shall file a copy of the findings with 441 the information received from the taxing authority. The 442 taxing authority shall have fifteen days from the date of 443 receipt from the county clerk of the state auditor's 444 findings and any request for supporting documentation to 445 accept or reject in writing the rate change certified by the 446 state auditor and to submit all requested information to the 447 state auditor. A copy of the taxing authority's acceptance 448 or rejection and any information submitted to the state 449 auditor shall also be mailed to the county clerk. If a 450 taxing authority rejects a rate change certified by the 451 state auditor and the state auditor does not receive supporting information which justifies the taxing 452 453 authority's original or any subsequent proposed tax rate, 454 then the state auditor shall refer the perceived violations

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of such taxing authority to the attorney general's office
and the attorney general is authorized to obtain injunctive
relief to prevent the taxing authority from levying a
violative tax rate.

- (3) In the event that the taxing authority incorrectly completes the forms created and promulgated under subdivision (2) of this subsection, or makes a clerical error, the taxing authority may submit amended forms with an explanation for the needed changes. If such amended forms are filed under regulations prescribed by the state auditor, the state auditor shall take into consideration such amended forms for the purposes of this subsection.
 - 7. No tax rate shall be extended on the tax rolls by the county clerk unless the political subdivision has complied with the foregoing provisions of this section.
- 470 8. Whenever a taxpayer has cause to believe that a 471 taxing authority has not complied with the provisions of 472 this section, the taxpayer may make a formal complaint with 473 the prosecuting attorney of the county. Where the 474 prosecuting attorney fails to bring an action within ten 475 days of the filing of the complaint, the taxpayer may bring a civil action pursuant to this section and institute an 476 477 action as representative of a class of all taxpayers within 478 a taxing authority if the class is so numerous that joinder 479 of all members is impracticable, if there are questions of 480 law or fact common to the class, if the claims or defenses 481 of the representative parties are typical of the claims or 482 defenses of the class, and if the representative parties 483 will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the 484 class. In any class action maintained pursuant to this 485 section, the court may direct to the members of the class a 486 notice to be published at least once each week for four

487 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation 488 published in the county where the civil action is commenced 489 and in other counties within the jurisdiction of a taxing 490 authority. The notice shall advise each member that the 491 court will exclude him or her from the class if he or she so 492 requests by a specified date, that the judgment, whether 493 favorable or not, will include all members who do not 494 request exclusion, and that any member who does not request 495 exclusion may, if he or she desires, enter an appearance. In any class action brought pursuant to this section, the 496 497 court, in addition to the relief requested, shall assess 498 against the taxing authority found to be in violation of 499 this section the reasonable costs of bringing the action, 500 including reasonable attorney's fees, provided no attorney's 501 fees shall be awarded any attorney or association of 502 attorneys who receive public funds from any source for their 503 services. Any action brought pursuant to this section shall 504 be set for hearing as soon as practicable after the cause is 505 at issue.

506 9. If in any action, including a class action, the 507 court issues an order requiring a taxing authority to revise 508 the tax rates as provided in this section or enjoins a 509 taxing authority from the collection of a tax because of its 510 failure to revise the rate of levy as provided in this 511 section, any taxpayer paying his or her taxes when an 512 improper rate is applied has erroneously paid his or her 513 taxes in part, whether or not the taxes are paid under 514 protest as provided in section 139.031 or otherwise 515 contested. The part of the taxes paid erroneously is the 516 difference in the amount produced by the original levy and 517 the amount produced by the revised levy. The township or 518 county collector of taxes or the collector of taxes in any

519 city shall refund the amount of the tax erroneously paid.

520 The taxing authority refusing to revise the rate of levy as

- 521 provided in this section shall make available to the
- 522 collector all funds necessary to make refunds pursuant to
- 523 this subsection. No taxpayer shall receive any interest on
- any money erroneously paid by him or her pursuant to this
- 525 subsection. Effective in the 1994 tax year, nothing in this
- 526 section shall be construed to require a taxing authority to
- 527 refund any tax erroneously paid prior to or during the third
- 528 tax year preceding the current tax year.
- 529 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
- 530 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
- authority delegated in this section shall become effective
- 532 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
- 533 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
- 534 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
- if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
- pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
- 537 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
- 538 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
- authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
- 540 2004, shall be invalid and void.
 - 137.115. 1. All other laws to the contrary
 - 2 notwithstanding, the assessor or the assessor's deputies in
 - 3 all counties of this state including the City of St. Louis
 - 4 shall annually make a list of all real and tangible personal
 - 5 property taxable in the assessor's city, county, town or
 - 6 district. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of
 - 7 this section and section 137.078, for all calendar years
 - 8 ending on or before December 31, 2026, the assessor shall
 - 9 annually assess all personal property at thirty-three and
 - 10 one-third percent of its true value in money as of January

first of each calendar year. Except as otherwise provided 11 12 in subsection 3 of this section and section 137.078, for all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, the 13 assessor shall annually assess all personal property at 14 15 thirty-two percent of its true value in money as of January 16 first of each calendar year. The assessor shall annually 17 assess all real property, including any new construction and 18 improvements to real property, and possessory interests in 19 real property at the percent of its true value in money set in subsection 5 of this section. The true value in money of 20 21 any possessory interest in real property in subclass (3), 22 where such real property is on or lies within the ultimate 23 airport boundary as shown by a federal airport layout plan, as defined by 14 CFR 151.5, of a commercial airport having a 24 25 FAR Part 139 certification and owned by a political 26 subdivision, shall be the otherwise applicable true value in 27 money of any such possessory interest in real property, less 28 the total dollar amount of costs paid by a party, other than 29 the political subdivision, towards any new construction or 30 improvements on such real property completed after January 31 1, 2008, and which are included in the above-mentioned 32 possessory interest, regardless of the year in which such 33 costs were incurred or whether such costs were considered in 34 any prior year. The assessor shall annually assess all real 35 property in the following manner: new assessed values shall 36 be determined as of January first of each odd-numbered year 37 and shall be entered in the assessor's books; those same 38 assessed values shall apply in the following even-numbered 39 year, except for new construction and property improvements 40 which shall be valued as though they had been completed as 41 of January first of the preceding odd-numbered year. The 42 assessor may call at the office, place of doing business, or

43 residence of each person required by this chapter to list 44 property, and require the person to make a correct statement 45 of all taxable tangible personal property owned by the 46 person or under his or her care, charge or management, 47 taxable in the county. On or before January first of each 48 even-numbered year, the assessor shall prepare and submit a 49 two-year assessment maintenance plan to the county governing 50 body and the state tax commission for their respective 51 approval or modification. The county governing body shall approve and forward such plan or its alternative to the plan 52 to the state tax commission by February first. If the 53 county governing body fails to forward the plan or its 54 55 alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by February first, the assessor's plan shall be considered 56 57 approved by the county governing body. If the state tax commission fails to approve a plan and if the state tax 58 59 commission and the assessor and the governing body of the 60 county involved are unable to resolve the differences, in 61 order to receive state cost-share funds outlined in section 62 137.750, the county or the assessor shall petition the administrative hearing commission, by May first, to decide 63 64 all matters in dispute regarding the assessment maintenance 65 plan. Upon agreement of the parties, the matter may be 66 stayed while the parties proceed with mediation or 67 arbitration upon terms agreed to by the parties. The final 68 decision of the administrative hearing commission shall be 69 subject to judicial review in the circuit court of the 70 county involved. In the event a valuation of subclass (1) 71 real property within any county with a charter form of 72 government, or within a city not within a county, is made by 73 a computer, computer-assisted method or a computer program, 74 the burden of proof, supported by clear, convincing and

75 cogent evidence to sustain such valuation, shall be on the

- 76 assessor at any hearing or appeal. In any such county,
- 77 unless the assessor proves otherwise, there shall be a
- 78 presumption that the assessment was made by a computer,
- 79 computer-assisted method or a computer program. Such
- 80 evidence shall include, but shall not be limited to, the
- 81 following:
- 82 (1) The findings of the assessor based on an appraisal
- 83 of the property by generally accepted appraisal techniques;
- **84** and
- 85 (2) The purchase prices from sales of at least three
- 86 comparable properties and the address or location thereof.
- 87 As used in this subdivision, the word "comparable" means
- 88 that:
- 89 (a) Such sale was closed at a date relevant to the
- 90 property valuation; and
- 91 (b) Such properties are not more than one mile from
- 92 the site of the disputed property, except where no similar
- 93 properties exist within one mile of the disputed property,
- 94 the nearest comparable property shall be used. Such
- 95 property shall be within five hundred square feet in size of
- 96 the disputed property, and resemble the disputed property in
- 97 age, floor plan, number of rooms, and other relevant
- 98 characteristics.
- 99 2. Assessors in each county of this state and the City
- 100 of St. Louis may send personal property assessment forms
- 101 through the mail.
- 102 3. The following items of personal property shall each
- 103 constitute separate subclasses of tangible personal property
- 104 and shall be assessed and valued for the purposes of
- 105 taxation at the following percentages of their true value in
- money:

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(1) Grain and other agricultural crops in anunmanufactured condition, one-half of one percent;

- (2) Livestock, twelve percent;
- 110 (3) Farm machinery, twelve percent;
- 111 (4) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration
 112 as and are registered as historic motor vehicles pursuant to
 113 section 301.131 and aircraft which are at least twenty-five
 114 years old and which are used solely for noncommercial
 115 purposes and are operated less than two hundred hours per
 116 year or aircraft that are home built from a kit, five
 117 percent;
- 118 (5) Poultry, twelve percent;
- 119 (6) Tools and equipment used for pollution control and
 120 tools and equipment used in retooling for the purpose of
 121 introducing new product lines or used for making
 122 improvements to existing products by any company which is
 123 located in a state enterprise zone and which is identified
 124 by any standard industrial classification number cited in
 125 subdivision (7) of section 135.200, twenty-five percent; and
 - (7) Solar panels, racking systems, inverters, and related solar equipment, components, materials, and supplies installed in connection with solar photovoltaic energy systems, as described in subdivision (46) of subsection 2 of section 144.030, that were constructed and producing solar energy prior to August 9, 2022, five percent.
- 4. The person listing the property shall enter a true and correct statement of the property, in a printed blank prepared for that purpose. The statement, after being filled out, shall be signed and either affirmed or sworn to as provided in section 137.155. The list shall then be delivered to the assessor.

- 138 5. (1) All subclasses of real property, as such
 139 subclasses are established in Section 4(b) of Article X of
 140 the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016,
 141 shall be assessed at the following percentages of true value:
- 144 (b) For real property in subclass (2), twelve percent;
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- 146 (c) For real property in subclass (3), thirty-two
 147 percent.
- 148 (2) A taxpayer may apply to the county assessor, or, if not located within a county, then the assessor of such 149 150 city, for the reclassification of such taxpayer's real property if the use or purpose of such real property is 151 152 changed after such property is assessed under the provisions 153 of this chapter. If the assessor determines that such 154 property shall be reclassified, he or she shall determine 155 the assessment under this subsection based on the percentage 156 of the tax year that such property was classified in each 157 subclassification.
- 158 6. Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, 159 which are actually used as dwelling units shall be assessed 160 at the same percentage of true value as residential real 161 property for the purpose of taxation. The percentage of 162 assessment of true value for such manufactured homes shall 163 be the same as for residential real property. If the county 164 collector cannot identify or find the manufactured home when 165 attempting to attach the manufactured home for payment of 166 taxes owed by the manufactured home owner, the county 167 collector may request the county commission to have the 168 manufactured home removed from the tax books, and such 169 request shall be granted within thirty days after the

170 request is made; however, the removal from the tax books

171 does not remove the tax lien on the manufactured home if it

- 172 is later identified or found. For purposes of this section,
- 173 a manufactured home located in a manufactured home rental
- 174 park, rental community or on real estate not owned by the
- 175 manufactured home owner shall be considered personal
- 176 property. For purposes of this section, a manufactured home
- 177 located on real estate owned by the manufactured home owner
- 178 may be considered real property.
- 179 7. Each manufactured home assessed shall be considered
- 180 a parcel for the purpose of reimbursement pursuant to
- 181 section 137.750, unless the manufactured home is deemed to
- 182 be real estate as defined in subsection 7 of section 442.015
- 183 and assessed as a realty improvement to the existing real
- 184 estate parcel.
- 185 8. Any amount of tax due and owing based on the
- 186 assessment of a manufactured home shall be included on the
- 187 personal property tax statement of the manufactured home
- 188 owner unless the manufactured home is deemed to be real
- 189 estate as defined in subsection 7 of section 442.015, in
- 190 which case the amount of tax due and owing on the assessment
- 191 of the manufactured home as a realty improvement to the
- 192 existing real estate parcel shall be included on the real
- 193 property tax statement of the real estate owner.
- 194 9. The assessor of each county and each city not
- 195 within a county shall use a nationally recognized automotive
- 196 trade publication such as the National Automobile Dealers'
- 197 Association Official Used Car Guide, Kelley Blue Book,
- 198 Edmunds, or other similar publication as the recommended
- 199 guide of information for determining the true value of motor
- 200 vehicles described in such publication. The state tax
- 201 commission shall select and make available to all assessors

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202 which publication shall be used. The assessor of each 203 county and each city not within a county shall use the trade-204 in value published in the current October issue of the 205 publication selected by the state tax commission. The 206 assessor shall not use a value that is greater than the 207 average trade-in value in determining the true value of the 208 motor vehicle without performing a physical inspection of 209 the motor vehicle. For vehicles two years old or newer from 210 a vehicle's model year, the assessor may use a value other than average without performing a physical inspection of the 211 212 motor vehicle. In the absence of a listing for a particular 213 motor vehicle in such publication, the assessor shall use 214 such information or publications that, in the assessor's 215 judgment, will fairly estimate the true value in money of the motor vehicle. For motor vehicles with a true value of 216 217 less than fifty thousand dollars as of January 1, 2025, the 218 assessor shall not assess such motor vehicle for an amount 219 greater than such motor vehicle was assessed in the previous 220 year, provided that such motor vehicle was properly assessed 221 in the previous year. 222

- 10. Before the assessor may increase the assessed valuation of any parcel of subclass (1) real property by more than fifteen percent since the last assessment, excluding increases due to new construction or improvements, the assessor shall conduct a physical inspection of such property.
- 228 11. If a physical inspection is required, pursuant to
 229 subsection 10 of this section, the assessor shall notify the
 230 property owner of that fact in writing and shall provide the
 231 owner clear written notice of the owner's rights relating to
 232 the physical inspection. If a physical inspection is
 233 required, the property owner may request that an interior

inspection be performed during the physical inspection. The owner shall have no less than thirty days to notify the assessor of a request for an interior physical inspection.

- 12. A physical inspection, as required by subsection 10 of this section, shall include, but not be limited to, an on-site personal observation and review of all exterior portions of the land and any buildings and improvements to which the inspector has or may reasonably and lawfully gain external access, and shall include an observation and review of the interior of any buildings or improvements on the property upon the timely request of the owner pursuant to subsection 11 of this section. Mere observation of the property via a drive-by inspection or the like shall not be considered sufficient to constitute a physical inspection as required by this section.
- 13. A county or city collector may accept credit cards as proper form of payment of outstanding property tax or license due. No county or city collector may charge surcharge for payment by credit card which exceeds the fee or surcharge charged by the credit card bank, processor, or issuer for its service. A county or city collector may accept payment by electronic transfers of funds in payment of any tax or license and charge the person making such payment a fee equal to the fee charged the county by the bank, processor, or issuer of such electronic payment.
 - 14. Any county or city not within a county in this state may, by an affirmative vote of the governing body of such county, opt out of the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate

266 committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second 267 general assembly, second regular session, for the next year of the general reassessment, prior to January first of any 268 269 year. No county or city not within a county shall exercise 270 this opt-out provision after implementing the provisions of 271 this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as 272 enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general 273 assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as 274 modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute 275 for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, 276 ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, in a 277 year of general reassessment. For the purposes of applying 278 the provisions of this subsection, a political subdivision 279 contained within two or more counties where at least one of 280 such counties has opted out and at least one of such 281 counties has not opted out shall calculate a single tax rate 282 as in effect prior to the enactment of house bill no. 1150 283 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular 284 session. A governing body of a city not within a county or a county that has opted out under the provisions of this 285 subsection may choose to implement the provisions of this 286 287 section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as 288 enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general 289 assembly, second regular session, and section 137.073 as 290 modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute 291 for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, 292 ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, for 293 the next year of general reassessment, by an affirmative 294 vote of the governing body prior to December thirty-first of 295 any year. 296

15. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more than twenty-six thousand three

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298 hundred but fewer than twenty-six thousand seven hundred 299 inhabitants located in any county that has exercised its 300 authority to opt out under subsection 14 of this section may 301 levy separate and differing tax rates for real and personal 302 property only if such city bills and collects its own 303 property taxes or satisfies the entire cost of the billing 304 and collection of such separate and differing tax rates. 305 Such separate and differing rates shall not exceed such 306 city's tax rate ceiling.

16. Any portion of real property that is available as reserve for strip, surface, or coal mining for minerals for purposes of excavation for future use or sale to others that has not been bonded and permitted under chapter 444 shall be assessed based upon how the real property is currently being used. Any information provided to a county assessor, state tax commission, state agency, or political subdivision responsible for the administration of tax policies shall, in the performance of its duties, make available all books, records, and information requested, except such books, records, and information as are by law declared confidential in nature, including individually identifiable information regarding a specific taxpayer or taxpayer's mine property. For purposes of this subsection, "mine property" shall mean all real property that is in use or readily available as a reserve for strip, surface, or coal mining for minerals for purposes of excavation for current or future use or sale to others that has been bonded and permitted under chapter 444.

143.011. 1. For all tax years beginning on or before

- 2 December 31, 2026, a tax is hereby imposed for every
- 3 [taxable] tax year on the Missouri taxable income of every
- 4 resident. The tax shall be determined by applying the tax

5 table or the rate provided in section 143.021, which is

6 based upon the following rates:

| 7 8 | If the Missouri taxable income is: | The tax is: |
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| 9 10 | Not over \$1,000.00 | 1 1/2% of the Missouri taxable income |
| 11 12 | Over \$1,000 but not over \$2,000 | \$15 plus 2% of excess over \$1,000 |
| 13 14 | Over \$2,000 but not over \$3,000 | \$35 plus 2 1/2% of excess over \$2,000 |
| 15 16 | Over \$3,000 but not over \$4,000 | \$60 plus 3% of excess over \$3,000 |
| 17 18 | Over \$4,000 but not over \$5,000 | \$90 plus 3 1/2% of excess over \$4,000 |
| 19 20 | Over \$5,000 but not over \$6,000 | \$125 plus 4% of excess over \$5,000 |
| 21 22 | Over \$6,000 but not over \$7,000 | \$165 plus 4 1/2% of excess over \$6,000 |
| 23 24 | Over \$7,000 but not over \$8,000 | \$210 plus 5% of excess over \$7,000 |
| 25 26 | Over \$8,000 but not over \$9,000 | \$260 plus 5 1/2% of excess over \$8,000 |
| 27 28 | Over \$9,000 | \$315 plus 6% of excess over \$9,000 |

2. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1
30 of this section to the contrary, beginning with the 2023
31 calendar year, but ending on or before December 31, 2026,
32 the top rate of tax pursuant to subsection 1 of this section
33 shall be four and ninety-five hundredths percent.

34 (2) The modification of tax rates made pursuant to 35 this subsection shall apply only to tax years that begin on 36 or after January 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2027.

- 37 (3) The director of the department of revenue shall, 38 by rule, adjust the tax table provided in subsection 1 of 39 this section to effectuate the provisions of this 40 subsection. The top remaining rate of tax shall apply to 41 all income in excess of seven thousand dollars, as adjusted 42 pursuant to subsection 5 of this section.
 - 3. (1) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, a tax is hereby imposed for every tax year on the Missouri taxable income of every resident of this state at a rate of four and seven-tenths percent, or the top rate of tax as in effect on January 1, 2027, whichever is less. The tax shall be determined by the application of the income provisions provided under section 143.021.
 - (2) Any modification of the tax rate under this subsection shall apply only to tax years that begin on or after a modification takes effect.
 - (3) The department of revenue shall, by rule and by posting on the department's website, adjust the appropriate tax rate to effectuate the provisions of this subsection.
 - 4. (1) In addition to the rate [reduction]
 established under [subsection] subsections 2 and 3 of this
 section, beginning with the [2024] 2027 calendar year, the
 [top] rate of tax under subsection [1] 3 of this section may
 be reduced by [fifteen hundredths] one-tenth of [a] one
 percent. No more than ten reductions shall be made under
 this subsection. A reduction in the rate of tax shall take
 effect on January first of a calendar year and such reduced
 rates shall continue in effect until the next reduction
 occurs.

- (2) A reduction in the rate of tax shall only occur if the amount of net general revenue collected in the previous fiscal year exceeds the highest amount of net general revenue collected in any of the three fiscal years prior to such fiscal year by at least one hundred seventy-five million dollars.
- 72 (3) Any modification of tax rates under this
 73 subsection shall only apply to tax years that begin on or
 74 after a modification takes effect.
- 75 (4) The director of the department of revenue shall,
 76 by rule, adjust the tax [tables] rate under subsection [1] 3
 77 of this section to effectuate the provisions of this
 78 subsection.
- 79 [4.] 5. (1) In addition to the rate reductions under 80 subsections 2, 3, and [3] 4 of this section, beginning with 81 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in 82 which a reduction is made pursuant to subsection [3] 4 of 83 this section, the top rate of tax under subsection 1 of this section may be further reduced over a period of years. Each 84 85 reduction in the top rate of tax shall be by one-tenth of a percent and no more than one reduction shall occur in a 86 87 calendar year. No more than three reductions shall be made 88 under this subsection. Reductions in the rate of tax shall 89 take effect on January first of a calendar year and such reduced rates shall continue in effect until the next 90 91 reduction occurs.
- 92 (2) (a) A reduction in the rate of tax shall only occur if:
- a. The amount of net general revenue collected in the previous fiscal year exceeds the highest amount of net general revenue collected in any of the three fiscal years

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97 prior to such fiscal year by at least two hundred million 98 dollars; and

- b. The amount of net general revenue collected in the
 previous fiscal year exceeds the amount of net general
 revenue collected in the fiscal year five years prior,
 adjusted annually by the percentage increase in inflation
 over the preceding five fiscal years.
- 104 (b) The amount of net general revenue collected
 105 required by subparagraph a. of paragraph (a) of this
 106 subdivision in order to make a reduction pursuant to this
 107 subsection shall be adjusted annually by the percent
 108 increase in inflation beginning with January 2, 2023.
 - (3) Any modification of tax rates under this subsection shall only apply to tax years that begin on or after a modification takes effect.
- 112 (4) The director of the department of revenue shall, 113 by rule, adjust the tax tables under subsection 1 of this 114 section to effectuate the provisions of this subsection. 115 The bracket for income subject to the top rate of tax shall be eliminated once the top rate of tax has been reduced 116 117 below the rate applicable to such bracket, and the top 118 remaining rate of tax shall apply to all income in excess of 119 the income in the second highest remaining income bracket.
 - [5.] 6. Beginning with the 2017 calendar year, and ending on or before December 31, 2026, the brackets of Missouri taxable income identified in subsection 1 of this section shall be adjusted annually by the percent increase in inflation. The director shall publish such brackets annually beginning on or after October 1, 2016.

 Modifications to the brackets shall take effect on January first of each calendar year and shall apply to tax years beginning on or after the effective date of the new brackets.

129 [6.] 7. As used in this section, the following terms

- 130 mean:
- 131 (1) "CPI", the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
- 132 Consumers for the United States as reported by the Bureau of
- 133 Labor Statistics, or its successor index;
- 134 (2) "CPI for the preceding calendar year", the average
- of the CPI as of the close of the twelve-month period ending
- 136 on August thirty-first of such calendar year;
- 137 (3) "Net general revenue collected", all revenue
- 138 deposited into the general revenue fund, less refunds and
- 139 revenues originally deposited into the general revenue fund
- 140 but designated by law for a specific distribution or
- 141 transfer to another state fund;
- 142 (4) "Percent increase in inflation", the percentage,
- 143 if any, by which the CPI for the preceding calendar year
- 144 exceeds the CPI for the year beginning September 1, 2014,
- 145 and ending August 31, 2015.
 - 143.031. 1. A husband and wife who file a joint
 - 2 federal income tax return shall file a combined return. A
 - 3 husband and wife who do not file a joint federal income tax
 - 4 return shall not file a combined return.
 - 5 2. The Missouri combined taxable income on a combined
 - 6 return shall include all of the income and deductions of the
 - 7 husband and wife. For all tax years ending on or before
 - 8 December 31, 2026, the Missouri taxable income of each
 - 9 spouse shall be an amount that is the same proportion of
 - 10 their Missouri combined taxable income as the Missouri
 - 11 adjusted gross income of that spouse bears to their Missouri
- 12 combined adjusted gross income. For all tax years beginning
- on or after January 1, 2027, there shall be one column for
- 14 the calculation of total Missouri combined adjusted gross
- 15 income on a Missouri income tax return.

- 16 3. The tax of each spouse shall be determined by the
- 17 application of either section 143.021 or section 143.041
- 18 depending upon whether such spouse is a resident or
- 19 nonresident. Their Missouri combined tax shall be the sum
- 20 of the tax applicable to each spouse.
 - 143.131. 1. The Missouri standard deduction may be
- 2 deducted in determining Missouri taxable income of a
- 3 resident individual unless the taxpayer or his spouse has
- 4 elected to itemize his deduction as provided in section
- 5 143.141.
- 6 2. (1) For all tax years ending on or before December
- 7 31, 2026, the Missouri standard deduction shall be the
- 8 allowable federal standard deduction.
- 9 (2) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 10 2027, the Missouri standard deduction shall be the allowable
- 11 federal standard deduction plus four thousand dollars.
 - 143.175. 1. For all tax years beginning on or after
 - 2 January 1, 2020, for purposes of calculating the Missouri
 - 3 taxable income as required under section 143.011, a
 - 4 percentage of the income received by any person as salary or
 - 5 compensation:
 - 6 (1) In performance of inactive duty for training (IDT)
 - 7 of the National Guard or annual training status (AT) of the
 - 8 National Guard;
 - 9 (2) In reserve components of the Armed Forces of the
- 10 United States; [or]
- 11 (3) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 12 2025, in the form of a bonus from the National Guard or a
- 13 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces for
- 14 joining, reenlisting, or for any other reason; or
- 15 (4) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 16 2027, in performance of state-funded military orders of the

17 National Guard, commonly known as state active duty (SAD) or

- 18 state emergency duty (SED);
- 19 and to the extent that such income is included in the
- 20 federal adjusted gross income, may be deducted from the
- 21 taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income to determine such
- 22 taxpayer's Missouri taxable income. If such person files a
- 23 combined return with a spouse, a percentage of any military
- 24 income received while engaging in the performance of
- 25 National Guard or reserve military duty may be deducted from
- 26 their Missouri combined adjusted gross income. Such
- 27 military income shall be deducted as follows:
- 28 (a) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 29 2020, twenty percent of such military income;
- (b) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 31 2021, forty percent of such military income;
- 32 (c) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 33 2022, sixty percent of such income;
- 34 (d) For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
- 35 2023, eighty percent of such income;
- (e) For all tax years beginning on January 1, 2024,
- 37 and thereafter, one hundred percent of such income.
- 38 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or
- 39 any other provision of law to the contrary, the deduction
- 40 authorized by this section shall not apply to compensation
- 41 received while engaging in civilian federal service,
- 42 including civil service positions requiring the wearing of
- 43 military uniform and military affiliation.
 - 143.512. In the event a taxpayer is denied part or all
- 2 of a tax credit for which the taxpayer has qualified
- 3 pursuant to any provision of law due to lack of available
- 4 funds, and such denial causes a balance-due notice to be

generated by the department of revenue or any other
redeeming agency, a taxpayer shall not be held liable for
any penalty or interest on such balance due, provided the
balance is paid or approved payment arrangements have been
made within sixty days from the notice of denial. Any
payments not timely made pursuant to this section shall be
subject to penalty and interest pursuant to this chapter.

[143.177. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Working Family Tax Credit Act".

- 2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:
- (1) "Department", the department of revenue;
- (2) "Eligible taxpayer", a resident individual with a filing status of single, head of household, widowed, or married filing combined who is subject to the tax imposed under this chapter, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265, and who is allowed a federal earned income tax credit under 26 U.S.C. Section 32, as amended;
- (3) "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due under this chapter, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265.
- 3. (1) Beginning with the 2023 calendar year, an eligible taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit in an amount equal to a percentage of the amount such taxpayer would receive under the federal earned income tax credit as such credit existed under 26 U.S.C. Section 32 as of January 1, 2021, as provided pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The tax credit allowed by this section shall be claimed by such taxpayer at the time such taxpayer files a return and shall be applied against the income tax liability imposed by this chapter after reduction for all other credits allowed thereon. If the amount of the credit exceeds the tax liability, the difference shall not be

refunded to the taxpayer and shall not be carried forward to any subsequent tax year.

- Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit to be allowed as a tax credit pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be ten percent, which may be increased to twenty percent subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection. The maximum percentage that may be claimed as a tax credit pursuant to this section shall be twenty percent of the federal earned income tax credit that may be claimed by such taxpayer. Any increase in the percentage that may be claimed as a tax credit shall take effect on January first of a calendar year and such percentage shall continue in effect until the next percentage increase occurs. An increase shall only apply to tax years that begin on or after the increase takes effect.
- (3) The initial percentage to be claimed as a tax credit and any increase in the percentage that may be claimed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection shall only occur if the amount of net general revenue collected in the previous fiscal year exceeds the highest amount of net general revenue collected in any of the three fiscal years prior to such fiscal year by at least one hundred fifty million dollars.
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32.057 to the contrary, the department shall determine whether any taxpayer filing a report or return with the department who did not apply for the credit authorized under this section may qualify for the credit and, if so, determines a taxpayer may qualify for the credit, shall notify such taxpayer of his or her potential eligibility. In making a determination of eligibility under this section, the department shall use any appropriate and available data including, but not limited to, data available from the Internal Revenue

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Service, the U.S. Department of Treasury, and state income tax returns from previous tax years.

- 5. The department shall prepare an annual report containing statistical information regarding the tax credits issued under this section for the previous tax year, including the total amount of revenue expended, the number of credits claimed, and the average value of the credits issued to taxpayers whose earned income falls within various income ranges determined by the department.
- 6. The director of the department may promulgate rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after January 1, 2023, shall be invalid and void.
- 7. Tax credits authorized under this section shall not be subject to the requirements of sections 135.800 to 135.830.]

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