

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 1538

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GREGORY (15).

6291S.02I

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal sections 67.601, 67.604, 67.607, 67.651, 67.652, 67.653, 67.657, and 99.585, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to certain convention and visitors commissions.

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

Section A. Sections 67.601, 67.604, 67.607, 67.651,
2 67.652, 67.653, 67.657, and 99.585, RSMo, are repealed and nine
3 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
4 67.601, 67.604, 67.607, 67.618, 67.651, 67.652, 67.653, 67.657,
5 and 99.585, to read as follows:

67.601. 1. In each constitutional charter city not
2 within a county and each constitutional charter county
3 adjoining such city there is hereby established a "Regional
4 Convention and Visitors Commission" [, to consist of eleven
5 members, five of whom shall be appointed by the chief
6 executive of the city and six of whom shall be appointed by
7 the chief executive of the county. Of the members so
8 appointed, two members appointed by the county executive and
9 only two members and one member appointed by the city
10 executive and only one member shall be representatives of
11 the hotel and motel industry, one member appointed by the
12 city executive shall be a representative of the restaurant
13 industry, and one member appointed by the city executive
14 shall be a representative from a major tourist attraction.]

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

15 Of the members first appointed, two members and only two
16 members appointed by the city executive and two members
17 appointed by the county executive shall be appointed for a
18 term of three years, two members appointed by the city
19 executive and two members appointed by the county executive
20 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one member
21 appointed by the city executive and two members appointed by
22 the county executive shall be appointed for a term of one
23 year. Thereafter, each member appointed shall serve a four-
24 year term. The chief executive of the city and the chief
25 executive of the county shall designate, in alternate years,
26 one of the members appointed by him to be chairman. All
27 members shall serve without compensation. Any vacancy shall
28 be filled by the respective chief executive officer. The
29 commission shall elect its own treasurer, secretary and such
30 other officers as it deems necessary and expedient, and it
31 may make such rules, regulations, and bylaws consistent with
32 sections 67.601 to 67.626 to effectuate its purposes as it
33 deems necessary.

34 2. Any provision of subsection 1 of this section to
35 the contrary notwithstanding, the terms of all members of
36 the regional convention and visitors commission established
37 by subsection 1 of this section shall terminate August 28,
38 1991. Thereafter, such regional convention and visitors
39 commission shall consist of eleven members, five of whom
40 shall be appointed by the chief executive of the city with
41 the approval of the governing body of the city, five of whom
42 shall be appointed by the chief executive of the county, and
43 one of whom shall be appointed by the governor from a panel
44 of three nominees submitted jointly by the city executive
45 and the county executive and who shall serve as chairman.
46 Of the members so appointed not less than three members

47 appointed by the county executive and not less than three
48 members appointed by the city executive shall be individuals
49 actively engaged in the hotel and motel industry and one
50 member appointed by the city executive shall be a
51 representative of the restaurant industry. Of the members
52 first appointed, two members appointed by the city executive
53 and two members appointed by the county executive shall be
54 appointed for a term of three years, two members appointed
55 by the city executive and two members appointed by the
56 county executive shall be appointed for a term of two years,
57 and one member appointed by the city executive and one
58 member appointed by the county executive shall be appointed
59 for a term of one year. Thereafter, each member appointed
60 by the city executive or the county executive shall serve a
61 four-year term. The member appointed by the governor shall
62 serve a two-year term. All members shall serve without
63 compensation. Any vacancy shall be filled by the respective
64 chief executive officer. The commission shall elect its own
65 treasurer, secretary and such other officers as it deems
66 necessary and expedient, and it may make such rules,
67 regulations and bylaws consistent with sections 67.601 to
68 67.626 to effectuate its purposes as it deems necessary.

69 3. In the event the state of Missouri or the city or
70 the county fails to make any appropriation or to pay any
71 rents, fees or charges provided in any lease among the
72 regional convention and sports complex authority established
73 by section 67.650 and the state of Missouri, the city and
74 the county, of a facility of such authority with respect to
75 which the regional convention and visitors commission has
76 contracted to provide operations or management services, the
77 member of the regional convention and visitors commission
78 appointed by the governor, if the state of Missouri has

79 failed to make such appropriation or to pay such rents, fees
80 or charges, and the members of such commission appointed by
81 the chief executive of the city or county, if the city or
82 county, as applicable, has failed to make such appropriation
83 or to pay such rents, fees or charges, shall be disqualified
84 from voting on any matter, action or resolution to come
85 before such commission, and from participating in any of the
86 business of such commission, so long as any such failure
87 continues. If less than a majority of the members then
88 appointed are thereby qualified to vote, the members that
89 remain qualified to vote shall constitute a quorum and any
90 action of the commission which is approved by a majority of
91 such qualified members shall be binding upon the
92 commission]. Beginning August 28, 2026, the commission
93 shall consist of fifteen members, five of whom shall be
94 appointed by the chief executive of the city, five of whom
95 shall be appointed by the chief executive of the county, and
96 five of whom shall be appointed by the governor. One of the
97 gubernatorial appointees shall be appointed by the governor
98 to serve as the chairman of the commission. Of the members
99 so appointed, three members appointed by the governor shall
100 be a representative of the hotel and motel industry, three
101 members appointed by the county executive and three members
102 appointed by the city executive shall be representatives of
103 the hotel and motel industry, one member appointed by the
104 city executive shall be a representative of the restaurant
105 industry, and one member appointed by the city executive
106 shall be a representative from a major tourist attraction.
107 Except as set forth in subsection 2 of this section, each
108 member appointed shall serve a four-year term. All members
109 shall serve without compensation. Any vacancy shall be
110 filled by the respective chief executive officer or

111 governor, as applicable. The commission shall elect its own
112 treasurer, secretary, and such other officers as it deems
113 necessary and expedient, and it may make such rules,
114 regulations, and bylaws consistent with sections 67.601 to
115 67.626 and sections 67.650 to 67.658 to effectuate its
116 purposes as it deems necessary. The commission shall be a
117 body corporate and political subdivision of the state of
118 Missouri.

119 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of
120 this section to the contrary, all members of the regional
121 convention and visitors commission serving on the board of
122 commissioners as of August 28, 2026, shall remain as members
123 of the board of commissioners of the regional convention and
124 visitors commission, and shall continue to serve until the
125 expiration of the term for which they were appointed, or
126 until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.
127 The four additional members of the commission to be added as
128 of August 28, 2026, shall be appointees of the governor and
129 shall be selected from the commissioners appointed by the
130 governor serving as commissioners of the regional convention
131 and sports complex authority created in section 67.650
132 immediately prior to their appointment to the commission.
133 Of the members so appointed as of August 28, 2026, two
134 members shall be appointed for four-year terms, one member
135 shall be appointed for a two-year term, and one member shall be
136 appointed for a one-year term. Thereafter, all such
137 appointments or reappointments shall be for a period of four
138 years.

67.604. For purposes of sections 67.601 to 67.626, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Business", any activity engaged in by any person,
4 or caused to be engaged in by him, with the object of gain,

5 benefit or advantage, either direct or indirect, and the
6 classification of which business is of such a character as
7 to be subject to the terms of sections 67.601 to 67.626;

8 (2) "City", a constitutional charter city not within a
9 county;

10 (3) "Commission", the regional convention and visitors
11 commission created in section 67.601;

12 (4) **"Convention district", the real property located
13 in the city or the county that contains an existing
14 convention center, sports stadium, sports practice facility
15 and field houses, playing fields, outdoor convention,
16 recreational, and entertainment facilities and centers, and
17 parking facilities that is leased, owned, maintained, or
18 operated by or on behalf of the commission, including any
19 expansion or acquisition thereof, which shall immediately
20 become a part of the convention district;**

21 (5) "County", a constitutional charter county
22 adjoining a constitutional charter city not within a county;

23 [(5)] (6) "District", the regional cultural and
24 performing arts development district created in section
25 67.627;

26 (7) **"Election authority", the election authority
27 having jurisdiction over the area in which the boundaries of
28 the convention district are located pursuant to chapter 115;**

29 [(6)] (8) "Hotel and motel industry", the group of
30 enterprises actively engaged in the business of operating
31 lodging facilities for transient guests;

32 [(7)] (9) "Person", any individual, firm,
33 copartnership, joint venture, association, corporation
34 whether municipal or private and whether organized for
35 profit or not, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or

36 trustee appointed by any state or federal court, syndicate,
37 or any other group or combination acting as a unit;

38 **(10) "Qualified voters", for the purposes of elections**
39 **for the approval of sales taxes pursuant to section 67.617:**

40 **(a) Registered voters; or**

41 **(b) If no registered voters reside within the**
42 **convention district, the owners of one or more parcels of**
43 **real property located within the convention district as**
44 **determined by the tax records of real property for the**
45 **county clerk as of the thirtieth day before the date of the**
46 **applicable election;**

47 **(11) "Registered voters", persons who reside within**
48 **the convention district and who are qualified and registered**
49 **to vote pursuant to chapter 115, as determined by the**
50 **records of the election authority as of the thirtieth day**
51 **prior to the date of the applicable election;**

52 **[(8)] (12) "Transient guest", a person who occupies a**
53 **room or rooms in a hotel or motel for thirty-one days or**
54 **less during any calendar quarter.**

67.607. Each regional convention and visitors
2 commission is empowered to:

3 **(1) Develop and execute plans, policies, and programs**
4 **exclusively to promote convention and tourist business**
5 **within the area of the city and county involved;**

6 **(2) Cooperate and act jointly with other agencies,**
7 **bureaus, boards, and associations to promote conventions and**
8 **tourist business within the area of the city and county**
9 **involved;**

10 **(3) Contract with any public or private agency,**
11 **individual, partnership, association, corporation or other**
12 **legal entity for the furnishing of services and supplies for**

13 promotion of convention and tourist business within the city
14 and county involved;

15 (4) Lease and sublease[, for a period not to exceed
16 forty years, contract to bear the cost of operating] an
17 existing convention center, including any [adjoining
18 southern or eastward] expansion thereof, and to operate such
19 facilities; and to provide services to visitors to the area
20 of the city and county involved;

21 (5) Develop, devise, promote, fund or contribute to
22 the support of advertising and public relations campaigns
23 designed or intended to promote conventions and tourism in
24 the area of the city and county involved, or parts thereof;

25 (6) Contract for, or exact, a charge from any person
26 in connection with the use, enjoyment, purchase, license, or
27 lease of any property or facility operated under lease by
28 the commission, or any activity, exhibit, function, or
29 personnel of the commission;

30 (7) Appoint a director and necessary assistants, to
31 fix their compensation and to remove such appointees;

32 (8) Execute contracts and sue and be sued;

33 (9) Contract with the county and city, or any
34 convention and visitors bureau thereof, involved to allow
35 such county or city, or any convention and visitors bureau
36 thereof, to pay over to the commission the proceeds of any
37 convention and tourism tax or gross receipts tax on hotels
38 and motels imposed by such county or city for the purpose of
39 promoting conventions and tourism, or providing and
40 maintaining facilities therefor or sales tax on the amount
41 of sales or charges for rooms paid by transient guests of
42 hotels and motels imposed by such county or city pursuant to
43 section 67.657;

44 (10) Contract with any public or private agency,
45 individual, partnership, association, corporation or other
46 legal entity to provide for limitations on marketing or use
47 or both of the facilities referred to in subdivision (4) of
48 this section or other special purpose civic facilities for
49 assembly, display and entertainment which are owned, leased
50 or operated, in whole or in part, by the city or the county;

61 (13) Levy and collect special assessments and taxes as
62 provided in sections 67.601 to 67.626;

63 (14) Levy sales taxes pursuant to sections 67.601 to
64 67.626.

67.618. 1. The commission may by resolution levy one
2 or more special assessments against real property within the
3 boundaries of the convention district, upon receipt of and
4 in accordance with a petition signed by:

11 2. The special assessment petition shall be in
12 substantially the following form:

13 The commission shall be authorized to levy
14 special assessments against real property within
15 the convention district (the "District") for the
16 purpose of providing revenue for maintenance,
17 construction, reconstruction, operations,
18 rehabilitation, installations, and financing of
19 improvements located within the District and
20 entering into one or more contracts related
21 thereto for any of the foregoing or any other
22 necessary or desirable improvement to be made
23 within such District, such special assessments
24 to be levied against each tract, lot, or parcel
25 of real property listed below within the
26 District which receives special benefit as a
27 result of such use of assessment, the cost of
28 which shall be allocated by _____ (insert method
29 of allocation, which shall be any reasonable
30 method including, but not limited to, the
31 imposition of an assessment upon the gross
32 revenue generated from charges for tickets,
33 passes, entrance fees, admission fees, or other
34 similar charges or impositions permitting the
35 attendance of events within the District, as
36 allocated and imposed on a reasonable basis),
37 with such special assessment to be in the
38 maximum amount of _____ (insert unit of
39 measurement, which may include, but not be
40 limited to, basing such measurement on gross
41 revenues generated from charges for tickets,
42 passes, entrance fees, admission tickets, or

43 similar charges). Such authorization to levy
44 the special assessment shall expire on _____
45 (insert date). The tracts of land located in
46 the District which will receive special benefits
47 from such service, projects, or improvements are
48 _____ (insert list of properties by common
49 addresses and legal descriptions).

50 3. The method for allocating such special assessments
51 shall set forth in the petition and may be any reasonable
52 method which results in imposing assessments upon real
53 property benefitted in relation to the benefit conferred
54 upon each respective tract, lot, or parcel of real property
55 and the cost to provide such benefit. The commission may
56 establish different classes, based on classification of real
57 property or any other reasonable basis, within the district
58 for purposes of special assessments. The levy rate for
59 special assessments may vary for each class or subclass.

60 4. By resolution, the commission may levy a special
61 assessment rate lower than the rate ceiling set forth in the
62 petition authorizing the special assessment and may increase
63 such lowered special assessment rate to a level not
64 exceeding the special assessment rate ceiling set forth in
65 the petition without further approval of the real property
66 owners.

67 5. Each special assessment which is due and owing
68 shall constitute a perpetual lien against each tract, lot,
69 or parcel of property from which it is derived. Such lien
70 may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other special
71 assessment lien as provided in section 88.861.

72 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and
73 section 67.1541 to the contrary, the county collector may,
74 upon certification by the commission, add each special

75 assessment to the annual real property tax bill for the
76 property and collect the assessment in the same manner the
77 collector uses for real property taxes. Any special
78 assessment remaining unpaid on the first day of January
79 annually is delinquent and enforcement of collection of the
80 delinquent bill by the county collector shall be governed by
81 the laws concerning delinquent and back taxes. The lien may
82 be foreclosed in the same manner as a tax upon real property
83 by land sale under chapter 140 or, if applicable to that
84 county, chapter 141.

85 6. A separate fund or account shall be created by the
86 commission for each special assessment levied and each fund
87 or account shall be identifiable by a suitable title. The
88 proceeds of such assessment shall be credited to such fund
89 or account. Such fund or account shall be used solely to
90 pay the costs incurred in undertaking the specified service
91 project.

92 7. Upon completion of the service or project, or both,
93 as set forth in the petition, the balance remaining in the
94 fund or account established for such service or project or
95 both shall be returned or credited against the amount of the
96 original assessment of each parcel of property pro rata
97 based on the method of assessment of such special assessment.

98 8. Any moneys in a fund or account created pursuant to
99 this section which are not needed for current expenditures
100 may be invested by the commission in accordance with
101 applicable laws relating to the investment of funds of the
102 city in which the convention district is located.

103 9. The authority of the district to levy special
104 assessments shall be independent of the limitations and
105 authorities of the municipality in which it is located;

106 specifically, the provisions of section 88.812 shall not
107 apply to the commission.

108 10. In addition to the sales tax authorized in section
109 67.619, the commission may impose by resolution a convention
110 district sales and use tax on all retail sales made in such
111 district which are subject to taxation pursuant to sections
112 144.010 to 144.525, except sales of motor vehicles,
113 trailers, boats or outboard motors, and sales to or by
114 public utilities and providers of communications, cable, or
115 video services. Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to
116 this section may be imposed in increments of one-eighth of
117 one percent, up to a maximum of two percent. Such
118 convention district sales and use tax may be imposed for the
119 purpose designated by the commissioners of the commission in
120 its ballot of submission to its qualified voters; except
121 that, no resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall
122 become effective unless the commission submits to the
123 qualified voters of the convention district, by mail-in
124 ballot, a proposal to authorize a sales and use tax pursuant
125 to this section. If a majority of the votes cast by the
126 qualified voters on the proposed sales tax are in favor of
127 the sales tax, then the resolution is adopted. If a
128 majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters are
129 opposed to the sales tax, then the resolution is void.

130 11. The ballot for the sales and use tax shall be in
131 substantially the following form:

132 Shall the regional convention and visitors
133 commission impose a convention district wide
134 sales and use tax at the maximum rate of _____
135 (insert amount) for the purpose of providing
136 revenue for the promotion of regional
137 convention and tourism and to support the

138 ongoing upkeep, maintenance, and operations of
139 the commission and its facilities, and any
140 other lawful purpose under sections 67.601 to
141 67.626?

142 YES NO

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

147 12. Within ten days after the qualified voters have
148 approved the imposition of the sales and use tax, the
149 commission shall, in accordance with section 32.087, notify
150 the director of the department of revenue. The sales and
151 use tax authorized by this section shall become effective on
152 the first day of the second calendar quarter after the
153 director of the department of revenue receives notice of the
154 adoption of such tax.

155 13. The penalties provided in sections 144.010 to
156 144.525 shall apply to violations of this section.
157 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 115 to the
158 contrary, an election for the convention district sales and
159 use tax under subsection 8 of this section shall be
160 conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section.

67.651. As used in sections 67.650 to 67.658, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Authority", the regional convention and sports
4 complex authority created in section 67.650;
5 (2) "Bond", any bond, including refunding bonds,
6 notes, interim certificates, debentures, or other

7 obligations issued by an authority pursuant to section
8 67.653;

9 (3) "Chief executive", the mayor of the city and the
10 county executive of the county;

11 (4) "City", a constitutional charter city not within a
12 county;

13 (5) **"Commission", the regional convention and visitors
14 commission created in section 67.601;**

15 (6) "County", a constitutional charter county
16 adjoining a constitutional charter city not within a county;

17 [(6)] (7) "Governing body", the board of aldermen
18 charged with governing the city and the county council
19 charged with governing the county;

20 [(7)] (8) "Multiple purposes", all purposes for which
21 a building operated by the authority can legally be used,
22 including multiple sports;

23 [(8)] (9) "Transient guest", a person who occupies a
24 room or rooms in a hotel or motel for thirty-one days or
25 less during any calendar quarter.

67.652. 1. The authority shall consist of up to
2 eleven commissioners who shall be qualified voters of the
3 state of Missouri and residents of either the city or the
4 county. The commissioners first appointed shall be
5 appointed as follows:

6 (1) Up to three commissioners who shall be residents
7 of the city may be appointed by the chief executive of the
8 city with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen;

9 (2) Up to three commissioners who shall be residents
10 of the county may be appointed by the chief executive of the
11 county with the advice and consent of the county council; and

12 (3) Up to five commissioners one of whom shall be the
13 chairman, two of whom shall be a resident of the city, two

14 of whom shall be a resident of the county and one of whom
15 shall be a resident of the city, the county or a county
16 contiguous to the county, may be appointed by the governor
17 with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor
18 shall appoint one of the commissioners to be the chairman of
19 the authority. Of the commissioners appointed by the chief
20 executive of the city, no more than two shall be of the same
21 political party, of the commissioners appointed by the chief
22 executive of the county, no more than two shall be of the
23 same political party and of the commissioners appointed by
24 the governor, no more than three shall be of the same
25 political party. In addition, no elective or appointed
26 official of the state of Missouri or of any political
27 subdivision thereof shall be a commissioner of the
28 authority. Upon the appointment of eight commissioners as
29 above provided, the authority shall be deemed to be duly
30 constituted and shall be authorized to commence operations
31 as provided in sections 67.650 to 67.658; but, after the
32 authority is duly constituted nothing herein shall prohibit
33 the appointment of additional commissioners up to the limits
34 and in the manner provided in this section.

35 2. The commissioners shall serve for terms of six
36 years, except that of the first such commissioners
37 appointed, the first person, if any, appointed by the
38 governor, the chief executive of the city and the chief
39 executive of the county, respectively, shall serve for terms
40 of two years, the next two persons, if any, appointed by the
41 governor, and the next person, if any, appointed by the
42 chief executive of the city and the chief executive of the
43 county, respectively, shall serve for terms of four years,
44 and the final persons, if any, appointed by the governor,
45 the chief executive of the city and the chief executive of

46 the county, respectively, shall serve for terms of six
47 years. Each commissioner shall hold office until his
48 successor has been appointed and qualified. No more than
49 six commissioners of the authority shall be of the same
50 political party.

51 3. In the event a vacancy exists or in the event a
52 commissioner's term expires, a successor commissioner shall
53 be appointed by whomever appointed the commissioner who
54 initially held the vacant position and if no person is so
55 selected within sixty days of the creation of the vacancy,
56 the unexpired term of such commissioner may be filled by a
57 majority vote of the remainder of the commissioners,
58 provided that such successor commissioner shall meet the
59 requirements set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection 1
60 above. Commissioners appointed to fill unexpired terms
61 shall only serve until such unexpired term expires. Pending
62 any such appointment to fill any vacancy, the remaining
63 commissioners may conduct authority business.

64 4. The authority shall elect from its number a
65 chairman and may appoint such officers and employ such
66 employees as it may require for the performance of its
67 duties, and may fix and determine their qualifications,
68 duties and compensation. No action of the authority shall
69 be binding unless taken at a meeting at which at least a
70 majority of the commissioners then appointed vote in favor
71 of such action. The commissioners shall be reimbursed by
72 the authority for the actual and necessary expenses incurred
73 in the performance of their duties.

74 5. In the event any of the state of Missouri, the city
75 or the county fails to make any appropriation or to pay any
76 rents, fees or charges provided in any contract, agreement
77 lease or sublease between the authority and one or more of

78 the state of Missouri, the city and the county, the
79 commissioners, if any, appointed by the governor, if the
80 state of Missouri has failed to make such appropriation or
81 to pay such rents, fees or charges, and the commissioners,
82 if any, appointed by the chief executive of the city or
83 county, if the city or county, as applicable, has failed to
84 make such appropriation or to pay such rents, fees or
85 charges, shall be disqualified from voting on any matter,
86 action or resolution to come before the authority, and from
87 participating in any of the business of the authority, so
88 long as any such failure continues. If less than a majority
89 of the commissioners then appointed are thereby qualified to
90 vote, the commissioners that remain qualified to vote shall
91 constitute a quorum and any action of the authority which is
92 approved by a majority of such qualified commissioners,
93 shall be binding upon the authority.

94 **6. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to**
95 **the contrary, beginning August 28, 2026, the terms of the**
96 **existing commissioners for the authority shall expire and**
97 **terminate and the members serving on the commission shall**
98 **serve as the new commissioners of the authority. Any**
99 **commissioner serving for the authority prior to August 28,**
100 **2026, shall be replaced by the members of the commission**
101 **regardless of whether the terms of such commissioners have**
102 **expired. Each member serving on the commission shall serve**
103 **as a commissioner for the authority, with such terms,**
104 **vacancies, and appointments handled in the same manner as**
105 **set forth in sections 67.601 to 67.626. Notwithstanding the**
106 **foregoing, four commissioners of the authority selected by**
107 **the governor that were previously appointed by the governor**
108 **and serving as of August 28, 2026, shall be reappointed as**
109 **of August 28, 2026, to serve as members of the newly**

110 **constituted commission in accordance with and pursuant to**
111 **the terms of section 67.601.**

67.653. 1. The authority shall have the following
2 powers:

3 (1) To acquire by gift, bequest, purchase, lease or
4 sublease from public or private sources and to plan,
5 construct, operate and maintain, or to lease or sublease to
6 or from others for construction, operation and maintenance,
7 convention centers, sports stadiums, field houses, indoor
8 and outdoor convention, recreational, and entertainment
9 facilities and centers, playing fields, parking facilities
10 and other suitable concessions, and all things incidental or
11 necessary to a complex suitable for all types of convention,
12 entertainment and meeting activities and for all types of
13 sports and recreation, either professional or amateur,
14 commercial or private, either upon, above or below the
15 ground, except that no such stadium, complex or facility
16 shall be used, in any fashion, for the purpose of horse
17 racing or dog racing, and any stadium, complex or facility
18 newly constructed by the authority shall be suitable for
19 multiple purposes [and designed and constructed to meet
20 National Football League franchise standards and shall be
21 located adjacent to an existing convention facility];

22 (2) To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs
23 and the conduct of its business;

24 (3) To maintain an office, and to conduct its meetings
25 at such place or places in the city or in the county as it
26 may designate;

27 (4) To charge and collect fees and rents for use of
28 the facilities owned or operated by it or leased or
29 subleased from or to others and to deposit any funds
30 received under the provisions of sections 67.650 to 67.658

31 in a savings or checking account in a bank, credit union, or
32 savings and loan association in this state;

33 (5) To adopt a common seal;

34 (6) To contract and to be contracted with, including,
35 but without limitation, the authority to enter into
36 contracts with cities, counties and other political
37 subdivisions and public agencies under sections 70.210 to
38 70.325, and otherwise, and to enter into contracts with
39 other entities, in connection with the acquisition by gift,
40 bequest, purchase, lease or sublease and in connection with
41 the planning, construction, financing, leasing, subleasing,
42 operation and maintenance of any convention or sports
43 facility and for any other lawful purpose, and to sue and to
44 be sued;

45 (7) To receive for its lawful activities any rentals,
46 contributions or moneys appropriated or otherwise designated
47 for payment to the authority by municipalities, counties,
48 state or other political subdivisions or public agencies or
49 by the federal government or any agency or officer thereof
50 or from any other source;

51 (8) To disburse funds for its lawful activities and
52 fix salaries and wages of its officers and employees;

53 (9) To invest any of the authority's funds in such
54 types of investments as shall be determined by a resolution
55 adopted by the commissioners of the authority;

56 (10) To borrow money for the acquisition, planning,
57 construction, equipping, operation, maintenance, repair,
58 extension and improvement of any facility, or any part or
59 parts thereof, which it has the power to own, lease or
60 operate, and for any other proper corporate purpose, and to
61 issue negotiable notes, bonds, or other instruments in

62 writing as evidence of sums borrowed, as hereinafter
63 provided in this section:

64 (a) Bonds issued hereunder shall be issued pursuant to
65 a resolution adopted by the commissioners of the authority
66 which shall set out the estimated cost to the authority of
67 the proposed facility or facilities, and shall further set
68 out the amount of bonds to be issued, their purpose or
69 purposes, their date or dates, denomination or
70 denominations, rate or rates of interest, time or times of
71 payment, both of principal and of interest, place or places
72 of payment and all other details in connection therewith.
73 Any such bonds may be subject to such provision for
74 redemption prior to maturity, with or without premium, and
75 at such times and upon such conditions as may be provided by
76 the resolution;

77 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 108.170,
78 such bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates
79 determined by the authority and shall mature within a period
80 not exceeding fifty years and may be sold at public or
81 private sale for not less than ninety-five percent of the
82 principal amount thereof. Bonds issued by the authority
83 shall possess all of the qualities of negotiable instruments
84 under the laws of this state;

85 (c) Such bonds may be payable to bearer, may be
86 registered or coupon bonds and if payable to bearer, may
87 contain such registration provisions as to either principal
88 and interest, or principal only, as may be provided in the
89 resolution authorizing the same, which resolution may also
90 provide for the exchange of registered and coupon bonds.
91 Such bonds and any coupons attached thereto shall be signed
92 in such manner and by such officers of the authority as may
93 be provided for by the resolution authorizing the same. The

94 authority may provide for the replacement of any bond which
95 shall become mutilated, destroyed or lost;

96 (d) Bonds issued by the authority shall be payable as
97 to principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, out
98 of all or any part of the general funds of the authority,
99 including rents, revenues, receipts and income derived and
100 to be derived for the use of any facility or combination of
101 facilities, or any part or parts thereof, acquired,
102 constructed, improved or extended in whole or in part from
103 the proceeds of such bonds, including but not limited to
104 convention center and stadium rentals, concessions, parking
105 facilities and from funds derived from any other facilities
106 or part or parts thereof, owned or operated by the
107 authority, all or any part of which rents, revenues,
108 receipts and income the authority is authorized to pledge
109 for the payment of said principal, interest, and redemption
110 premium, if any, except that direct appropriations of tax
111 revenues received by the authority pursuant to sections
112 67.656 and 67.657 or otherwise, other than appropriations
113 for the payment of rent, shall not be pledged for the
114 payment of such bonds. Neither the commissioners of the
115 authority nor any person executing its bonds shall be
116 personally liable on such bonds by reason of the issuance
117 thereof. Bonds issued under the provisions of sections
118 67.653 to 67.655 shall not constitute a debt, liability, or
119 obligation of this state, or any political subdivision of
120 this state, nor shall any such obligations be a pledge of
121 the faith and credit of this state, but shall be payable
122 solely from the revenues and assets held by the authority.
123 The issuance of bonds under sections 67.653 to 67.655 shall
124 not, directly, indirectly, or contingently, obligate the
125 state of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, or

126 the authority, to levy any form of taxation therefor or to
127 make any appropriation for their payment. Each obligation
128 or bond issued under sections 67.653 to 67.655 shall contain
129 on the face thereof a statement to the effect that the
130 authority shall not be obligated to pay the same nor the
131 interest on such bond, except from the revenues received by
132 the authority or assets of the authority lawfully pledged
133 therefor, and that neither the faith and credit nor the
134 taxing power of this state or of any political subdivision
135 of this state is pledged to the payment of the principal of
136 or the interest on such obligation or bond. Bonds issued
137 pursuant to this section may be further secured by a
138 mortgage, deed of trust, trust agreement, pledge agreement,
139 assignment or security agreement upon the rents, revenues,
140 receipts and income herein referred to or any part thereof,
141 or upon any leasehold interest or other property owned by
142 the authority, or any part thereof, whether then owned or
143 thereafter acquired, except that direct appropriations of
144 tax revenues received by the authority pursuant to sections
145 67.656 and 67.657 or otherwise, other than appropriations
146 for the payment of rent, shall not secure such bonds. The
147 proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed in such manner and
148 under such restrictions as the authority may provide in the
149 resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or in any
150 such mortgage, deed of trust, trust agreement, pledge
151 agreement or security agreement;

152 (e) The authority shall fix and maintain rates and
153 rentals and make and collect charges for the use and
154 services of its interest in the facility or facilities or
155 any part thereof owned or operated by the authority which
156 shall be sufficient to pay the cost of operation and
157 maintenance thereof, to pay the principal of and interest on

158 any such bonds payable from such rates, rentals and charges
159 and to provide funds sufficient to meet all requirements of
160 the resolution by which such bonds have been issued;

161 (f) The resolution authorizing the issuance of any
162 such bonds may provide for the allocation of rents,
163 revenues, receipts and income derived and to be derived by
164 the authority from the use of any facility or part thereof,
165 and of the proceeds received pursuant to sections 67.656 and
166 67.657, into such separate accounts as shall be deemed to be
167 advisable to assure the proper operation and maintenance of
168 any facility or part thereof and the prompt payment of any
169 bonds issued to finance all or any part of the costs
170 thereof. Such accounts may include reserve accounts
171 necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of any
172 such facility or any part thereof, and for the payment of
173 any such bonds. Such resolution may include such other
174 covenants and agreements by the authority as in its judgment
175 are advisable or necessary properly to secure the payment of
176 such bonds;

177 (g) The authority may issue negotiable refunding bonds
178 for the purpose of refunding, extending or unifying the
179 whole or any part of such bonds then outstanding, or any
180 bonds, notes or other obligations issued by any other public
181 agency, public body or political subdivision in connection
182 with any facilities to be acquired, leased or subleased by
183 the authority, which refunding bonds shall not exceed the
184 amount necessary to refund the principal of the outstanding
185 bonds to be refunded and the accrued interest thereon to the
186 date of such refunding, together with any redemption
187 premium, amounts necessary to establish reserve and escrow
188 funds and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with
189 the refunding. The authority may provide for the payment of

190 interest on such refunding bonds at a rate in excess of the
191 bonds to be refunded;

192 (h) In case any of the commissioners or officers of
193 the authority whose signatures appear on any bonds or
194 coupons shall cease to be such commissioners or officers
195 before the delivery of such bonds, such signatures shall,
196 nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the
197 same as if such commissioners or officers had remained in
198 office until such delivery;

199 (i) The authority is hereby declared to be performing
200 a public function and bonds of the authority are declared to
201 be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose
202 and, accordingly, interest thereon and income therefrom
203 shall be exempt from income taxation by the state of
204 Missouri;

205 (11) To condemn any and all rights or property of any
206 kind or character, necessary for the purposes of the
207 authority, in the manner provided in chapter 523, except
208 that no property now or hereafter vested in or held by the
209 state, the county or the city shall be taken by the
210 authority without the authorization or consent of such
211 party; provided however, that the authority shall provide
212 relocation benefits to all individuals and businesses,
213 occupying said property, in the same manner as such
214 relocation benefits are provided pursuant to the federal
215 Relocation Assistance Act;

216 (12) To perform all other necessary and incidental
217 functions, and to exercise such additional powers as shall
218 be conferred by the general assembly or by act of Congress.

219 2. The authority shall proceed to carry out its
220 duties, functions and powers in accordance with sections
221 67.650 to 67.658, and the authority is vested with all

222 necessary and appropriate powers not inconsistent with the
223 constitution or the laws of the United States to effectuate
224 the same, except the power to levy taxes or assessments. In
225 no event shall the state be liable for any deficiency or
226 indebtedness incurred by the authority.

227 3. The authority shall grant or award at least fifteen
228 percent of all contracts, employment opportunities,
229 professional services and all other special contracts to
230 persons who are members of a racial minority group, as
231 defined in section 37.013.

232 4. The authority and any city, county, other political
233 subdivision or public agency obtaining funds pursuant to the
234 provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the
235 provisions of sections 34.073 and 34.076.

67.657. 1. Nothing contained in sections 67.650 to
2 67.658 shall impair the powers of any county, municipality
3 or other political subdivision to acquire, own, operate,
4 develop or improve any facility of the type the authority is
5 given the right and power to own, operate, develop or
6 improve.

7 2. Any county, municipality or other political
8 subdivision or public agency is authorized to make gifts,
9 donations, grants and contributions of money or real or
10 personal property to the authority, whether such money or
11 property is derived from tax revenues or from any other
12 source.

13 3. **Prior to August 28, 2026**, the state of Missouri or
14 any agency, department or instrumentality thereof and the
15 county, the city, or any political subdivision, public
16 agency or public body, or any combination thereof pursuant
17 to sections 70.210 to 70.325, or otherwise, are authorized
18 to enter into contracts, agreements, leases and subleases

19 with each other, the authority and others to acquire, sell,
20 convey, lease, sublease, own, operate, finance, develop or
21 improve, or any combination thereof, any facility of the
22 type the authority is given the right to construct, own,
23 operate, develop or improve, including without limitation to
24 agree to pay rents or other fees or charges, subject to
25 annual appropriations, and to mortgage, pledge, assign,
26 convey, or grant security in any interest which any such
27 entity may have in such facility.

28 4. In addition to any other tax imposed by law, and
29 notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of
30 subsection 5 of section 67.619, to the contrary, the
31 governing body of the county may submit to the voters of the
32 county a tax not to exceed three and one-half percent on the
33 amount of sales or charges for all sleeping rooms paid by
34 the transient guests of hotels and motels situated within
35 the county involved, and doing business within such county
36 for the purpose of funding a regional convention and sports
37 complex authority and for other recreational and
38 entertainment purposes. If the governing body so orders,
39 the election officials of the county shall submit a
40 proposition to the voters of such county at the next
41 statewide or countywide election or at a special election
42 called for that purpose, such special election to be held at
43 the expense of the regional convention and sports complex
44 authority. Such proposition shall be submitted to the
45 voters in substantially the following form at such election:

46 Shall a sales tax of _____ percent on the amount
47 of sales or charges for all rooms paid by the
48 transient guests of hotels and motels be levied in
49 the county of _____ to provide certain funds for

50 the regional convention and sports complex
51 authority and for general revenue purposes?

52 YES NO

53 In the event that a majority of the voters voting on such
54 proposition in such county at such election approve such
55 proposition, then such sales tax shall be in full force and
56 effect as of the first day of the calendar quarter following
57 the calendar quarter in which the election was held.

58 5. On and after the effective day of any tax
59 authorized under the provisions of subsection 4 of this
60 section, the governing body of the county may adopt one of
61 the two following provisions for the collection and
62 administration of the tax:

80 administration, collection, enforcement, and operation of
81 such tax, and the director of revenue shall collect such
82 additional tax. The tax shall be collected and reported
83 upon such forms and under such administrative rules and
84 regulations as may be prescribed by the director of revenue,
85 and the director of revenue shall retain not less than one
86 percent nor more than three percent for cost of collection
87 and shall transfer all other moneys collected for such tax
88 to the county for deposit in the county convention and
89 recreation trust fund.

90 6. All funds deposited in the county convention and
91 recreation trust fund shall, subject to annual
92 appropriation, be disbursed by the county only for [deposit
93 in the regional convention and sports complex fund], **first**,
94 to pay the county's share of any rent, fees or charges
95 payable pursuant to any contract, agreement, lease or
96 sublease provided for in subsection 3 of this section[;]
97 provided that in the event the county chooses to participate
98 in a qualifying project and enters into any such contract,
99 agreement, lease or sublease, then any funds in excess of
100 its obligations hereunder which are deposited in the county
101 convention and recreation trust fund in any year pursuant to
102 subsection 4 of this section may be appropriated and
103 disbursed by the county for general revenue purposes.

104 7. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 6 of
105 this section to the contrary, funds deposited in the county
106 convention and recreation trust fund pursuant to subsection
107 5 of this section in excess of amounts payable as the
108 county's share of any rent, fees or charges payable pursuant
109 to any contract, agreement, lease or sublease provided for
110 in subsection 3 of this section, including reasonable
111 reserves for future payments of such amounts, shall not be

112 appropriated or paid except for funding of the regional
113 convention and sports complex authority or for regional
114 convention and tourism purposes to the regional convention
115 and visitors commission established by section 67.601 if it
116 is providing management and operations services for a
117 facility of the regional convention and sports complex
118 authority of which the state of Missouri, the city, and St.
119 Louis County are lessees pursuant to a contract, agreement
120 or sublease with such lessees], **and the remainder, if any,**
121 **annually to the regional convention and visitors commission**
122 **established by section 67.601.**

123 7. Provided that the county's share of any rent, fees,
124 or charges due and payable pursuant to any contract,
125 agreement, lease, or sublease provided for in subsection 3
126 of this section have been made, all funds on deposit in the
127 county convention and recreation trust fund as of August 28,
128 2026, shall be deemed excess funds and may be appropriated
129 and disbursed by the county for general revenue purposes.
130 Beginning August 28, 2026, all funds deposited in the county
131 convention and recreation trust fund shall be distributed in
132 accordance with subsection 6 of this section such that all
133 excess funds shall be remitted to the regional convention
134 and visitors commission established by section 67.601 for
135 the sole use by, and control of, such commission. No funds
136 generated by the tax imposed by this section shall be used
137 for the payment or support of the county's share of any
138 rent, fees, or other charges payable pursuant to any
139 contract, agreement, lease, or sublease entered into,
140 modified, or amended after August 28, 2026, pursuant to
141 subsection 3 of this section.

142 8. In addition to any other tax imposed by law, and
143 notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of

subsection 5 of section 67.619 to the contrary, the governing body of the city may repeal a present two-dollar license fee per occupied room levied in such city on hotels and motels and submit to the voters of the city a tax not to exceed three and one-half percent on the amount of sales or charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels and motels situated within the city involved, and doing business within such city for the purposes of funding debt service, lease payments or other expenses of an existing convention center, including any southern expansion thereof, of such city, a regional convention and sports complex authority or a regional convention and visitors commission or any combination thereof as herein provided.

If the governing body so orders, the election officials of the city shall submit a proposition to the voters of such city at the next statewide or citywide election or at a special election called for that purpose, such special election to be held at the expense of the city. Such proposition shall be submitted to the voters in substantially the following form at such election:

164 Shall the present two-dollar license fee per occupied
165 room levied in the city of _____ on hotels and motels
166 be repealed and a sales tax of _____ percent on the
167 amount of sales or charges for all rooms paid by the
168 transient guests of hotels and motels be levied in the
169 city of _____ to provide funds for convention,
170 tourism and sports facilities purposes and agencies?

171 YES NO

172 In the event that a majority of the voters voting on such
173 proposition in such city at such election approve such

174 proposition, then such two-dollar license fee per occupied
175 room shall be repealed and such sales tax shall be in full
176 force and effect as of the first day of the calendar quarter
177 following the calendar quarter in which the election was
178 held.

179 9. On and after the effective date of any tax
180 authorized under the provisions of subsection 8 of this
181 section, the governing body of the city may adopt one of the
182 two following provisions for the collection and
183 administration of the tax:

184 (1) The collector of revenue in such city may collect
185 the tax pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the
186 governing body of the city. The tax to be collected by the
187 collector of revenue, less an amount not less than one
188 percent and not more than three percent which may be
189 retained for costs of collection, shall be remitted to the
190 city and deposited in a special trust fund to be known as
191 the "City Convention and Sports Facility Trust Fund" not
192 later than thirty days following the end of each month;

193 (2) The governing body of the city may enter into an
194 agreement with the director of revenue of the state of
195 Missouri for the purpose of collecting the tax authorized in
196 subsection 8 of this section. In the event the governing
197 body enters into an agreement with the director of revenue
198 of the state of Missouri for the collection of the tax
199 authorized in subsection 8 of this section, the director of
200 revenue shall perform all functions incident to the
201 administration, collection, enforcement and operation of
202 such tax, and the director of revenue shall collect such
203 additional tax. The tax shall be collected and reported
204 upon such forms and under such administrative rules and
205 regulations as may be prescribed by the director of revenue,

206 and the director of revenue shall retain not less than one
207 percent nor more than three percent for cost of collection
208 and shall transfer all other moneys collected for such tax
209 to the city for deposit in the convention and sports
210 facility trust fund.

211 10. All funds deposited in the city convention and
212 sports facility trust fund shall, subject to annual
213 appropriation, be disbursed by the city only for first, debt
214 service, lease payments or other expenses related to an
215 existing convention center, including any [southern]
216 expansion thereof, of such city, second, to pay the city's
217 share of any rent, fees or charges payable pursuant to any
218 lease provided for in subsection 3 of this section and
219 third, the remainder, if any, annually to the regional
220 convention and visitors commission established by section
221 67.601 [if it is providing management and operations
222 services for a facility of the regional convention and
223 sports complex authority of which the state of Missouri, the
224 city, and St. Louis County are lessees pursuant to a
225 contract, agreement or sublease with such lessees].

99.585. 1. The state of Missouri, acting through the
2 department of economic development and the office of
3 administration, or any other public body may, upon such
4 terms and with reasonable consideration as it may determine,
5 expend funds for the purpose of aiding and cooperating in
6 the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of a land
7 clearance project or projects within the area in which the
8 public body is authorized to act, **or expend funds for the**
9 **purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning,**
10 **undertaking, or carrying out of a project or projects within**
11 **or upon any area, property, or facilities owned, managed,**
12 **leased, maintained, or operated by a regional convention and**

13 **visitors commission**, to develop, construct, reconstruct,
14 rehabilitate, repair, or improve any tourism infrastructure
15 facilities existing as of August 28, 2019, and for which
16 application is made and approved by the department of
17 economic development no later than August 28, [2020] **2028**.
18 Any annual expenditure by a public body for such land
19 clearance projects **or regional convention and visitors**
20 **commission projects** related to tourism infrastructure
21 facilities shall be limited to a portion of tax revenues
22 derived directly or indirectly from any such land clearance
23 project or projects **or regional convention and visitors**
24 **commission project or projects** supported by such annual
25 expenditure within such designated land clearance project
26 area or areas **or such area or areas owned, managed, leased,**
27 **maintained, or operated by a regional convention and**
28 **visitors commission**, as stated in an agreement entered into
29 between the authority and the public body under subdivision
30 (10) of section 99.580 **or section 67.607, as applicable**;
31 provided, however, that:

32 (1) The term of state appropriations under any such
33 agreement **entered into prior to August 28, 2021**, shall not
34 exceed twenty years, **and for any agreement entered into**
35 **between August 28, 2021, and August 28, 2028, shall not**
36 **exceed thirty years**;

37 (2) The annual amount of the state appropriation
38 authorized under this section shall not exceed two million
39 five hundred thousand dollars per year for any fiscal year
40 ending on or before June 30, 2031, and four million five
41 hundred thousand dollars per year for any fiscal year
42 thereafter. No such appropriation shall be made prior to
43 July 1, 2021;

44 (3) Any such land clearance project **or regional**
45 **convention and visitors commission project** shall be
46 determined to produce a positive net fiscal impact for the
47 state over the term of such agreement, with such public or
48 private assurances as the director of the department of
49 economic development may reasonably require; and

67 2. As used in this section, "tourism infrastructure
68 facilities" means structures, fixtures, systems, and
69 facilities of multipurpose sports and entertainment venues
70 with seating capacity less than twenty-five thousand,
71 including associated parking facilities, owned by any public
72 body and which the authority determines are a contributing
73 factor in the attraction of sports, recreational,
74 entertainment, or meeting activities, either professional or
75 amateur, commercial or private. Such structures, fixtures,

76 systems, and facilities may include, but are not limited to,
77 foundations, roofs, interior and exterior walls or windows,
78 floors, steps, stairs, concourses, hallways, restrooms,
79 event or meeting spaces or other hospitality-related areas,
80 concession or food preparation areas, and services systems
81 such as mechanical, gas utility, electrical, lighting,
82 communication, sound, sanitary, HVAC, elevator, escalator,
83 plumbing, sprinkler, cabling and wiring, life-safety
84 security cameras, access deterrents, public safety
85 improvements, or other building systems. **"Tourism**
infrastructure facilities" shall also include any existing
86 convention center, including any expansion thereof, or any
88 sports stadiums, field houses, indoor and outdoor
89 convention, recreational, and entertainment facilities and
90 centers, playing fields, parking facilities and other
91 suitable concessions, and all things incidental or necessary
92 to a complex suitable for all types of convention,
93 entertainment, and meeting activities and for all types of
94 sports and recreation, that is owned, leased, operated,
95 maintained, or managed by the regional convention and
96 visitors commission as provided in sections 67.601 to
97 67.626, along with any of the aforementioned structures,
98 systems, and facilities associated therewith.

99 3. For any land clearance project for which funds are
100 expended under this section on a facility utilized by a
101 professional sports franchise, if the owners of such
102 franchise relocate the franchise to another state during the
103 period of the agreement entered into under subsection 1 of
104 this section, such owners shall repay to the general revenue
105 fund the amount of funds expended by the state pursuant to
106 such agreement.