

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 267

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH (118), WILSON (119), SCHLOTTACH, PURGASON,  
LIPKE (157), BEARDEN AND RUESTMAN (Co-sponsors).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 49, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to county commissions.

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

Section A. Chapter 49, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 49.650, to read as follows:

3 **49.650. 1. The governing authority of each county without a charter form of**  
4 **government shall have the power to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or**  
5 **regulations relating to its property, affairs, and local government for which no provision**  
6 **has been made in the constitution of this state or state statute. All ordinances adopted**  
7 **pursuant to this section shall remain effective until repealed or amended by the governing**  
8 **authority, except that the general assembly shall have the power to further define, broaden,**  
9 **limit, or otherwise regulate the power of each such county to adopt ordinances, resolutions,**  
10 **or regulations.**

11 **2. The governing body of each county without a charter form of government may**  
12 **submit to the qualified voters of the county any ordinance, resolution, or regulation**  
13 **proposed pursuant to this section for the approval of the qualified voters of the county.**  
14 **Any ordinance, resolution, or regulation submitted to the qualified voters pursuant to this**  
15 **section shall become effective if a majority of the qualified voters voting on the ordinance,**  
16 **resolution, or regulation are in favor of its adoption, but no ordinance, resolution, or**  
17 **regulation shall become effective if a majority of the qualified voters voting on the**  
18 **ordinance, resolution, or regulation are opposed to its adoption.**

19 **3. Any qualified voter in each county without a charter form of government may**  
circulate a petition to propose, enact, or reject, by initiative or referendum, any ordinance,  
resolution, or regulation that the county would have authority to adopt pursuant to this

20 **section. The petition shall be signed by the number of registered voters in the county equal**  
21 **to at least fifteen percent of the total votes cast in the county for governor at the last**  
22 **gubernatorial election, and shall be filed with the governing body of the county. Upon the**  
23 **filing of a valid petition, the governing authority of the county shall place the question on**  
24 **the ballot at the next general election for the approval of or rejection by the qualified**  
25 **voters of the county. Any proposed ordinance, resolution, or regulation shall be printed**  
26 **clearly at the top of each petition before the signatures on the petition are acquired.**