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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH (118) (Sponsor) AND RUESTMAN.

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 48.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county classifications.

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

Section A. Section 48.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 48.020, to read as follows:

48.020. All counties of this state are hereby classified, for the purpose of establishing organization and powers in accordance with the provisions of section 8, article VI, Constitution of Missouri, into four classifications determined as follows:

Classification 1. All counties having an assessed valuation of four hundred fifty million dollars and over shall [automatically] be in the first classification after that county has maintained such valuation for the time period required by section 48.030 **and after the governing authority of the county has adopted a resolution electing to be classified as a county of the first classification**; however, any county of the second classification which, on August 13, 1988, has had an assessed valuation of at least four hundred million dollars for at least one year may, by resolution of the governing body of the county, elect to be classified as a county of the first classification after it has maintained such valuation for the period of time required by the provisions of section 48.030.

Classification 2. All counties having an assessed valuation of three hundred million dollars and less than the assessed valuation necessary for that county to be in the first classification shall [automatically] be in the second classification after that county has maintained such valuation for the time period required by section 48.030 **and after the**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is new proposed language.

17 **governing authority of the county has adopted a resolution electing to be classified as a**
18 **county of the second classification.**

19 Classification 3. All counties having an assessed valuation of less than the assessed
20 valuation necessary for that county to be in the second classification shall automatically be in the
21 third classification.

22 Classification 4. All counties which have attained the second classification prior to
23 August 13, 1988, and which would otherwise return to the third classification after August 13,
24 1988, because of changes in assessed valuation shall remain a county in the second classification
25 and shall operate under the laws of this state applying to the second classification.