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AN ACT

To amend chapter 64, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to storm water discharge.

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

Section A. Chapter 64, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 64.907, to read as follows:

64.907. 1. Any county subject to Environmental Protection Agency rules 40 C.F.R.

- 2 Parts 9, 122, 123, and 124 concerning storm water discharges is authorized to adopt rules,
- 3 regulations, or ordinances reasonably necessary to comply with such federal regulations
- $4\quad including \ but \ not \ limited \ to \ rules, \ regulations, or \ ordinances \ which \ promote \ the \ best \ storm$
- water management practices in regulating storm water discharges established by the
- 6 Environmental Protection Agency.
 - 2. Any county adopting rules, regulations, or ordinances under subsection 1 of this section is authorized to establish by rule, regulation, or ordinance a storm water control utility or other entity to administer any such rules, regulations, or ordinances adopted under subsection 1 of this section which shall include authority to impose user fees to fund the administration of such rules, regulations, or ordinances.
 - 3. Any county adopting rules, regulations, or ordinances under subsection 1 of this section is authorized to establish by rule, regulation, or ordinance a storm water control utility tax in such amount as is deemed reasonable and necessary to fund public storm water control projects if such tax is approved by majority of the votes cast.
 - 4. The tax authorized in this section shall be in addition to the charge for the storm water control and all other taxes imposed by law, and the proceeds of such tax shall be

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used by the city solely for storm water control. Such tax shall be stated separately from 19 all other charges and taxes.

5. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall (insert the name of the city) impose a tax on the charges for storm water control in (name of city) at a rate of (insert rate of percent) percent for the sole purpose of storm water control?

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If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the tax shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the election was held. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are 31 opposed to the question, then the tax authorized by this section shall not become effective 32 unless and until the question is resubmitted pursuant to this section to the qualified voters 33 of the city and such question is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the city 34 voting on the question.