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AN ACT

To repeal sections 177.011, 177.031, 177.051, 177.061, 177.071, 177.073, 177.091, 177.101, 177.111, 177.131, and 177.151, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to school facilities.

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

Section A. Sections 177.011, 177.031, 177.051, 177.061, 177.071, 177.073, 177.091,
2 177.101, 177.111, 177.131, and 177.151, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in
3 lieu thereof, to be known as sections 177.011, 177.031, 177.091, and 177.101, to read as follows:

177.011. The title of all schoolhouse sites and other school property is vested in the
2 district in which the property is located, or if the directors of both school districts involved agree,
3 a school district may own property outside of the boundaries of the district and operate upon such
4 property for school purposes; provided that, such property may only be used for school purposes
5 for students residing in the school district owning such property or students who are enrolled in
6 such school district as part of a court-ordered desegregation plan. All property leased or rented
7 for school purposes shall be wholly under the control of the school board during such time. [No
8 board shall lease or rent any building for school purposes while the district schoolhouse is
9 unoccupied, and no schoolhouse or school site shall be abandoned or sold until another site and
10 house are provided for the school district.]

177.031. 1. The school board has the care and keeping of all property belonging to the
2 district and shall provide the necessary [globes, maps, charts, apparatus, supplementary books,
3 and other material] **equipment and materials** for the use of the school. The board shall keep
4 the schoolhouses and other buildings in good repair, the grounds belonging thereto in good

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 proposed language.

5 condition], and shall provide fuel, heating apparatus, and other material and appliances necessary
6 for the proper heating, lighting, ventilation and sanitation of the schoolhouses; shall have the
7 floors swept and fires made at the expense of the district,] and cause an accurate account of the
8 expense thereof to be kept and a report and settlement to be made at the next annual meeting or
9 as required by law.

10 2. The school board having charge of the schoolhouses, buildings and grounds
11 appurtenant thereto may allow the [free] use of [the houses, buildings and grounds for the free
12 discussion of public questions or subjects of general public interest, for the meeting of
13 organizations of citizens, and for any other civic, social and educational purpose that] **these**
14 **facilities for school, community, and civic events, so long as these activities** will not interfere
15 with the prime purpose to which the houses, buildings and grounds are devoted. If an application
16 is granted and the use of the houses, buildings, or grounds is permitted for the purposes
17 aforesaid, [the school board may provide, free of charge, heat, light and janitor service therein
18 when necessary, and may make any other provisions, free of charge, needed for the convenient
19 and comfortable use of the houses, buildings and grounds for such purposes, or] the school
20 boards may require the expenses to be paid by the organizations or persons who are allowed the
21 use of the houses, buildings and grounds. All persons upon whose application or at whose
22 request the use of any schoolhouse, building, or part thereof, or any grounds appurtenant thereto,
23 is permitted as herein provided shall be jointly and severally liable for any injury or damage
24 thereto which directly results from the use, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

177.091. 1. The school board in each [seven-director] **school** district, as soon as
2 sufficient funds are provided, shall establish an adequate number of [elementary] schools, and
3 if the demands of the district require more than one [elementary] school building, the board shall
4 divide the district into [elementary] school wards and fix the boundaries thereof. [The board
5 shall select and procure a site in each ward and erect and furnish a suitable school building
6 thereon.]

7 2. [The board may also establish high schools and may select and procure sites and erect
8 and furnish buildings therefor.

9 3.] The board may acquire additional grounds when needed for school purposes. If the
10 directors of both school districts involved agree, such grounds may be located outside of the
11 boundaries of the district and operated for school purposes.

12 [4.] 3. If there is any school property, the ownership of which is vested in the district,
13 that is no longer required for the use of the district, the board, by an affirmative vote of a
14 majority of the whole board, may authorize and direct the sale or lease of the property, except
15 that, property outside the boundaries of the school district may not be leased. Real property may
16 be sold or leased by listing the property with one or more real estate brokers licensed by the state

17 of Missouri and paying a commission upon such sale or lease. Real property not sold or leased
18 through a real estate broker and all personal property **exceeding five hundred dollars in value**,
19 unless sold or leased to a public institution of higher education, shall be sold or leased to the
20 highest bidder. **Personal property valued at five hundred dollars or less may be sold upon**
21 **terms established by the board of education.** If real property is not sold or leased through a
22 real estate broker, notice that the board is holding the property for sale or offering it for lease
23 shall be given by publication in a newspaper within the county in which all or a part of the
24 district is located which has general circulation within the district, once a week for two
25 consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days prior to the sale or lease of the
26 property; except that, any real or personal school property may be sold or leased to a city, state
27 agency, municipal corporation, or other governmental subdivision of the state located within the
28 boundaries of the district, for public uses and purposes, by the giving of public notice as herein
29 provided and at such sum as may be agreed upon between the school district and the city, state
30 agency, municipal corporation, or other governmental subdivision of the state. The lease or deed
31 of conveyance shall be executed by the president and attested by the secretary of the board. If
32 the district has a seal, it shall be affixed to the deed or lease. The proceeds derived from the sale
33 of real property or nonrealty [by districts identified as financially stressed pursuant to section
34 161.520, RSMo, shall, until July 1, 1998, be placed to the credit of the incidental fund or the
35 capital projects fund of the district, with notice of any such sale to be included in the budget and
36 education plan submitted to the department of elementary and secondary education, and, on and
37 after July 1, 1998, any such proceeds shall be placed to the credit of the capital projects fund.
38 The proceeds from the sale of real property or nonrealty and from leases, by any other district,]
39 shall be placed to the credit of the capital projects fund.

40 [5.] 4. The school board of [a seven-director] **any** district may also list real property for
41 sale on which a building has been constructed by an approved vocational education class with
42 a real estate broker licensed by the state of Missouri and pay a commission thereon.

43 [6.] 5. Other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, bids for the
44 purchase of any building constructed by students as part of an approved vocational education
45 class may be accepted prior to completion of such construction.

177.101. 1. In [seven-director] districts as specified in this section, the school board may
2 establish and maintain public parks and playgrounds, **stadiums or similar athletic facilities**,
3 **school libraries, art galleries and museums, and other related facilities** for the use of the
4 public school district, and may appropriate the sums they deem proper for the support thereof.

5 2. The school board may lease or purchase grounds additional to the schoolhouse site,
6 either adjacent thereto or elsewhere in the school district, for [libraries, public parks and
7 playgrounds and pay for the grounds so leased or purchased out of the funds of the school district

8 available for the purpose] **these purposes.**

9 3. The board of education shall have full custody and control of the parks and
10 playgrounds including the policing and the preservation of order thereon and may permit the use
11 of the grounds that it deems best in the interest of the district. The board shall adopt and enforce,
12 subject to the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city, suitable rules and regulations for
13 the control of the grounds and the conduct of persons using them.

14 **4. The board of education may accept contributions and gifts of money or property**
15 **for the acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance of the stadium and sites and**
16 **appurtenances thereto.**

2 [177.051. If there is within any school district any school
3 property that is not required for the use of the school district and the
4 property could be used for purposes of offering education beyond
5 grade twelve by a public institution of higher education, the school
6 board may lease or convey the property to the public institution, and
7 the proceeds derived from a conveyance shall be placed to the credit
8 of the incidental fund of the district.]

2 [177.061. 1. Any of the sixteenth-sections of land, or lands
3 selected in lieu thereof, granted to the state of Missouri by acts of
4 Congress for the support of schools in congressional townships may
5 be sold and conveyed by the school district for whose benefit the land
6 is held in the manner provided by law for the sale of property owned
7 by the school district and no longer required for school purposes. The
8 deed of conveyance shall be executed by the president of the school
9 board of the district, signed by him and attested by the clerk or
10 secretary of the board. If the district has a seal the seal shall be
11 affixed to the deed.

12 2. Any conveyance of the land made by a school board in
13 accordance with this section shall divest the state of Missouri of all
14 title to the land, and vest title in the grantees, their heirs and assigns,
15 forever.

16 3. The proceeds derived from the sale of the sixteenth-section
17 school lands shall be placed to the credit of the incidental fund of the
18 district.

19 4. This section does not affect conveyances of
20 sixteenth-section school lands made under prior laws.]

2 [177.071. All sales of land in sections numbered sixteen, or
3 lands selected in lieu thereof, by any sheriff, in the attempt to carry
4 out the provisions of any statute relating to the sale of the lands as
5 school lands for the townships in which they lie, which sales took
place more than ten years before October 13, 1963, shall, upon the

6 expiration of two years from October 13, 1963, become and be
7 deemed valid and effectual for all intents and purposes, and the title
8 thereto sought to be conveyed is hereby confirmed in the respective
9 purchasers and those claiming under them at the expiration of the two
10 years, whether there was any petition from the householders of the
11 townships for the sales or not, and notwithstanding any other errors,
12 defects, omissions or imperfections in the petition, order of sale,
13 notice, sale, or other proceeding therein; save only as to such lands
14 now involved or which during the period of two years may become
15 involved in any suit because thereof, as to which lands this section
16 shall not take effect until the final determination of the suit.]
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2 [177.073. 1. The board of directors or school board in urban
3 school districts, metropolitan school districts, and school districts
4 located totally or partially within a first class charter county adjoining
5 a city not within a county, by an affirmative vote of not less than
6 two-thirds of all the members, may:

7 (1) Select, direct and authorize the purchase of sites for and
8 authorize the construction of libraries, schools, school offices, art
9 galleries and museums; and the necessary janitors' houses, repair
10 buildings, supply houses and parking facilities to be used in the
11 operation and maintenance of the schools;

12 (2) Authorize and direct the purchase of additional ground
13 needed for school purposes;

14 (3) Authorize and direct the sale and transfer or lease of any
15 real or personal property belonging to the district which is not
16 required for operation of the school program. Real property may be
17 sold or leased by listing the property with one or more real estate
18 brokers licensed by the state of Missouri and paying a commission
19 upon such sale or lease. Real property not sold or leased through a
20 real estate broker and all personal property shall be sold or leased to
21 the highest bidder, except that any real or personal school property
22 may be sold or leased to a community group or a city, state agency,
23 municipal corporation, or any other governmental subdivision of the
24 state located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the district,
25 for public uses and purposes, at such sum as may be agreed upon
26 between the school district and the community group or the city, state
27 agency, municipal corporation, or other governmental subdivision of
28 the state. If property is to be leased by bid, written proposals for lease
29 terms shall be submitted by potential lessees. The lease proposal
30 offering the most economically advantageous terms shall be
31 considered the highest lease bid. A purchase proposal may include
contingencies; the proposal offering the most economically

32 advantageous terms shall be the highest bid. All bids for purchase or
33 lease of real property shall be submitted formally as closed bids. Bids
34 shall be opened at a meeting, which shall be an open meeting. The
35 board may reject all bids, or negotiate an acceptable sale or lease with
36 the highest bidder, if all bids are unsatisfactory. The records of the
37 bid-opening meeting shall be an open record. If real property is not
38 sold or leased through a real estate broker, notice that the board is
39 holding real property for sale or offering it for lease, including a
40 planned sale or lease to a community group or a city, state agency,
41 municipal corporation, or other governmental subdivision of the state,
42 shall be given by publication in a newspaper within the county in
43 which all or a part of the district is located which has general
44 circulation within the district, once a week for two consecutive
45 weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days and not more than
46 fourteen days prior to the date of the bid opening. The term of a lease
47 may be for any period which the board finds is advantageous and
48 meets the needs of the district. The lease or deed of conveyance shall
49 be executed by the president and attested by the secretary of the
50 board. If the district has a seal, it shall be affixed to the deed or lease.
51 The proceeds derived from sale of real property shall be placed to the
52 credit of the incidental fund of the district. The proceeds from sale of
53 nonrealty and from leases shall be placed to the credit of the
54 incidental fund.

55 2. The board may receive, in behalf of the school district, any
56 grants, gifts, or devises made for the benefit of the district or its
57 schools, or any public library, art gallery or museum under the control
58 of the board.]

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2 [177.111. 1. Any seven-director school district, acting
3 through its board of directors, may acquire, construct, erect, equip and
4 furnish, operate, control and regulate a stadium or similar structure
5 for the holding of school athletic games, contests and other
6 recreational activities and exhibitions, and for purposes and uses
7 incidental thereto. Portions of the structure may be constructed and
8 equipped for gymnasium or training rooms and dressing rooms. From
9 time to time the district may make additions to or enlarge the
10 structure.

11 2. The school district may use real property now or hereafter
12 belonging to it as a site for the stadium, or may acquire by purchase,
13 lease, gift or otherwise the real and personal property that in the
14 judgment of the board of directors is necessary, advisable and suitable
15 for the purpose, together with adequate space for off-street parking of
vehicles. It may accept contributions and gifts of money or property

16 for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the
17 stadium and sites and appurtenances thereto.

18 3. If the district uses for such purpose property acquired by
19 funds derived from proceeds of taxation, it shall make payment from
20 the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to sections 164.231 to
21 164.301, RSMo, or from funds available therefor from sources other
22 than taxation, into its treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund a
23 sum equal to the cost to the school district of the property or its then
24 appraised value, whichever is greater. The appraised value shall be
25 determined by a proceeding in the circuit court of the county where
26 the land is situated in the nature of a condemnation proceeding, so
27 that the school district will in effect have condemned the land for the
28 benefit of the project and it will have ceased to represent investment
29 of proceeds of taxation. The circuit court is vested with jurisdiction
30 of the proceeding in which the school district shall be plaintiff and the
31 attorney general shall be made a party defendant as representing the
32 public interest in the property and funds of the school district derived
33 from taxation.]
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2 [177.131. The school board in each urban district, as soon as
3 sufficient funds have been provided, shall establish an adequate
4 number of elementary and high schools, select and procure sites, and
5 erect and furnish suitable school buildings therefor.]

2 [177.151. The board may erect, construct and maintain, and
3 use for all purposes connected with or incident to the work of the
4 public schools or library or art gallery or museum, and let out to
5 others for compensation, an auditorium or public hall suitable for
6 public gatherings. The auditorium may be erected or constructed
7 either in connection with the building devoted to the public library,
8 art gallery or museum, or separate therefrom. The proceeds of rents
9 over expenses shall be used for the purchase of books for the public
library.]