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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 54.010, 54.280, 54.320, 54.330, 65.110, 65.160, 65.460, 65.490, 65.600, 136.010, 136.160, 137.465, 137.585, 139.120, 139.350, 139.400, 139.420, 139.430, 139.440, 139.450, 139.460, 165.071, 242.560, 245.205, and 301.025, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-five new sections relating to consolidation of tax collection, with an expiration date for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 54.010, 54.280, 54.320, 54.330, 65.110, 65.160, 65.460, 65.490, 2 65.600, 136.010, 136.160, 137.465, 137.585, 139.120, 139.350, 139.400, 139.420, 139.430, 3 139.440, 139.450, 139.460, 165.071, 242.560, 245.205, and 301.025, RSMo, are repealed and 4 twenty-five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 54.010, 54.280, 54.320, 54.330, 65.110, 65.160, 65.460, 65.490, 65.600, 136.010, 136.160, 137.465, 137.585, 139.120, 5 139.350, 139.400, 139.420, 139.430, 139.440, 139.450, 139.460, 165.071, 242.560, 245.205, and 6 7 301.025, to read as follows: 54.010. 1. There is created in all the counties of this state the office of county treasurer, except that in those counties having adopted the township alternative form of county 2 3 government the qualified electors shall elect a county collector-treasurer. 4 2. In counties of classes one and two the qualified electors shall elect a county treasurer at the general election in 1956 and every four years thereafter. 5 6 3. In counties of classes three and four the qualified electors shall elect a county treasurer 7 at the general election in the year 1954, and every four years thereafter, except that in those

8 counties having adopted the township alternative form of county government the qualified

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

9 electors shall elect a county [treasurer] collector-treasurer at the November election in 1956,10 and every four years thereafter.

4. Laws generally applicable to county collectors, their offices, clerks, and deputies shall apply to and govern county collector-treasurers in counties having township organization, except when such general laws and such laws applicable to counties of the third and fourth classification conflict with the laws specifically applicable to county collector-treasurers, their offices, clerks, and deputies in counties having township organization, in which case, such laws shall govern.

54.280. The county [treasurer] collector-treasurer of counties having adopted or which 2 may hereafter adopt township organization shall [be ex officio collector, and shall] have the [same] power to collect all current, back, and delinquent real and personal property taxes, 3 including merchants' and manufacturers' licenses, [merchants' taxes,] taxes on railroads and 4 utilities, and other corporations, the current and delinquent or nonresident lands or town lots, 5 and all other local taxes, including ditch and levee taxes, and to prosecute for and make sale 6 7 thereof, the same that is now or may hereafter be vested in the county collectors under the 8 general laws of this state. The [ex officio collector] collector-treasurer shall, at the time of 9 making his annual settlement in each year, deposit the tax books [returned by the township collectors] in the office of the county clerk, and within thirty days thereafter the clerk shall make, 10 in a book to be called "the back tax book", a correct list, in numerical order, of all tracts of land 11 and town lots which have been returned delinquent [by said collectors], and return said list to the 12 [ex officio collector] collector-treasurer, taking his or her receipt therefor. 13

54.320. 1. The county [treasurer ex officio collector] collector-treasurer in counties of the third and fourth classifications adopting township organization shall receive an annual 2 salary as set forth in the following schedule. The assessed valuation factor shall be the amount 3 4 thereof as shown for the year next preceding the computation. A county [treasurer ex officio collector] collector-treasurer subject to the provisions of this section shall not receive an annual 5 compensation less than the total compensation being received by the county treasurer ex officio 6 collector in that county for services rendered or performed for the period beginning March 1, 7 1987, and ending February 29, 1988. The county [treasurer ex officio collector] collector-8 treasurer shall receive the same percentage adjustments provided by county salary commissions 9 10 for county officers in that county pursuant to section 50.333, RSMo. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the 11 office of county treasurer ex officio collector on January 1, 1997, or less than the total 12 13 compensation being received for the services rendered or performed for the period beginning 14 March 1, 1987, and ending February 29, 1988. The salary shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule: 15

16	Assessed Valuation	Salary
17	\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$29,000
18	41,000,000 to 53,999,999	30,000
19	54,000,000 to 65,999,999	32,000
20	66,000,000 to 85,999,999	34,000
21	86,000,000 to 99,999,999	36,000
22	100,000,000 to 130,999,999	38,000
23	131,000,000 to 159,999,999	40,000
24	160,000,000 to 189,999,999	41,000
25	190,000,000 to 249,999,999	41,500
26	250,000,000 to 299,999,999	43,000
27	300,000,000 to 449,999,999	45,000

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29 In addition, the [ex officio collector] collector-treasurer shall [be allowed to retain a 30 commission] collect on behalf of the county a fee for the collection of all back taxes and all 31 delinquent taxes of two percent on all sums collected to be added to the face of the tax bill, and 32 collected from the party paying the tax. The [ex officio collector] collector-treasurer shall [be 33 allowed a commission] collect on behalf of the county a fee of three percent on all licenses, and 34 all taxes, including current taxes, back taxes, delinquent taxes and interest collected by the [ex 35 officio collector] collector-treasurer, to be deducted from the amounts collected. [The three 36 percent allowed to be retained shall be withheld on behalf of the county and shall be deposited in the county treasury or as provided by law and beginning January 1, 1989, the two percent 37 38 allowed to be retained for collection of all back taxes and delinquent taxes shall be withheld on 39 behalf of the county and shall be deposited in the county treasury or as provided by law.] The 40 collector-treasurer may collect on behalf of the county for the purpose of mailing statements and receipts required by section 139.350, RSMo, a fee of one-half of one percent 41 42 on all licenses and all taxes, including current taxes, back taxes, delinquent taxes, and 43 interest collected by the collector-treasurer, to be deducted from the amounts collected. 44 All fees collected under this section shall be collected on behalf of the county and shall be 45 deposited in the county treasury or as provided by law. Collector-treasurers in counties having a township form of government are entitled to collect such fees immediately upon 46 an order of the circuit court under section 139.031, RSMo. If the protest is later sustained 47 48 and a portion of the taxes so paid is returned to the taxpayer the county shall return that 49 portion of the fee collected on the amount returned to the taxpayer. The [treasurer ex officio 50 collector] collector-treasurer in each of the third and fourth classification counties which have adopted the township form of county government is entitled to employ deputies and assistants, 51

and for the deputies and assistants is allowed not less than the amount allowed in [1992 or 1993] **2003-2004**, whichever is greater.

54 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the collector-treasurer 55 in each of the third and fourth classification counties having township form of government shall be allowed to employ not less than one full-time deputy and is entitled to employ such 56 57 number of deputies and assistants as may be necessary to promptly and correctly perform 58 the duties of the office of collector-treasurer, and for the deputies and assistants is allowed 59 not less than the compensation provided for other county employees, however, such deputies and assistants shall be allowed the same percentage adjustments in compensation 60 61 as provided for other county employees as effective January first each year.

62 3. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to the [treasurer ex officio collector] collector-treasurer only if such officer has completed at least 63 64 twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the [treasurer ex officio collector's] collector-treasurer's office when approved by a professional 65 66 association of the county treasurers or county collectors of Missouri unless exempted from the 67 training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program 68 shall provide a certificate of completion to each [treasurer ex officio collector] collectortreasurer who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified [treasurer ex 69 officio collectors] collector-treasurers to the county commission of each county. Expenses 70 incurred for attending the training session may be reimbursed to the county [treasurer ex officio 71 72 collector] collector-treasurer in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for 73 that purpose.

4. For the performance of duties provided for in section 54.280 and this section, the collector-treasurer in each county having a township organization shall receive additional compensation in an annual sum of five thousand dollars, to be paid from the county treasury in twelve equal monthly installments. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law to the contrary, the compensation authorized in this subsection shall be in addition to all other compensation provided by law.

54.330. 1. County [treasurers, as ex officio county collectors of counties under]
2 collector-treasurers in a county having township organization, shall be required to give bonds
3 as other county collectors under the general revenue law.

2. Before entering upon the duties for which they are employed, deputies and assistants employed in the office of any [treasurer ex officio collector] **collector-treasurer** shall give bond and security to the satisfaction of the [treasurer ex officio collector] **collector-treasurer**. The bond for each individual deputy or assistant shall not exceed one-half of the amount of the maximum bond required for any [treasurer ex officio collector] **collector-treasurer**. The official

9 bond required pursuant to this section shall be a surety bond with a surety company authorized

to do business in this state. The premium of the bond shall be paid by the county or city beingprotected.

65.110. 1. There shall be chosen at the biennial election in each township one trustee,
who shall be ex officio treasurer of the township, [one township collector,] one township clerk,
and two members of the township board.

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2. Upon the assumption of office of a county assessor elected as provided by section
53.010, RSMo, the township clerk shall cease to perform the duties of ex officio township
assessor and shall promptly deliver to the county assessor all books, papers, records, and property
pertaining to the office of ex officio township assessor.

8 3. The treasurer ex officio collector of a county with township organization shall 9 no longer retain such title and shall instead assume the office of collector-treasurer, as provided for by section 54.010, on March 1, 2007. On such date, the township collector 10 11 shall cease to perform the duties of township collector and shall promptly deliver to the collector-treasurer, all books, papers, records, and property pertaining to the office of 12 13 township collector. The township collector shall continue to perform the same duties and be subject to the same requirements and liabilities until his or her term expires on March 14 1, 2007. Notwithstanding other provisions of law to the contrary, the collector-treasurer 15 16 shall obtain and hold the same duties, powers, and obligations previously granted to and 17 held by the township collector on and after March 1, 2007.

65.160. Every person chosen or appointed to the office of township trustee and ex officio treasurer, member of the township board, [township collector,] or township clerk, before he enters on the duties of his office and within ten days after he shall be notified of his election or appointment, shall take and subscribe, before any officer authorized to administer oaths, such oath or affirmation as is prescribed by law.

65.460. Every person elected or appointed to the office of township trustee and ex officio 2 treasurer, before he enters on the duties of his office, and within ten days after his election or 3 appointment, shall execute and deliver to the township clerk a bond with one or more sureties, 4 to the satisfaction of the township clerk payable to the township board, equal to one-half the largest amount on deposit at any one time during the year preceding his election or appointment 5 6 of all the township funds, including school moneys, that may come into his hands; and every such bond, when deposited with the township clerk as aforesaid, shall constitute a lien upon all 7 the real estate within the county belonging to such trustee and ex officio treasurer at the time of 8 filing thereof, and shall continue to be a lien until its conditions, together with all costs and 9 charges which may accrue by reason of any prosecution thereon, shall be satisfied. [The 10 township collector shall before he receives the tax books give bond and security to the state, to 11

the satisfaction of the county commission, in a sum for any one month equal to the average total 12 13 monthly collection for the same month during the preceding four years, but not to exceed 14 one-half the largest amount collected during any one year preceding his election or appointment, including school taxes. Such bond shall be executed in duplicate; one part thereof shall be 15 deposited and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county commission, and the other part 16 17 shall be transmitted by the clerk to the state tax commission. The conditions of such bond shall 18 be that he, the said collector, will faithfully and punctually collect and pay over all state, county, 19 township and other revenue, including school taxes, that may become due and collectible during 20 the period for which such collector shall be elected or appointed; and that he will in all things 21 faithfully perform all the duties of the office of township collector according to law; provided, 22 the county commission or township board shall annually examine the collector's or trustee's bond 23 as to form and sufficiency of surety and in case of any doubt shall require additional security.] 65.490. The township trustee and ex officio treasurer shall not pay out any moneys 2 belonging to the township for any purpose whatever, except upon the order of the township board 3 of directors, signed by the chairman of said board and attested by the township clerk; provided, 4 that nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to change or interfere with any school district, the boundary lines of which are different from that of the municipal township as 5 6 organized under the provisions of this chapter, nor with the payment of any school moneys upon 7 proper vouchers. He shall receive from the [township collector and the county collector or

8 treasurer] **collector-treasurer** all road and bridge and other taxes due the township when 9 collected by such officers, and shall receipt for the same, and shall account therefor in like 10 manner as for other moneys in his hands belonging to the township.

65.600. 1. In any county in this state which may hereafter adopt township organization, the person holding the office of the collector of the revenue in such county, at the time in March when township organization becomes effective in such county, shall continue to hold his office and exercise all the functions and receive all the fees and emoluments thereof until the time at which his term of office would have expired had such county not adopted township organization, and, except as herein otherwise provided, he shall perform the same duties and be subject to the same requirements and liabilities as in counties not under township organization.

8 2. The county assessor shall assess the property of the various townships in such county 9 and arrange his books and lists in a manner so that it can be determined which township is 10 entitled to the taxes assessed against any property.

3. The county clerk of such county shall [make out] submit, for the use of such county
collector, lists of the property assessed in each township the same as he is required to [make out]
submit for the use of township collectors.

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4. The collector of the revenue in such county shall pay over to the several township

15 trustees of such county after deducting his commission, all township taxes and funds of every

16 kind collected by him and belonging respectively to the several townships in such county, as 17 required by section 139.430, RSMo, in the case of township collectors, and for his failure to do 18 so he shall be subject to the same liability as provided by section 139.430, RSMo, in the case of 19 township collectors.

5. The first township collectors in such county shall be elected at the township election held in March next preceding the time at which the term of office of the collector of the revenue in such county shall expire and their terms of office shall begin at the expiration of the term of office of such collector of the revenue, and they shall hold their offices until the next township election in such county.

136.010. 1. The division of taxation and collection shall collect all taxes, licenses and fees payable to the state, except that county [and township] collectors **and collector-treasurers** shall collect the state tax on tangible property, which shall be transmitted promptly to the division of taxation and collection.

5 2. All money payable to the state, including gifts, escheats, penalties, federal funds, and money from every other source payable to the state shall be promptly transmitted to the division 6 of taxation and collection; provided that all such money payable to the curators of the university 7 of Missouri, except those funds required by law or by instrument granting the same to be paid 8 9 into the seminary fund of the state, is excepted herefrom, and in the case of other state 10 educational institutions there is excepted herefrom, gifts or trust funds from whatever source, 11 appropriations, gifts or grants from the federal government, private organizations and individuals, funds for or from student activities, farm or housing activities, and other funds from 12 which the whole or some part thereof may be liable to be repaid to the person contributing the 13 14 same, and hospital fees. All of the above excepted funds shall be reported in detail quarterly to 15 the governor and biennially to the general assembly.

16 3. The director of revenue in cooperation with the state treasurer shall develop a uniform 17 system of summary reporting on income, expenditures and balances of the excepted funds in subsection 2 of this section, and for all other funds handled by state agencies, institutions or state 18 19 officials in their official duties pursuant to any law or administrative practice but not deposited with the state treasurer. Such forms shall be made available to all agencies, institutions and 20 21 officials responsible for such funds. Said agencies and officials shall annually file a complete 22 summary report on the uniform forms provided by the director of revenue by August first for the 23 fiscal period July first to June thirtieth just passed. These reports shall be compiled by the 24 director of revenue for inclusion in the annual report of the state treasurer and director of revenue 25 showing balances, income, expenditures, asset value and form of all assets held by the account. 36.160. All officers and others bound by law to pay money directly to the director of

2 revenue, or the department of revenue shall exhibit their accounts and vouchers to the director 3 of revenue on or before the thirty-first day of December, to be adjusted and settled, except the 4 county [and township] collectors of revenue **and collector-treasurers**, who shall, immediately 5 after their final settlement with the county commission on the first Monday in March in each 6 year, exhibit their accounts and vouchers to the director of revenue for the amount due the state 7 to be adjusted and settled.

137.465. 1. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of each county in this state, that has or hereafter may adopt township organization, to [make out] annually **submit**, for the use of the [township collector] **collector-treasurer** of each [township] **county**, correct lists of the property assessed, which lists shall be in alphabetical order, the names of the persons owing tax on personal property in [each collector's district] **the county**, the aggregate value of such property assessed to each person, and the amount of taxes due thereon.

2. [He] The county clerk shall also [make out] submit for the use of the [township
collector] collector-treasurer an abstract of all real property which is assessed, in numerical
order, which shall show the name or names, if known, of the person or persons to whom each
tract or lot is assessed, and the value of each tract or lot, and the amount of taxes due thereon,
which list shall be made out in strict conformity with the forms and instructions furnished by the
state tax commission.

137.585. 1. In addition to other levies authorized by law, the township board of directors
of any township in their discretion may levy an additional tax not exceeding thirty-five cents on
each one hundred dollars assessed valuation in their township for road and bridge purposes.
Such tax shall be levied by the township board, to be collected by the [township collector] **collector-treasurer** and turned into the county treasury, where it shall be known and designated
as a special road and bridge fund.

7 2. The county commission of any such county may in its discretion order the county 8 treasurer or collector-treasurer to retain an amount not to exceed five cents on the one hundred 9 dollars assessed valuation out of such special road and bridge fund and to transfer the same to 10 the county special road and bridge fund; and all of said taxes over the amount so ordered to be 11 retained by the county shall be paid to the treasurers of the respective townships from which it 12 came as soon as practicable after receipt of such funds, and shall be designated as a special road 13 and bridge fund of such township and used by said townships only for road and bridge purposes, 14 except that amounts collected within the boundaries of road districts formed in accordance with the provisions of sections 233.320 to 233.445, RSMo, shall be paid to the treasurers of such road 15 districts; provided that the amount retained, if any, by the county shall be uniform as to all such 16 17 townships levying and paying such tax into the county treasury; provided further, that the proceeds of such fund may be used in the discretion of the township board of directors in the 18

19 construction and maintenance of roads and in improving and repairing any street in any 20 incorporated city, town or village in the township, if said street shall form a part of a continuous

21 highway of the township running through said city, town or village.

139.120. 1. The collector or collector-treasurer in a county having township organization shall diligently endeavor and use all lawful means to collect all taxes which they 2 are required to collect in their respective counties, and to that end they shall have the power to 3 4 seize and sell the goods and chattels of the person liable for taxes, in the same manner as goods 5 and chattels are or may be required to be seized and sold under execution issued on judgments at law, and no property whatever shall be exempt from seizure and sale for taxes due on lands 6 7 or personal property; provided, that no such seizure or sale for taxes shall be made until after the first day of October of each year, and the collector or collector-treasurer shall not receive a 8 9 credit for delinquent taxes until he shall have made affidavit that he has been unable to find any personal property out of which to make the taxes in each case so returned delinquent; but no such 10 seizure and sale of goods shall be made until the collector or collector-treasurer has made 11 12 demand for the payment of the tax, either in person or by deputy, to the party liable to pay the 13 same, or by leaving a written or printed notice at his place of abode for that purpose, with some 14 member of the family over fifteen years of age.

15 2. Such seizure may be made at any time after the first day of October, and before said 16 taxes become delinquent, or after they become delinquent; provided further, that when any person owing personal tax removes from one county in this state to another, it shall be the duty 17 18 of the county collector, or [township collector] collector-treasurer as the case may be, of the 19 county from which such person shall move, to send a tax bill to the sheriff of the county into 20 which such person may be found, and on receipt of the same by said sheriff, it shall be his duty 21 to proceed to collect said tax bill in like manner as provided by law for the collection of personal 22 tax, for which he shall be allowed the same compensation as provided by law in the collection 23 of executions. It shall be the duty of the sheriff in such case to make due return to the collector 24 or collector-treasurer of the county from whence said tax bill was issued, with the money 25 collected thereon.

139.350. Every [ex officio township collector] collector-treasurer in a county having a township organization, upon receiving the tax book and warrant from the county clerk, shall proceed in the following manner to collect the same; and he shall mail to all resident taxpayers, at least fifteen days prior to delinquent date, a statement of all real and tangible personal property taxes due and assessed on the current tax books in the name of the taxpayers. [Collectors] Collector-treasurers shall also mail tax receipts for all the taxes received by mail.

139.400. If the [township collector] collector-treasurer in any county that has
adopted township organization shall be unable to collect any taxes charged in the tax list, by

reason of the removal or insolvency of the person to whom such tax may be charged, or on 3 4 account of any error in the tax list, he shall deliver to the county [treasurer] **clerk** his tax book, 5 and shall [make out] **submit** and file with said [treasurer] **clerk**, at the time of his settlement, a 6 statement in writing, setting forth the name of the person charged with such tax, the value of the property, and the amount of tax so charged and the cause of the delinquency, and shall make oath 7 8 before the county clerk, or some associate circuit judge, that the facts stated in such statement 9 are true and correct, and that the sums mentioned therein remain unpaid, and that he used due 10 diligence to collect the same, which oath or affidavit shall be signed by the [township collector] collector-treasurer; and upon filing said statement, the county [treasurer] clerk shall allow the 11 12 [township collector] collector-treasurer credit for the amount of taxes therein stated, and shall 13 apportion and credit the same on the several funds for which such tax was charged; and when 14 he makes settlement with the county commission, such statement shall be a sufficient voucher 15 to entitle him to credit for the amount therein stated; but in no case shall any [township collector] 16 collector-treasurer, county clerk, or county treasurer, be entitled to abatement on the resident 17 tax list until the statement and affidavit aforesaid are filed as required by this chapter. 139.420. 1. The [township collector of each township] collector-treasurer of any

2 county that has adopted township organization, at the term of the county commission to be held on the first Monday in March of each year, shall make a final settlement of his accounts 3 with the county commission for state, county, school and township taxes; produce receipts from 4 the proper officers for all school and township taxes collected by him[, less his commission]; pay 5 over to the county [treasurer and ex officio collector] treasury all moneys remaining in his 6 7 hands, collected by him on state and county taxes; make his return of all delinquent or unpaid 8 taxes, as required by law, and make oath before the commission that he has exhausted all the 9 remedies required by law for the collection of such taxes.

2. On or before the twentieth day of March in each year, he shall make a final settlementwith the township board.

12 3. If any [township collector] collector-treasurer shall fail or refuse to make the 13 settlement required by this section, or shall fail or refuse to pay over the state and county taxes, as provided in this section, the county commission shall attach him until he shall make such 14 settlement of his accounts or pay over the money found due from him; and the commission shall 15 cause the clerk thereof to notify the director of revenue and the prosecuting attorney of the 16 17 county at once of the failure of such [township collector] collector-treasurer to settle his 18 accounts, or pay over the money found due from him, and the director of revenue and the prosecuting attorney shall proceed against such collector in the manner provided in section 19 20 139.440, and such collector shall be liable to the penalties provided in section 139.440.

139.430. 1. The [township collector] collector-treasurer in any county that has a

township organization, on or before the [fifth] **tenth** day of each month, shall make and file in the office of the county clerk a statement showing the amount of taxes collected by him for all purposes during the preceding month, which statement shall be sworn to by such [township collector] **collector-treasurer** before the county clerk, or some other officer authorized to administer oaths.

2. On or before the tenth day in each month, the [township collector, after deducting his commissions,] **collector-treasurer** shall pay over to the county [treasurer and ex officio collector] **treasury** all state and county taxes collected by him during the preceding month, as shown by the statement required by this section, and take duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall retain and the other he shall file with the county clerk; and the county clerk shall charge the [treasurer] **collector-treasurer** with the amounts so receipted for, to be accounted for at the annual settlement.

3. The [township collector] **collector-treasurer**, in like manner, on or before the twentieth day of each month, shall pay over to the township trustee and ex officio treasurer [after deducting his commission] all township taxes and funds of every kind belonging to the township, collected by him during the preceding month, and take duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall retain and the other he shall deposit with the township clerk, who shall charge the township trustee and ex officio treasurer with the amount so receipted.

[4. The township collector shall receive a commission of two and one-half percent on
the first forty thousand dollars collected; one percent on the next forty thousand dollars collected;
and three-fourths of one percent on the remainder of all moneys collected by him.]

139.440. 1. If any [township collector] collector-treasurer shall fail or refuse to file the statement required by section 139.430, or, having filed such statement, shall neglect or refuse to 2 pay over to the county [treasurer and ex officio collector] treasury the state and county taxes 3 4 collected by him or her during the preceding month, as shown by such statement, the county clerk, immediately after such default, and not later than the fifteenth day of the month in which 5 such statement was or should have been made, shall certify such fact to the director of revenue 6 7 and the prosecuting attorney of the county; and the director of revenue and the prosecuting 8 attorney shall proceed against such defaulting [township collector] collector-treasurer in the same manner as is provided by section 139.270 for proceeding against defaulting county 9 10 collectors [and ex officio county collectors,] and the [township collector] collector-treasurer shall [forfeit his commission] on all moneys collected and wrongfully withheld, [and otherwise] 11 12 be liable to all the penalties imposed by section 139.270.

2. The county clerk shall certify a copy of such monthly statement to the director of
 revenue within the time prescribed for certifying the statements of the county collectors and [ex
 officio collectors] collector-treasurers.

139.450. The [ex officio collector] **collector-treasurer** shall include in his monthly statement all such sums collected for the preceding month [as may have been paid to him by the township collectors up to the time of making his monthly statement,] which have not been included in any previous statements, and shall include in his annual settlement, as provided in this chapter and in the general revenue law, the whole amount of taxes collected [by the several township collectors of his county] as shown by the annual settlements [of the township collectors] with the county commission as provided in section 139.420.

139.460. 1. The [township collector] collector-treasurer shall be required to draw or procure a plat of each school district or fractional part thereof in his [township] county, and shall keep a true and correct account of all school moneys collected by him or her in each school district or fractional part thereof; and when said collector pays the moneys so collected by him or her to the township treasurer or school district treasurer, he or she shall state the amount collected from each school district or fractional part thereof, and take duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he or she shall retain, and file the other with the township clerk.

8 2. As soon as the school funds are apportioned, the township treasurer shall apply to the 9 county [treasurer] **collector-treasurer** for the school moneys belonging to each school district 10 or fractional part thereof, in his **or her** township, and the county [treasurer] **collector-treasurer** 11 shall pay over to him **or her** all of said school money, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of 12 which he **or she** shall file with the township clerk **and one of which shall be retained**.

3. The township treasurer shall safely keep such money until paid out upon the order of
the board of directors of the various school districts in his **or her** township.

4. When any school district is divided by township or county lines, the district shall be considered in the township or county in which the schoolhouse is located, and the township treasurer holding any money belonging to fractional parts of districts in which no schoolhouse is located shall pay over all such money to the township treasurer of the township in which the fractional part of the district having the schoolhouse is located, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall be filed with the township clerk, and the township treasurer shall settle annually with the township board on or before the twentieth day of March in each year.

165.071. 1. At least once in every month the county collector in all counties of the first and second classes and the [township collector] collector-treasurer in counties having township organization shall pay over to the treasurer of the school board of all seven-director districts all moneys received and collected by him to which the board is entitled and take duplicate receipts from the treasurer, one of which he shall file with the secretary of the school board and the other he shall file in his settlement with the county commission.

7 2. The county collector in counties of the third and fourth classes, except in counties8 under township organization, shall pay over to the county treasurer at least once in every month

9 all moneys received and collected by him which are due each school district and shall take 10 duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall file in his settlement with the county 11 commission. The county treasurer in such counties shall pay over to the treasurer of the school 12 board of seven-director districts, at least once in every month, all moneys so received by him to 13 which the board is entitled. Upon payment he shall take duplicate receipts from the treasurer of 14 the school board, one of which he shall file with the secretary of the school board, and the other 15 he shall file in his settlement with the county commission.

242.560. 1. In counties where the provisions of chapter 65, RSMo, are, or may hereafter be in force, the secretary of the board of supervisors shall extend all drainage taxes under the provisions of sections 242.010 to 242.690 on separate tax books for the respective townships in which such lands are situate, and such tax books shall be certified to the [township collectors of such townships] **collector-treasurer** at the same time and in the same manner as provided for county collectors.

2. Such taxes shall be collected by such [township collectors] collector-treasurer at the same time and in the same manner as state and county taxes are collected, and each [township collector] collector-treasurer shall give bond, have the same authority to collect such taxes, receive the same compensation therefor and pay over such taxes to the secretary of board of supervisors, as provided for county collectors under said sections, and shall be subject to the same penalties and liabilities. Such [township collectors] collector-treasurer shall make due return of such tax books under oath in the same manner as required of county collectors.

14 3. The delinquent drainage taxes shall be certified by the secretary of the board of 15 supervisors to the county [treasurer as ex officio collector] collector-treasurer of delinquent 16 taxes, who shall collect such delinquent drainage taxes at the same time and in the same manner 17 as is herein provided for the collection of the delinquent drainage taxes in counties not under the 18 provisions of chapter 65, RSMo. The said [treasurer as ex officio collector] collector-treasurer 19 of delinquent taxes shall give bond, have the same authority to collect such taxes, receive the 20 same compensation therefor and pay over the said taxes to the treasurer of the drainage district 21 as is provided for county collectors under sections 242.010 to 242.690, and shall be subject to 22 the same penalties and liabilities.

4. All township drainage tax books, and the return of the collectors of such books, shall be taken as prima facie evidence in all courts of all matters therein contained, and that the delinquent tax shown in such books was properly levied and extended against such lands and remains unpaid. The lien of such tax shall be enforced and suits to collect such delinquent tax shall be instituted and prosecuted in the same manner provided by said sections, except such suits shall be instituted by the drainage district on tax bills duly made out and certified by the county [treasurer as ex officio collector] **collector-treasurer** of delinquent taxes.

245.205. 1. In counties where the provisions of chapter 65, RSMo, are or may hereafter 2 be in force, the secretary of the board of supervisors shall extend all levee taxes under the 3 provisions of sections 245.010 to 245.280 on separate tax books for the respective townships in which such lands are situate, and such tax books shall be certified to the [township collectors of 4 5 such townships] collector-treasurers at the same time and in the same manner as provided for 6 county collectors. Such taxes shall be collected by such [township collectors] collector-7 treasurers at the same time and in the same manner, as state and county taxes are collected, and 8 each [township collector] collector-treasurer shall give bond, have the same authority to collect such taxes, receive the same compensation therefor and pay over such taxes to the secretary of 9 board of supervisors, as provided for county collectors under sections 245.010 to 245.280 and 10 shall be subject to the same penalties and liabilities. Such [township collectors] collector-11 12 treasurers shall make due return of such tax books under oath in the same manner as required 13 of county collectors.

14 2. The delinquent levee taxes shall be certified by the secretary of the board of 15 supervisors to the county [treasurer as ex officio collector] collector-treasurer of delinquent 16 taxes, who shall collect such delinquent levee taxes at the same time and in the same manner as 17 is herein provided for the collection of the delinquent levee taxes in counties not under the provisions of chapter 65, RSMo. The said [treasurer as ex officio collector] collector-treasurer 18 19 of delinquent levee taxes shall give bond, have the same authority to collect such taxes, receive 20 the same compensation therefor, and pay over the said taxes to the treasurer of the levee district 21 as is provided for county collectors under sections 245.010 to 245.280, and shall be subject to 22 the same penalties and liabilities.

3. All township levee tax books, and the return of the collectors of such books, shall be taken as prima facie evidence in all courts of all matters therein contained, and that the delinquent tax shown in such books was properly levied and extended against such lands and remains unpaid. The lien of such tax shall be enforced and suits to collect such delinquent tax shall be instituted and prosecuted in the same manner provided by sections 245.010 to 245.280, except such suits shall be instituted by the levee district on tax bills duly made out and certified by the county [treasurer as ex officio collector] **collector-treasurer** of delinquent taxes.

301.025. 1. No state registration license to operate any motor vehicle in this state shall be issued unless the application for license of a motor vehicle or trailer is accompanied by a tax receipt for the tax year which immediately precedes the year in which the vehicle's or trailer's registration is due and which reflects that all taxes, including delinquent taxes from prior years, have been paid, or a statement certified by the county [or township collector of the county or township] **collector or collector-treasurer of the county** in which the applicant's property was assessed showing that the state and county tangible personal property taxes for such previous tax

year and all delinquent taxes due have been paid by the applicant or that no such taxes were due 8 9 or, if the applicant is not a resident of this state and serving in the armed forces of the United 10 States, the application is accompanied by a leave and earnings statement from such person verifying such status or, if the applicant is an organization described pursuant to subdivision (5) 11 12 of section 137.100, RSMo, or subsection 1 of section 137.101, RSMo, the application is 13 accompanied by a document, in a form approved by the director, verifying that the organization is registered with the department of revenue or is determined by the internal revenue service to 14 15 be a tax-exempt entity. If the director of the department of revenue has been notified by the 16 assessor pursuant to subsection 2 of section 137.101, RSMo, that the applicant's personal 17 property is not tax exempt, then the organization's application shall be accompanied by a 18 statement certified by the county collector or [township collector] collector-treasurer of the 19 county [or township] in which the organization's property was assessed showing that the state and county tangible personal property taxes for such previous tax year and all delinquent taxes 20 21 due have been paid by the organization. In the event the registration is a renewal of a registration 22 made two or three years previously, the application shall be accompanied by proof that taxes 23 were not due or have been paid for the two or three years which immediately precede the year 24 in which the motor vehicle's or trailer's registration is due. The county **collector** or [township 25 collector] collector-treasurer shall not be required to issue a receipt for the immediately 26 preceding tax year until all personal property taxes, including all delinquent taxes currently due, 27 are paid. If the applicant was a resident of another county of this state in the applicable 28 preceding years, he or she must submit to the collector or collector-treasurer in the county [or 29 township] of residence proof that the personal property tax was paid in the applicable tax years. Every county collector and [township collector] collector-treasurer shall give each person a tax 30 31 receipt or a certified statement of tangible personal property taxes paid. The receipt issued by 32 the county collector in any county of the first classification with a charter form of government which contains part of a city with a population of at least three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants 33 34 which is located in more than one county, any county of the first classification without a charter 35 form of government with a population of at least one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which 36 contains part of a city with a population of at least three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which 37 is located in more than one county and any county of the first classification without a charter 38 form of government with a population of at least one hundred ten thousand but less than one 39 hundred fifty thousand inhabitants shall be determined null and void if the person paying tangible 40 personal property taxes issues or passes a check or other similar sight order which is returned to 41 the collector because the account upon which the check or order was drawn was closed or did 42 not have sufficient funds at the time of presentation for payment by the collector to meet the face 43 amount of the check or order. The collector may assess and collect in addition to any other

44 penalty or interest that may be owed, a penalty of ten dollars or five percent of the total amount 45 of the returned check or order whichever amount is greater to be deposited in the county general 46 revenue fund, but in no event shall such penalty imposed exceed one hundred dollars. The 47 collector may refuse to accept any check or other similar sight order in payment of any tax 48 currently owed plus penalty or interest from a person who previously attempted to pay such amount with a check or order that was returned to the collector unless the remittance is in the 49 50 form of a cashier's check, certified check or money order. If a person does not comply with the 51 provisions of this section, a tax receipt issued pursuant to this section is null and void and no 52 state registration license shall be issued or renewed. Where no such taxes are due each such 53 collector shall, upon request, certify such fact and transmit such statement to the person making 54 the request. Each receipt or statement shall describe by type the total number of motor vehicles 55 on which personal property taxes were paid, and no renewal of any state registration license shall 56 be issued to any person for a number greater than that shown on his or her tax receipt or 57 statement except for a vehicle which was purchased without another vehicle being traded 58 therefor, or for a vehicle previously registered in another state, provided the application for title 59 or other evidence shows that the date the vehicle was purchased or was first registered in this 60 state was such that no personal property tax was owed on such vehicle as of the date of the last tax receipt or certified statement prior to the renewal. The director of revenue shall make 61 62 necessary rules and regulations for the enforcement of this section, and shall design all necessary 63 forms. If electronic data is not available, residents of counties with a township form of 64 government and with [township collectors] collector-treasurers shall present personal property 65 tax receipts which have been paid for the preceding two years when registering under this 66 section.

67 2. Every county collector in counties with a population of over six hundred thousand and 68 less than nine hundred thousand shall give priority to issuing tax receipts or certified statements 69 pursuant to this section for any person whose motor vehicle registration expires in January. Such 70 collector shall send tax receipts or certified statements for personal property taxes for the 71 previous year within three days to any person who pays the person's personal property tax in 72 person, and within twenty working days, if the payment is made by mail. Any person wishing 73 to have priority pursuant to this subsection shall notify the collector at the time of payment of 74 the property taxes that a motor vehicle registration expires in January. Any person purchasing 75 a new vehicle in December and licensing such vehicle in January of the following year may use 76 the personal property tax receipt of the prior year as proof of payment.

3. In addition to all other requirements, the director of revenue shall not register any
vehicle subject to the heavy vehicle use tax imposed by Section 4481 of the Internal Revenue
Code of 1954 unless the applicant presents proof of payment, or that such tax is not owing, in

80 such form as may be prescribed by the United States Secretary of the Treasury. No proof of 81 payment of such tax shall be required by the director until the form for proof of payment has

82 been prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

83 4. Beginning July 1, 2000, a county collector or [township collector] collector-treasurer 84 may notify, by ordinary mail, any owner of a motor vehicle for which personal property taxes 85 have not been paid that if full payment is not received within thirty days the collector may notify 86 the director of revenue to suspend the motor vehicle registration for such vehicle. Any 87 notification returned to the collector or collector-treasurer by the post office shall not result in 88 the notification to the director of revenue for suspension of a motor vehicle registration. 89 Thereafter, if the owner fails to timely pay such taxes the collector **or collector-treasurer** may 90 notify the director of revenue of such failure. Such notification shall be on forms designed and 91 provided by the department of revenue and shall list the motor vehicle owner's full name, 92 including middle initial, the owner's address, and the year, make, model and vehicle 93 identification number of such motor vehicle. Upon receipt of this notification the director of 94 revenue may provide notice of suspension of motor vehicle registration to the owner at the 95 owner's last address shown on the records of the department of revenue. Any suspension 96 imposed may remain in effect until the department of revenue receives notification from a county 97 collector or [township collector] collector-treasurer that the personal property taxes have been 98 paid in full. Upon the owner furnishing proof of payment of such taxes and paying a twenty 99 dollar reinstatement fee to the director of revenue the motor vehicle or vehicles registration shall 100 be reinstated. In the event a motor vehicle registration is suspended for nonpayment of personal 101 property tax the owner so aggrieved may appeal to the circuit court of the county of his or her 102 residence for review of such suspension at any time within thirty days after notice of motor 103 vehicle registration suspension. Upon such appeal the cause shall be heard de novo in the 104 manner provided by chapter 536, RSMo, for the review of administrative decisions. The circuit 105 court may order the director to reinstate such registration, sustain the suspension of registration 106 by the director or set aside or modify such suspension. Appeals from the judgment of the circuit 107 court may be taken as in civil cases. The prosecuting attorney of the county where such appeal 108 is taken shall appear in behalf of the director, and prosecute or defend, as the case may require. 109 5. Beginning July 1, 2005, a city not within a county or any home rule city with more 110 than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county may notify, by 111 ordinary mail, any owner of a motor vehicle who is delinquent in payment of vehicle-related fees 112 and fines that if full payment is not received within thirty days, the city not within a county or 113 any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than 114 one county may notify the director of revenue to suspend the motor vehicle registration for such 115 vehicle. Any notification returned to the city not within a county or any home rule city with

more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county by the post 116 117 office shall not result in the notification to the director of revenue for suspension of a motor vehicle registration. If the vehicle-related fees and fines are assessed against a car that is 118 119 registered in the name of a rental or leasing company and the vehicle is rented or leased to 120 another person at the time the fees or fines are assessed, the rental or leasing company may rebut 121 the presumption by providing the city not within a county or any home rule city with more than 122 four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county with a copy of the rental 123 or lease agreement in effect at the time the fees or fines were assessed. A rental or leasing 124 company shall not be charged for fees or fines under this subsection, nor shall the registration 125 of a vehicle be suspended, unless prior written notice of the fees or fines has been given to that 126 rental or leasing company by ordinary mail at the address appearing on the registration and the 127 rental or leasing company has failed to provide the rental or lease agreement copy within fifteen 128 days of receipt of such notice. Any notification to a rental or leasing company that is returned 129 to the city not within a county or any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand 130 inhabitants and located in more than one county by the post office shall not result in the 131 notification to the director of revenue for suspension of a motor vehicle registration. For the 132 purpose of this section, "vehicle-related fees and fines" includes, but is not limited to, traffic 133 violation fines, parking violation fines, vehicle towing, storage and immobilization fees, and any 134 late payment penalties, other fees, and court costs associated with the adjudication or collection 135 of those fines.

136 6. If after notification under subsection 5 of this section the vehicle owner fails to pay 137 such vehicle-related fees and fines to the city not within a county or any home rule city with 138 more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county within thirty 139 days from the date of such notice, the city not within a county or any home rule city with more 140 than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county may notify the 141 director of revenue of such failure. Such notification shall be on forms or in an electronic format 142 approved by the department of revenue and shall list the vehicle owner's full name and address, 143 and the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number of such motor vehicle and such 144 other information as the director shall require.

145 7. Upon receipt of notification under subsection 5 of this section, the director of revenue 146 may provide notice of suspension of motor vehicle registration to the owner at the owner's last 147 address shown on the records of the department of revenue. Any suspension imposed may 148 remain in effect until the department of revenue receives notification from a city not within a 149 county or any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in 150 more than one county that the vehicle-related fees or fines have been paid in full. Upon the 151 owner furnishing proof of payment of such fees and fines and paying a twenty dollar

152 reinstatement fee to the director of revenue the motor vehicle registration shall be reinstated. In 153 the event a motor vehicle registration is suspended for nonpayment of vehicle-related fees or 154 fines the owner so aggrieved may appeal to the circuit court of the county where the violation 155 occurred for review of such suspension at any time within thirty days after notice of motor 156 vehicle registration suspension. Upon such appeal the cause shall be heard de novo in the 157 manner provided by chapter 536, RSMo, for the review of administrative decisions. The circuit 158 court may order the director to reinstate such registration, sustain the suspension of registration 159 by the director or set aside or modify such suspension. Appeals from the judgment of the circuit 160 court may be taken as in civil cases. The prosecuting attorney of the county where such appeal 161 is taken shall appear in behalf of the director, and prosecute or defend, as the case may require. 162 8. The city not within a county or any home rule city with more than four hundred 163 thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county shall reimburse the department of 164 revenue for all administrative costs associated with the administration of subsections 5 to 8 of

165 this section.

9. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that 166 167 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies 168 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 169 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers 170 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the 171 effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the 172 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2000, shall be 173 invalid and void.