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AN ACT

To repeal section 206.090, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to hospital districts.

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

Section A. Section 206.090, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 206.090, to read as follows:

206.090. 1. After the hospital district has been declared organized, the declaring county commission shall divide the district into six election districts as equal in population as possible, and shall by lot number the districts from one to six inclusive. The county commission shall cause an election to be held in the hospital district within ninety days after the order establishing the hospital district to elect hospital district directors. Each voter shall vote for six directors, one from each district, **except in any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than ten thousand six hundred but fewer than ten thousand seven hundred inhabitants, each voter shall vote for one director from the hospital election district in which the voter resides.** Directors shall serve a term of six years or a lesser term of years as may be established by the county commission. If directors are to serve a term of six years, the initial term of the director elected from district number one shall serve a term of one year, the director elected from district number two shall serve a term of two years, the director elected from district number three shall serve a term of three years, the director elected from district number four shall serve a term of four years, the director elected from district number

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.

15 five shall serve a term of five years, and the director elected from district number six shall serve
16 a term of six years; thereafter, the terms of all directors shall be six years. If the county
17 commission chooses to establish a term of office of less than six years, the initial election of
18 directors shall be done in a manner established by the county commission. All directors shall
19 serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
20 remaining members of the board of directors who shall appoint a person to serve as director until
21 the next municipal election.

22 2. Candidates for director of the hospital district shall be citizens of the United States,
23 voters of the hospital district who have resided within the state for one year next preceding the
24 election and who are at least thirty years of age. All candidates shall file their declaration of
25 candidacy with the county commission calling the election for the organizational election, and
26 for subsequent elections, with the secretary of the board of directors of the district.

27 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, if the number of candidates for office
28 of director is no greater than the number of directors to be elected, no election shall be held, and
29 the candidates shall assume the responsibilities of their offices at the same time and in the same
30 manner as if they had been elected.

31 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 1 to 3 of this section, after the
32 formation of the hospital district, the hospital board of directors, by a majority vote of the
33 directors with the consent of a majority of the county commission on an order of record, may
34 abolish the six hospital districts' election districts and cause the hospital district directors to be
35 elected from the hospital district at large. Upon opting to elect the hospital district directors at
36 large, the then serving hospital district directors shall continue to serve the remainder of their
37 terms and any vacancies on the board, after the date of such option, shall be filled by an election
38 conducted at large in the district.

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