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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WETER (Sponsor), WASSON AND TILLEY (Co-sponsors).

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Perfected by Consent February 29, 2008.

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 190.335, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to emergency service boards.

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

Section A. Section 190.335, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 190.335, to read as follows:

190.335. 1. In lieu of the tax levy authorized under section 190.305 for emergency telephone services, the county commission of any county may impose a county sales tax for the provision of central dispatching of fire protection, including law enforcement agencies, emergency ambulance service or any other emergency services, including emergency telephone services, which shall be collectively referred to herein as "emergency services", and which may also include the purchase and maintenance of communications and emergency equipment, including the operational costs associated therein, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

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 2. Such county commission may, by a majority vote of its members, submit to the voters
10 of the county, at a public election, a proposal to authorize the county commission to impose a
11 tax under the provisions of this section. If the residents of the county present a petition signed
12 by a number of residents equal to ten percent of those in the county who voted in the most recent
13 gubernatorial election, then the commission shall submit such a proposal to the voters of the
14 county.

15 3. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

16 Shall the county of (insert name of county) impose a county sales tax
17 of (insert rate of percent) percent for the purpose of providing central dispatching of fire
18 protection, emergency ambulance service, including emergency telephone services, and other
19 emergency services?

20 ☐ YES

☐ NO

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22 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor
23 of the proposal, then the ordinance shall be in effect as provided herein. If a majority of the votes
24 cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the county commission shall
25 have no power to impose the tax authorized by this section unless and until the county
26 commission shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the county commission to
27 impose the tax under the provisions of this section, and such proposal is approved by a majority
28 of the qualified voters voting thereon.

29 4. The sales tax may be imposed at a rate not to exceed one percent on the receipts from
30 the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail within any county
31 adopting such tax, if such property and services are subject to taxation by the state of Missouri
32 under the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo. The sales tax shall not be collected
33 prior to thirty-six months before operation of the central dispatching of emergency services.

34 5. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087,
35 RSMo, shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.

36 6. Any tax imposed pursuant to section 190.305 shall terminate at the end of the tax year
37 in which the tax imposed pursuant to this section for emergency services is certified by the board
38 to be fully operational. Any revenues collected from the tax authorized under section 190.305
39 shall be credited for the purposes for which they were intended.

40 7. At least once each calendar year, the governing body shall establish a tax rate, not to
41 exceed the amount authorized, that together with any surplus revenues carried forward will
42 produce sufficient revenues to fund the expenditures authorized by this act. Amounts collected
43 in excess of that necessary within a given year shall be carried forward to subsequent years. The
44 governing body shall make its determination of such tax rate each year no later than September

45 first and shall fix the new rate which shall be collected as provided in this act. Immediately upon
46 making its determination and fixing the rate, the governing body shall publish in its minutes the
47 new rate, and it shall notify every retailer by mail of the new rate.

48 8. Immediately upon the affirmative vote of voters of such a county on the ballot
49 proposal to establish a county sales tax pursuant to the provisions of this section, the county
50 commission shall appoint the initial members of a board to administer the funds and oversee the
51 provision of emergency services in the county. Beginning with the general election in 1994, all
52 board members shall be elected according to this section and other applicable laws of this state.
53 At the time of the appointment of the initial members of the board, the commission shall
54 relinquish and no longer exercise the duties prescribed in this chapter with regard to the
55 provision of emergency services and such duties shall be exercised by the board.

56 9. The initial board shall consist of seven members appointed without regard to political
57 affiliation, who shall be selected from, and who shall represent, the fire protection districts,
58 ambulance districts, sheriff's department, municipalities, any other emergency services and the
59 general public. This initial board shall serve until its successor board is duly elected and
60 installed in office. The commission shall ensure geographic representation of the county by
61 appointing no more than four members from each district of the county commission.

62 10. Beginning in 1994, three members shall be elected from each district of the county
63 commission and one member shall be elected at large, such member to be the chairman of the
64 board. Of those first elected, four members from districts of the county commission shall be
65 elected for terms of two years and two members from districts of the county commission and the
66 member at large shall be elected for terms of four years. In 1996, and thereafter, all terms of
67 office shall be four years.

68 11. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 8 to 10 of this section to the contrary,
69 in any county of the first classification with more than two hundred forty thousand three hundred
70 but fewer than two hundred forty thousand four hundred inhabitants, any emergency telephone
71 service 911 board appointed by the county under section 190.309 which is in existence on the
72 date the voters approve a sales tax under this section shall continue to exist and shall have the
73 powers set forth under section 190.339.

74 **12. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 8 to 10 of this section to the**
75 **contrary, in any county of the second classification with more than fifty-four thousand two**
76 **hundred but fewer than fifty-four thousand three hundred inhabitants that has approved**
77 **a sales tax under this section, the county commission shall appoint the members of the**
78 **board to administer the funds and oversee the provision of emergency services in the**
79 **county.**

80 **(2) The board shall consist of seven members appointed without regard to political**
81 **affiliation. Each member shall be one of the following:**

82 **(a) The head of any of the county's fire protection districts, or a designee;**

83 **(b) The head of any of the county's ambulance districts, or a designee;**

84 **(c) The county sheriff, or a designee;**

85 **(d) The head of any of the police departments in the county, or a designee; and**

86 **(e) The head of any of the county's emergency management organizations, or a**
87 **designee.**

88 **(3) Upon the appointment of the board under this subsection, the board shall have**
89 **the power provided in section 190.339 and shall exercise all powers and duties exercised**
90 **by the county commission under this chapter, and the commission shall relinquish all**
91 **powers and duties relating to the provision of emergency services under this chapter to the**
92 **board.**

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