

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1804**  
**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Special Committee on Government Affairs March 10, 2008 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1804 Do Pass by Consent. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(21)(f).

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 82.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to home-rule cities, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Section 82.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu  
2 thereof, to be known as section 82.020, to read as follows:

82.020. Any city or town under special charter, as defined in section 81.010, RSMo, and  
2 any other city in this state which now has or which may hereafter have a population of more than  
3 [ten] **five** thousand inhabitants according to the last preceding federal decennial census may  
4 frame and adopt or amend a charter for its own government by complying with the provisions  
5 of sections 19 and 20 of article VI of the constitution of this state, or any amendments thereof.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to clarify the law and avoid costly  
2 litigation for small special charter cities, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the  
3 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared  
4 to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be  
5 in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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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.