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AN ACT

To repeal sections 94.510, 94.550, and 94.577, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to city sales taxes.

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

Section A. Sections 94.510, 94.550, and 94.577, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 94.510, 94.550, and 94.577, to read as follows:

94.510. 1. Any city may, by a majority vote of its council or governing body, impose a city sales tax for the benefit of such city in accordance with the provisions of sections 94.500 to 94.550; provided, however, that no ordinance enacted pursuant to the authority granted by the provisions of sections 94.500 to 94.550 shall be effective unless the legislative body of the city submits to the voters of the city, at a public election, a proposal to authorize the legislative body of the city to impose a tax under the provisions of sections 94.500 to 94.550.

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

Shall the city of (insert name of city) impose a city sales tax of (insert rate of percent) percent?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance and any amendments thereto shall be in effect. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the legislative body of the city shall have no power to impose the **proposed** tax herein authorized unless and

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.

16 until the legislative body of the city shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the
17 legislative body of the city to impose the tax under the provisions of sections 94.500 to 94.550,
18 and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon. **Disapproval**
19 **of a proposal by the qualified voters shall not affect any tax already in effect.**

20 2. [The] A sales tax may be imposed at a rate of one-half of one percent, seven-eighths
21 of one percent or one percent on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal
22 property or taxable services at retail within any city adopting such tax, if such property and
23 services are subject to taxation by the state of Missouri under the provisions of sections 144.010
24 to 144.525, RSMo; except that, each city not within a county may **also** impose such tax at a rate
25 not to exceed one and three-eighths percent. **Beginning August 28, 2009, the combined rate**
26 **of sales taxes adopted under sections 94.500 to 94.550 shall not exceed two percent.**

27 3. If any city in which a city tax has been imposed in the manner provided for in sections
28 94.500 to 94.550 shall thereafter change or alter its boundaries, the city clerk of the city shall
29 forward to the director of revenue by United States registered mail or certified mail a certified
30 copy of the ordinance adding or detaching territory from the city. The ordinance shall reflect the
31 effective date thereof, and shall be accompanied by a map of the city clearly showing the territory
32 added thereto or detached therefrom. Upon receipt of the ordinance and map, the [tax imposed
33 by the act] **taxes** shall be effective in the added territory or abolished in the detached territory on
34 the effective date of the change of the city boundary.

35 **4. The changes to this section enacted by the ninety-fifth general assembly, first**
36 **regular session, shall not be construed to be a new tax or an increase in the current levy of**
37 **an existing tax for purposes of paragraph (a) of section 22, article X, Constitution of**
38 **Missouri, and cities that have already imposed and collected taxes under this section may**
39 **continue to collect such taxes under this section without further approval by the voters as**
40 **a continuation of a tax previously approved by the voters of such city.**

94.550. 1. All city sales taxes collected by the director of revenue under sections 94.500
2 to 94.550 on behalf of any city, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited
3 in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in
4 section 32.087, RSMo, shall be deposited [with the state treasurer] in a special trust fund, which
5 is hereby created, to be known as the "City Sales Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the city sales
6 tax trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds
7 of the state. The director of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the
8 trust fund which was collected in each city imposing a city sales tax, and the records shall be
9 open to the inspection of officers of the city and the public. Not later than the tenth day of each
10 month the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the
11 preceding month, to the city treasurer, or such other officer as may be designated by the city

12 ordinance, of each city imposing the tax authorized by sections 94.500 to 94.550, the sum due
13 the city as certified by the director of revenue.

14 2. The director of revenue may [authorize the state treasurer to] make refunds from the
15 amounts in the trust fund and credited to any city for erroneous payments and overpayments
16 made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such cities. If any
17 city abolishes [the] a tax, the city shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least ninety
18 days prior to the effective date of the repeal and the director of revenue may order retention in
19 the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of
20 such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks
21 and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective
22 date of abolition of [the tax] **all such taxes** in such city, the director of revenue shall [authorize
23 the state treasurer to] remit the balance in the account to the city and close the account of that
24 city. The director of revenue shall notify each city of each instance of any amount refunded or
25 any check redeemed from receipts.

26 **3. The changes to this section enacted by the ninety-fifth general assembly, first**
27 **regular session, shall not be construed to be a new tax or an increase in the current levy of**
28 **an existing tax for purposes of paragraph (a) of section 22, article X, Constitution of**
29 **Missouri, and cities that have already imposed and collected taxes under this section may**
30 **continue to collect such taxes under this section without further approval by the voters as**
31 **a continuation of a tax previously approved by the voters of such city.**

94.577. 1. The governing body of any municipality except those located in whole or in
2 part within any first class county having a charter form of government and not containing any
3 part of a city with a population of four hundred thousand or more and adjacent to a city not
4 within a county for that part of the municipality located within such first class county is hereby
5 authorized to impose, by ordinance or order, a one-eighth, one-fourth, three-eighths, or one-half
6 of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in such municipality which are subject to taxation
7 under the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, for the purpose of funding capital
8 improvements, including the operation and maintenance of capital improvements, which may
9 be funded by issuing bonds which will be retired by the revenues received from the sales tax
10 authorized by this section or the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded
11 indebtedness. A municipality located in a charter county may impose a sales tax on all retail
12 sales for capital improvements as provided in section 94.890. The [tax] **taxes** authorized by this
13 section shall be in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law; but no ordinance
14 imposing a sales tax under the provisions of this section shall be effective unless the governing
15 body of the municipality submits to the voters of the municipality, at a municipal or state general,
16 primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the municipality to

17 impose such tax and, if such tax is to be used to retire bonds authorized under this section, to
18 authorize such bonds and their retirement by such tax, or to authorize the retirement of debt
19 under previously authorized bonded indebtedness. **Beginning August 28, 2009, the combined**
20 **rate of sales taxes adopted under this section by a municipality shall not exceed one**
21 **percent.**

22 2. The ballot of submission shall contain, but need not be limited to:

23 (1) If the proposal submitted involves only authorization to impose the tax authorized
24 by this section, the following language:

25 Shall the municipality of (municipality's name) impose a sales tax of (insert
26 amount) for the purpose of funding capital improvements which may include the retirement of
27 debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness?

28 ☐ YES

☐ NO

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30 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed
31 to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO"; or

32 (2) If the proposal submitted involves authorization to issue bonds and repay such bonds
33 with revenues from the tax authorized by this section, the following language:

34 Shall the municipality of (municipality's name) issue bonds in the amount
35 of (insert amount) to fund capital improvements and impose a sales tax of (insert
36 amount) to repay bonds?

37 ☐ YES

☐ NO

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39 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed
40 to the question, place an "X" in box opposite "NO".

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42 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor
43 of the proposal, including when the proposal authorizes the reduction of debt under previously
44 authorized bonded indebtedness under subdivision (1) of this subsection, then the ordinance or
45 order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect, except that any proposal submitted under
46 subdivision (2) of this subsection to issue bonds and impose a sales tax to retire such bonds must
47 be approved by the constitutionally required percentage of the voters voting thereon to become
48 effective. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the
49 proposal, then the governing body of the municipality shall have no power to issue any bonds
50 or impose the **proposed** sales tax authorized in this section unless and until the governing body
51 of the municipality shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the governing body
52 of the municipality to issue any bonds or impose [the] a sales tax authorized by this section, and

53 such proposal is approved by the requisite majority of the qualified voters voting thereon;
54 however, in no event shall a proposal pursuant to this section be submitted to the voters sooner
55 than twelve months from the date of the last proposal pursuant to this section, except that any
56 municipality with a population of greater than four hundred thousand and located within more
57 than one county may submit a proposal pursuant to this section to the voters sooner than twelve
58 months from the date of the last proposal submitted pursuant to this section if submitted to the
59 voters on or before November 6, 2001. **Disapproval of a proposal by the qualified voters**
60 **shall not affect any tax already in effect.**

61 3. All revenue received by a municipality from the [tax] **taxes** authorized under the
62 provisions of this section shall be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely for
63 capital improvements, including the operation and maintenance of capital improvements, for so
64 long as the [tax] **taxes** shall remain in effect. Once the [tax] **taxes** authorized by this section [is]
65 **are** abolished or [is] terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the special trust fund
66 required by this subsection shall be used solely for the maintenance of the capital improvements
67 made with revenues raised by the [tax] **taxes** authorized by this section. Any funds in the special
68 trust fund required by this subsection which are not needed for current expenditures may be
69 invested by the governing body in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of
70 other municipal funds. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to taxes authorized by
71 this section which have not been imposed to retire bonds issued pursuant to this section.

72 4. All revenue received by a municipality which issues bonds under this section and
73 imposes the [tax] **taxes** authorized by this section to retire such bonds shall be deposited in a
74 special trust fund and shall be used solely to retire such bonds, except to the extent that such
75 funds are required for the operation and maintenance of capital improvements. Once all of such
76 bonds have been retired, all funds remaining in the special trust fund required by this subsection
77 shall be used solely for the maintenance of the capital improvements made with the revenue
78 received as a result of the issuance of such bonds. Any funds in the special trust fund required
79 by this subsection which are not needed to meet current obligations under the bonds issued under
80 this section may be invested by the governing body in accordance with applicable laws relating
81 to the investment of other municipal funds. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only
82 to taxes authorized by this section which have been imposed to retire bonds issued under this
83 section.

84 5. After the effective date of any tax imposed under the provisions of this section, the
85 director of revenue shall perform all functions incident to the administration, collection,
86 enforcement, and operation of the tax in the same manner as provided in sections 94.500 to
87 94.550, and the director of revenue shall collect in addition to the sales tax for the state of
88 Missouri the additional [tax] **taxes** authorized under the authority of this section. The tax

89 imposed pursuant to this section and the tax imposed under the sales tax law of the state of
90 Missouri shall be collected together and reported upon such forms and under such administrative
91 rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the director of revenue. Except as modified in this
92 section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087, RSMo, shall apply to the [tax] **taxes**
93 imposed under this section.

94 6. No tax imposed pursuant to this section for the purpose of retiring bonds issued under
95 this section may be terminated until all of such bonds have been retired.

96 7. In any city not within a county, no tax shall be imposed pursuant to this section for
97 the purpose of funding in whole or in part the construction, operation or maintenance of a sports
98 stadium, field house, indoor or outdoor recreational facility, center, playing field, parking facility
99 or anything incidental or necessary to a complex suitable for any type of professional sport or
100 recreation, either upon, above or below the ground.

101 8. Any tax imposed under this section in any home rule city with more than four hundred
102 thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county solely for public transit purposes shall
103 not be considered economic activity taxes as such term is defined under sections 99.805 and
104 99.918, RSMo, and tax revenues derived from such tax shall not be subject to allocation under
105 the provisions of subsection 3 of section 99.845, RSMo, or subsection 4 of section 99.957,
106 RSMo.

107 9. The director of revenue may [authorize the state treasurer to] make refunds from the
108 amounts in the trust fund and credited to any municipality for erroneous payments and
109 overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of
110 such municipalities. If any municipality abolishes [the] a tax, the municipality shall notify the
111 director of revenue of the action at least ninety days prior to the effective date of the repeal and
112 the director of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two
113 percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or
114 overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of
115 such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of [the tax] **all**
116 **such taxes** in such municipality, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account
117 to the municipality and close the account of that municipality. The director of revenue shall
118 notify each municipality of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from
119 receipts due the municipality.

120 **10. If any municipality in which a tax has been imposed under this section changes**
121 **or alters its boundaries after the tax is imposed, the clerk of the municipality shall forward**
122 **to the director of revenue by United States registered mail or certified mail a certified copy**
123 **of the ordinance adding or detaching territory from the municipality. The ordinance shall**
124 **reflect its effective date, and shall be accompanied by a map of the municipality clearly**

125 showing the territory added to or detached from the municipality. Upon receipt of the
126 ordinance and map, the taxes shall be effective in the attached territory, or abolished in the
127 detached territory, on the effective date of the change of the municipal boundary.

128 **11. The changes to this section enacted by the ninety-fifth general assembly, first**
129 **regular session, shall not be construed to be a new tax or an increase in the current levy of**
130 **an existing tax for purposes of paragraph (a) of section 22, article X, Constitution of**
131 **Missouri, and cities that have already imposed and collected taxes under this section may**
132 **continue to collect such taxes under this section without further approval by the voters as**
133 **a continuation of a tax previously approved by the voters of such city.**

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