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AN ACT

To repeal sections 50.800, 50.810, and 50.815, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to political subdivisions, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 50.800, 50.810, and 50.815, RSMo, are repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 50.815, to read as follows:

50.815. 1. On or before the first Monday in March of each year, the county commission
2 of each county [of the first class] not having a charter form of government shall, with the
3 assistance of the county clerk, prepare and publish in some newspaper of general circulation
4 published in the county a financial statement of the county for the year ending the preceding
5 December thirty-first.

6 2. The financial statement shall show at least the following:

7 (1) A summary of the receipts of each fund of the county for the year;

8 (2) A summary of the disbursements and transfers of each fund of the county for the
9 year;

10 (3) A statement of the cash balance at the beginning and at the end of the year for each
11 fund of the county;

12 (4) A summary of delinquent taxes and other due bills for each fund of the county;

13 (5) A summary of warrants of each fund of the county outstanding at the end of the year;

14 (6) A statement of bonded indebtedness, if any, at the beginning and at the end of the
15 year for each fund of the county; and

16 (7) A statement of the tax levies of each fund of the county for the year.

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.

17 3. The financial statement need not show specific disbursements, warrants issued, or the
18 names of specific payees, but every individual warrant, voucher, receipt, court order and all other
19 items, records, documents and other information which are not specifically required to be
20 retained by the officer having initial charge thereof [and which would be required to be included
21 in or to construct a financial statement in the form prescribed for other counties by section
22 50.800] shall be filed on or before the date of publication of the financial statement prescribed
23 by subsection 1 in the office of the county clerk, and the county clerk shall preserve the same,
24 and shall cause the same to be available for inspection during normal business hours on the
25 request of any person, for a period of five years following the date of filing in his office, after
26 which five-year period these records may be disposed of according to law unless they are the
27 subject of a legal suit pending at the expiration of that period.

28 4. At the end of the financial statement, each commissioner of the county commission
29 and the county clerk shall sign and append the following certificate:

30 We,,, and, duly elected commissioners of the county commission of
31 County, Missouri, and I,, county clerk of that county, certify that the above and foregoing
32 is a complete and correct statement of every item of information required in section 50.815,
33 RSMo, for the year ending December 31, [19] **20**.., and we have checked every receipt from
34 every source and every disbursement of every kind and to whom and for what each disbursement
35 was made, and each receipt and disbursement is accurately included in the above and foregoing
36 totals. (If for any reason complete and accurate information is not given the following shall be
37 added to the certificate.) Exceptions: the above report is incomplete because proper information
38 was not available in the following records.... which are in the keeping of the following officer
39 or officers Date

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Commissioners, County Commission

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49 5. Any person falsely certifying to any fact covered by the certificate is liable on his bond
50 and is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less
51 than two hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, or by confinement in the county jail
for a period of not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or by both such fine and
confinement. Any person charged with preparing the financial report who willfully or knowingly
makes a false report of any record is, in addition to the penalties otherwise provided for in this

52 section, guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to imprisonment by
53 the division of corrections for a term of not less than two years nor more than five years.

54 [6. The provisions of sections 50.800 and 50.810 do not apply to counties of the first
55 class not having a charter form of government, except as provided in subsection 3 of this
56 section.]

2 [50.800. 1. On or before the first Monday in March of each year, the
3 county commission of each county of the second, third, or fourth class shall
4 prepare and publish in some newspaper as provided for in section 493.050,
5 RSMo, if there is one, and if not by notices posted in at least ten places in the
6 county, a detailed financial statement of the county for the year ending December
7 thirty-first, preceding.

8 2. The statement shall show the bonded debt of the county, if any, kind
9 of bonds, date of maturity, interest rate, rate of taxation levied for interest and
10 sinking fund and authority for the levy, the total amount of interest and sinking
11 fund that has been collected and interest and sinking fund on hand in cash.

12 3. The statement shall also show separately the total amount of the
13 county and township school funds on hand and loaned out, the amount of
14 penalties, fines, levies, utilities, forfeitures, and any other taxes collected and
15 disbursed or expended during the year and turned into the permanent school fund,
16 the name of each person who has a loan from the permanent school fund, whether
17 county or township, the amount of the loan, date loan was made and date of
18 maturity, description of the security for the loan, amount, if any, of delinquent
19 interest on each loan.

20 4. The statement shall show the total valuation of the county for purposes
21 of taxation, the highest rate of taxation the constitution permits the county
22 commission to levy for purposes of county revenue, the rate levied by the county
23 commission for the year covered by the statement, division of the rate levied
24 among the several funds and total amount of delinquent taxes for all years as of
25 December thirty-first.

26 5. The statement shall show receipts or revenues into each and every fund
27 separately. Each fund shall show the beginning balance of each fund; each
28 source of revenue; the total amount received from each source of revenue; the
29 total amount available in each fund; the total amount of disbursements or
30 expenditures from each fund and the ending balance of each fund as of December
31 thirty-first. The total receipts or revenues for the year into all funds shall be
32 shown in the recapitulation. In counties with the township form of government,
33 each township shall be considered a fund pursuant to this subsection.

34 6. Total disbursements or expenditures shall be shown for warrants
35 issued in each category contained in the forms developed or approved by the state
36 auditor pursuant to section 50.745. Total amount of warrants, person or vendor
37 to whom issued and purpose for which issued shall be shown except as herein
provided. Under a separate heading in each fund the statements shall show what

warrants are outstanding and unpaid for the lack of funds on that date with appropriate balance or overdraft in each fund as the case may be.

7. Warrants issued to pay for the service of election judges and clerks of elections shall be in the following form:

Names of judges and clerks of elections at \$..... per day (listing the names run in and not listing each name by lines, and at the end of the list of names giving the total of the amount of all the warrants issued for such election services).

8. Warrants issued to pay for the service of jurors shall be in the following form:

Names of jurors at \$..... per day (listing the names run in and not listing each name by lines, and at the end of the list of names giving the total of the amount of all the warrants issued for such election service).

9. Warrants to Internal Revenue Service for Social Security and withholding taxes shall be brought into one call.

10. Warrants to the director of revenue of Missouri for withholding taxes shall be brought into one call.

11. Warrants to the division of employment security shall be brought into one call.

12. Warrants to Missouri local government employees' retirement system or other retirement funds for each office shall be brought into one call.

13. Warrants for utilities such as gas, water, lights and power shall be brought into one call except that the total shall be shown for each vendor.

14. Warrants issued to each telephone company shall be brought into one call for each office in the following form:

(Name of Telephone Company for office and total amount of warrants issued).

15. Warrants issued to the postmaster for postage shall be brought into one call for each office in the following form:

(Postmaster for office and total amount of warrants issued).

16. Disbursements or expenditures by road districts shall show the warrants, if warrants have been issued in the same manner as provided for in subsection 5 of this section. If money has been disbursed or expended by overseers the financial statement shall show the total paid by the overseer to each person for the year, and the purpose of each payment. Receipts or revenues into the county distributive school fund shall be listed in detail, disbursements or expenditures shall be listed and the amount of each disbursement or expenditure. If any taxes have been levied by virtue of section 12(a) of article X of the Constitution of Missouri the financial statement shall contain the following:

By virtue and authority of the discretionary power conferred upon the county commissions of the several counties of this state to levy a tax of not to exceed 35 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation the county commission of County did for the year covered by this report levy a tax rate of cents on the

81 \$100 assessed valuation which said tax amounted to \$..... and was disbursed or
82 expended as follows:

83 The statement shall show how the money was disbursed or expended and if any
84 part of the sum has not been accounted for in detail under some previous
85 appropriate heading the portion not previously accounted for shall be shown in
86 detail.

87 17. At the end of the statement the person designated by the county
88 commission to prepare the financial statement herein required shall append the
89 following certificate:

90 I,, the duly authorized agent appointed by the county commission of
91 County, state of Missouri, to prepare for publication the financial statement
92 as required by section 50.800, RSMo, hereby certify that I have diligently
93 checked the records of the county and that the above and foregoing is a complete
94 and correct statement of every item of information required in section 50.800,
95 RSMo, for the year ending December 31,, and especially have I checked
96 every receipt from every source whatsoever and every disbursement or
97 expenditure of every kind and to whom and for what each such disbursement or
98 expenditure was made and that each receipt or revenue and disbursement or
99 expenditure is accurately shown. (If for any reason complete and accurate
100 information is not given the following shall be added to the certificate.)
101 Exceptions: The above report is incomplete because proper information was not
102 available in the following records which are in the keeping of the following
103 officer or officers. The person designated to prepare the financial statement shall
104 give in detail any incomplete data called for by this section.

105 Date

106 Officer designated by county commission to prepare financial statement
107 required by section 50.800, RSMo.

108 Or if no one has been designated said statement having been prepared by the
109 county clerk, signature shall be in the following form:

110 Clerk of the county commission and ex officio officer designated to
111 prepare financial statement required by section 50.800, RSMo.

112 18. Any person falsely certifying to any fact covered by the certificate is
113 liable on his bond and upon conviction of falsely certifying to any fact covered
114 by the certificate is guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not less
115 than two hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment
116 in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months or by both
117 fine and imprisonment. Any person charged with the responsibility of preparing
118 the financial report who willfully or knowingly makes a false report of any
119 record, is, in addition to the penalty otherwise provided for in this law, deemed
120 guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for
121 not less than two years nor more than five years.]
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2 [50.810. 1. The statement shall be printed in not less than 8-point type,
3 but not more than the smallest point type over 8-point type available and in the
4 standard column width measure that will take the least space. The publisher shall
5 file two proofs of publication with the county commission and the commission
6 shall forward one proof to the state auditor and shall file the other in the office
7 of the commission. The county commission shall not pay the publisher until
8 proof of publication is filed with the commission and shall not pay the person
9 designated to prepare the statement for the preparation of the copy for the
10 statement until the state auditor notifies the commission that proof of publication
11 has been received and that it complies with the requirements of this section.

12 2. The statement shall be spread on the record of the commission and for
13 this purpose the publisher shall be required to furnish the commission with at
14 least two copies of the statement that may be pasted on the record. The publisher
15 shall itemize the cost of publishing said statement by column inch as properly
16 chargeable to the several funds and shall submit such costs for payment to the
17 county commission. The county commission shall pay out of each fund in the
18 proportion that each item bears to the total cost of publishing said statement and
19 shall issue warrants therefor; provided any part not properly chargeable to any
20 specific fund shall be paid from the county general revenue fund.

21 3. The state auditor shall notify the county treasurer immediately of the
22 receipt of the proof of publication of the statement. After the first of April of
23 each year the county treasurer shall not pay or enter for protest any warrant for
24 the pay of any commissioner of any county commission until notice is received
25 from the state auditor that the required proof of publication has been filed. Any
26 county treasurer paying or entering for protest any warrant for any commissioner
27 of the county commission prior to the receipt of such notice from the state auditor
28 shall be liable on his official bond therefor.

29 4. The state auditor shall prepare sample forms for financial statements
30 and shall mail the same to the county clerks of the several counties in this state.
31 If the county commission employs any person other than a bonded county officer
32 to prepare the financial statement the county commission shall require such
33 person to give bond with good and sufficient sureties in the penal sum of one
34 thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duty. If any county officer
35 or other person employed to prepare the financial statement herein provided for
36 shall fail, neglect, or refuse to, in any manner, comply with the provisions of this
37 law he shall, in addition to other penalties herein provided, be liable on his
38 official bond for dereliction of duty.]

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