#### SECOND REGULAR SESSION

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# SENATE BILL NO. 686

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 52.230, 52.290, 52.312, 52.361, 52.370, 54.010, 55.140, 55.190, 67.110, 67.1360, 94.577, 105.716, 137.016, 137.073, 137.080, 137.180, 137.243, 137.355, 137.750, 138.431, 139.031, 139.040, 139.140, 139.150, 139.210, 139.220, 140.050, 140.070, 140.080, 140.100, 140.110, 140.150, 140.160, 140.170, 140.190, 140.230, 140.250, 140.260, 140.290, 140.310, 140.340, 140.405, 140.420, 144.030, 144.083, 144.817, and 165.071, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fifty-two new sections relating to taxation, with an emergency clause for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 52.230, 52.290, 52.312, 52.361, 52.370, 54.010, 55.140, 55.190,

- 2 67.110, 67.1360, 94.577, 105.716, 137.016, 137.073, 137.080, 137.180, 137.243, 137.355,
- 3 137.750, 138.431, 139.031, 139.040, 139.140, 139.150, 139.210, 139.220, 140.050, 140.070,
- 4 140.080, 140.100, 140.110, 140.150, 140.160, 140.170, 140.190, 140.230, 140.250, 140.260,
- 5 140.290, 140.310, 140.340, 140.405, 140.420, 144.030, 144.083, 144.817, and 165.071, RSMo,
- 6 are repealed and fifty-two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 32.088,
- 7 52.230, 52.290, 52.312, 52.361, 52.370, 54.010, 55.140, 55.190, 67.110, 67.1360, 94.577,
- 7 32.230, 32.270, 32.312, 32.301, 32.370, 31.010, 33.170, 07.110, 07.1300, 71.377,
- 8 105.716, 137.016, 137.073, 137.080, 137.126, 137.180, 137.243, 137.355, 137.750, 138.431,
- 9 139.031, 139.040, 139.140, 139.150, 139.210, 139.220, 140.050, 140.070, 140.080, 140.100,
- 10 140.110, 140.150, 140.160, 140.170, 140.190, 140.230, 140.250, 140.260, 140.290, 140.310,
- 11 140.340, 140.405, 140.420, 144.018, 144.030, 144.083, 144.817, 165.071, 1, and 2, to read as
- 12 follows:
  - 32.088. 1. Beginning January 1, 2012, the possession of a statement from the
- 2 department of revenue stating no tax is due under sections 143.191 to 143.265 or sections
- 3 144.010 to 144.510, and sections 143.431 to 143.471 or sections 147.010 to 147.120 if an

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.

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assessment for which tax is due under sections 143.431 to 143.471 and sections 147.010 to 147.120 has become final under section 143.621, and that no fees are due under sections 260.262 or 260.273, shall be a prerequisite to the issuance or renewal of any city or county occupation license or any state license required for conducting any business. The statement of no tax due shall be dated no longer than ninety days before the date of submission for application or renewal of the city or county license.

2. Beginning January 1, 2012, in lieu of the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, the director may enter into an agreement with any state agency responsible for issuing any state license for conducting any business requiring the agency to provide the director of revenue with the name and Missouri tax identification number of each applicant for licensure with, or licensee of, such entities within one month of the date the application is filed or at least one month prior to the anticipated renewal of a licensee's license. If such licensee is delinquent on any taxes under sections 143.191 to 143.265 or sections 144.010 to 144.510, and sections 143.431 to 143.471 or sections 147.010 to 147.120 if an assessment for which tax is due under sections 143.431 to 143.471 and sections 147.010 to 147.120 has become final under section 143.621, or fees under sections 260.262 or 260.273, the director shall then send notice to each such entity and licensee. In the case of such delinquency or failure to file, the licensee's license shall be suspended within ninety days after notice of such delinquency or failure to file, unless the director of revenue verifies that such delinquency or failure has been remedied or arrangements have been made to achieve such remedy. The director of revenue shall, within ten business days of notification to the governmental entity issuing the license that the delinquency has been remedied or arrangements have been made to remedy such delinquency, send written notification to the licensee that the delinquency has been remedied. Tax liability paid in protest, timely appealed, remedied through a payment plan with the department or disposed of through an offer and compromise settlement with the department, properly under the state revenue code pending before a court of competent jurisdiction or reasonably founded disputes with such liability shall be considered paid for the purposes of this section.

52.230. Each year the collectors of revenue in all counties of the first class not having a charter form of government, and in all second, third and fourth class counties of the state, not under township organization, shall mail to all resident taxpayers, at least thirty days prior to delinquent date, a statement of all real and tangible personal property taxes due and assessed on the current tax books in the name of the taxpayers. Such statement shall also include the amount of real and tangible personal property taxes delinquent at the time of the mailing of the statement, including any interest and penalties associated with the delinquent taxes. Such statement shall

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8 declare upon its face, or by an attachment thereto, that they are delinquent at the time such

9 statement is mailed for an amount of real or tangible personal property taxes, or both. A

ocollector of revenue or other collection authority charged with the duty of tax or license

11 collection may refuse to accept payment not accompanied by such statement. Refusal by

12 the collector of revenue to accept payment not accompanied by such statement shall not

13 relieve or delay the levy of interest and penalty on any overdue unpaid tax or license.

14 Collectors shall also mail tax receipts for all the taxes received by mail.

52.290. 1. In all counties except counties having a charter form of government before January 1, 2008, and any city not within a county, the collector shall collect on behalf of the 3 county a fee for the collection of delinquent and back taxes of seven percent on all sums 4 collected to be added to the face of the tax bill and collected from the party paying the tax. Two-sevenths of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be paid into 5 the county general fund, two-sevenths of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be paid into the tax maintenance fund of the county as required by section 52.312 and three-sevenths of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be paid 8 into the county employees' retirement fund created by sections 50.1000 to 50.1200, RSMo. 10 Notwithstanding provisions of law to the contrary, an authorization for collection of a fee 11 for the collection of delinquent and back taxes in a county's charter, at a rate different than the rate allowed by law, shall control. 12

- 2. In all counties having a charter form of government, other than any county adopting a charter form of government after January 1, 2008, and any city not within a county, the collector shall collect on behalf of the county and pay into the county general fund a fee for the collection of delinquent and back taxes of two percent on all sums collected to be added to the face of the tax bill and collected from the party paying the tax except that in a county with a charter form of government and with more than two hundred fifty thousand but less than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, the collector shall collect on behalf of the county a fee for the collection of delinquent and back taxes of three percent on all sums collected to be added to the face of the tax bill and collected from the party paying the tax. If a county is required by section 52.312 to establish a tax maintenance fund, one-third of the fees collected under this subsection shall be paid into that fund; otherwise, all fees collected under the provisions of this subsection shall be paid into the county general fund.
- 3. Such county collector may accept credit cards as proper form of payment of outstanding delinquent and back taxes due. No county collector may charge a surcharge for payment by credit card.
- 52.312. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in addition to fees provided for in this chapter, or any other provisions of law in conflict with the provisions of this

- 3 section, all counties, including any county adopting a charter form of government after
- 4 **January 1, 2008, and any county** with a charter form of government and with more than two
- 5 hundred fifty thousand but less than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, other than counties
- 6 having a charter form of government **before January 1, 2008**, and any city not within a county,
- 7 subject to the provisions of this section, shall establish a fund to be known as the "Tax
- 8 Maintenance Fund" to be used solely as a depository for funds received or collected for the
- 9 purpose of funding additional costs and expenses incurred in the office of collector.
- 52.361. It shall be the duty of the county collector in all counties of the first class not
- 2 having a charter form of government and in class two counties to prepare and keep in [his] the
- 3 collector's office, electronically or otherwise, back tax books which shall contain and list all
- 4 delinquent taxes on real and personal property levied and assessed in the county which remain
- 5 due and unpaid after the first day of January of each year. Such back tax books shall replace and
- 6 be in lieu of all "delinquent lists" and other back tax books heretofore prepared by the collector
- 7 or other county officer.
- 52.370. All money disbursed by the county collector in counties of the first class not
- 2 having a charter form of government and in counties of the second class by virtue of [his] the
- 3 collector's office shall be paid by electronic transfer of funds from the collector's account
- 4 into the accounts of the appropriate taxing authorities or by check signed by the collector
- 5 and countersigned by the auditor of the county. All disbursements shall be documented by
  - the collector and certified by the auditor.
    - 54.010. 1. There is created in all the counties of this state the office of county treasurer,
- 2 except that in those counties having adopted the township alternative form of county government
- 3 the qualified electors shall elect a county collector-treasurer.
  - 2. In counties of classes one and two the qualified electors shall elect a county treasurer
- 5 at the general election in 1956 and every four years thereafter.
- 6 3. In counties of the third and fourth classifications the qualified electors shall elect a
- 7 county treasurer at the general election in the year 1954, and every four years thereafter, except
- 8 that in those counties having adopted the township alternative form of county government the
- 9 qualified electors shall elect a county collector-treasurer at the November election in 1956, and
- 10 every four years thereafter.

- 4. Laws generally applicable to county collectors, their offices, clerks, and deputies shall
- 12 apply to and govern county collector-treasurers in counties having township organization, except
- 13 when such general laws and such laws applicable to counties of the third and fourth classification
- 14 conflict with the laws specifically applicable to county collector-treasurers, their offices, clerks,
- and deputies in counties having township organization, in which case, such laws shall govern.

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5. In the event a county of the third or fourth classification abolishes its township form of government under chapter 65, the county collector-treasurer shall assume all duties, compensation, fee schedules, and requirements of the collector-treasurer provided under sections 54.280 and 54.320.

55.140. The county auditor of each county of the first class not having a charter form of government and of each county of the second class shall [countersign] have access to all records, collections, and settlements for all licenses issued by the county and shall [keep a record of the number, date of issue,] receive a monthly listing from each office issuing the licenses stating the name of the party or parties to whom issued[, the occupation, the expiration thereof, and amount of money paid therefor, and to whom paid].

55.190. The county collector of revenue of each county of the first class not having a charter form of government and of each county of the second class shall [make] provide, 2 electronically or otherwise, a daily report to the auditor of receipts [and balance in his hands, 4 and where deposited], and shall deliver to the auditor each day a deposit slip showing the day's 5 deposit. The collector shall, upon receiving taxes, give [duplicate] a numbered tax [receipts, which] receipt to the taxpayer [shall take to the auditor to be countersigned by him, one of which the auditor shall retain, and charge the amount thereof to the collector]. The collector shall also [make] provide, electronically or otherwise, a daily report to the auditor of all other sums of 8 money collected by [him] the collector from any source whatsoever, and in such report shall 9 10 state [from whom collected, and] on what account[, which sums shall be charged by the auditor to the collector collected. The collector shall, upon turning turn money over to the county 11 treasurer[, take duplicate receipts therefor and file same immediately with the county auditor] 12 13 under section 139.210.

67.110. 1. Each political subdivision in the state, except counties and any political subdivision located at least partially within any county with a charter form of government or any 3 political subdivision located at least partially within any city not within a county, shall fix its ad valorem property tax rates as provided in this section not later than September first for entry in the tax books. Each political subdivision located, at least partially, within a county with a charter 5 form of government or within a city not within a county shall fix its ad valorem property tax rates as provided in this section not later than October first for entry in the tax books for each calendar 8 year after December 31, 2008. Before the governing body of each political subdivision of the state, except counties, as defined in section 70.120, RSMo, fixes its rate of taxation, its budget officer shall present to its governing body the following information for each tax rate to be 10 11 levied: the assessed valuation by category of real, personal and other tangible property in the 12 political subdivision as entered in the tax book for the fiscal year for which the tax is to be levied, as provided by subsection 3 of section 137.245, RSMo, the assessed valuation by 13

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category of real, personal and other tangible property in the political subdivisions for the preceding taxable year, the amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax as set forth in the annual budget adopted as provided by this chapter, and the tax rate proposed to be set. Should any political subdivision whose taxes are collected by the county collector of revenue fail to fix its ad valorem property tax rate by [September first] the date provided under this section for such political subdivision, then no tax rate other than the rate, if any, necessary to pay the interest and principal on any outstanding bonds shall be certified for that year.

- 2. The governing body shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed rates of taxes at which citizens shall be heard prior to their approval. The governing body shall determine the time and place for such hearing. A notice stating the hour, date and place of the hearing shall be published in at least one newspaper qualified under the laws of the state of Missouri of general circulation in the county within which all or the largest portion of the political subdivision is situated, or such notice shall be posted in at least three public places within the political subdivision; except that, in any county of the first class having a charter form of government, such notice may be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the political subdivision even though such newspaper is not qualified under the laws of Missouri for other legal notices. Such notice shall be published or posted at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall include the assessed valuation by category of real, personal and other tangible property in the political subdivision for the fiscal year for which the tax is to be levied as provided by subsection 3 of section 137.245, RSMo, the assessed valuation by category of real, personal and other tangible property in the political subdivision for the preceding taxable year, for each rate to be levied the amount of revenue required to be provided from the property tax as set forth in the annual budget adopted as provided by this chapter, and the tax rates proposed to be set for the various purposes of taxation. The tax rates shall be calculated to produce substantially the same revenues as required in the annual budget adopted as provided in this chapter. Following the hearing the governing body of each political subdivision shall fix the rates of taxes, the same to be entered in the tax book. Failure of any taxpayer to appear at such hearing shall not prevent the taxpayer from pursuit of any other legal remedy otherwise Nothing in this section absolves political subdivisions of available to the taxpayer. responsibilities under section 137.073, RSMo, nor to adjust tax rates in event changes in assessed valuation occur that would alter the tax rate calculations.
- 3. Each political subdivision of the state shall fix its property tax rates in the manner provided in this section for each fiscal year which begins after December 31, 1976. New or increased tax rates for political subdivisions whose taxes are collected by the county collector approved by voters after September first of any year shall not be included in that year's tax levy except for any new tax rate ceiling approved pursuant to section 71.800, RSMo.

- 4. In addition to the information required under subsections 1 and 2 of this section, each political subdivision shall also include the increase in tax revenue due to an increase in assessed value as a result of new construction and improvement and the increase, both in dollar value and percentage, in tax revenue as a result of reassessment if the proposed tax rate is adopted.
  - 67.1360. 1. The governing body of the following cities and counties may impose a tax as provided in this section:
- 3 (1) A city with a population of more than seven thousand and less than seven thousand 4 five hundred;
  - (2) A county with a population of over nine thousand six hundred and less than twelve thousand which has a total assessed valuation of at least sixty-three million dollars, if the county submits the issue to the voters of such county prior to January 1, 2003;
  - (3) A third class city which is the county seat of a county of the third classification without a township form of government with a population of at least twenty-five thousand but not more than thirty thousand inhabitants;
  - (4) Any fourth class city having, according to the last federal decennial census, a population of more than one thousand eight hundred fifty inhabitants but less than one thousand nine hundred fifty inhabitants in a county of the first classification with a charter form of government and having a population of greater than six hundred thousand but less than nine hundred thousand inhabitants;
  - (5) Any city having a population of more than three thousand but less than eight thousand inhabitants in a county of the fourth classification having a population of greater than forty-eight thousand inhabitants;
  - (6) Any city having a population of less than two hundred fifty inhabitants in a county of the fourth classification having a population of greater than forty-eight thousand inhabitants;
  - (7) Any fourth class city having a population of more than two thousand five hundred but less than three thousand inhabitants in a county of the third classification having a population of more than twenty-five thousand but less than twenty-seven thousand inhabitants;
  - (8) Any third class city with a population of more than three thousand two hundred but less than three thousand three hundred located in a county of the third classification having a population of more than thirty-five thousand but less than thirty-six thousand;
  - (9) Any county of the second classification without a township form of government and a population of less than thirty thousand;
- 29 (10) Any city of the fourth class in a county of the second classification without a township form of government and a population of less than thirty thousand;
- 31 (11) Any county of the third classification with a township form of government and a population of at least twenty-eight thousand but not more than thirty thousand;

- 33 (12) Any city of the fourth class with a population of more than one thousand eight 34 hundred but less than two thousand in a county of the third classification with a township form 35 of government and a population of at least twenty-eight thousand but not more than thirty 36 thousand;
  - (13) Any city of the third class with a population of more than seven thousand two hundred but less than seven thousand five hundred within a county of the third classification with a population of more than twenty-one thousand but less than twenty-three thousand;
  - (14) Any fourth class city having a population of more than two thousand eight hundred but less than three thousand one hundred inhabitants in a county of the third classification with a township form of government having a population of more than eight thousand four hundred but less than nine thousand inhabitants;
  - (15) Any fourth class city with a population of more than four hundred seventy but less than five hundred twenty inhabitants located in a county of the third classification with a population of more than fifteen thousand nine hundred but less than sixteen thousand inhabitants;
  - (16) Any third class city with a population of more than three thousand eight hundred but less than four thousand inhabitants located in a county of the third classification with a population of more than fifteen thousand nine hundred but less than sixteen thousand inhabitants;
  - (17) Any fourth class city with a population of more than four thousand three hundred but less than four thousand five hundred inhabitants located in a county of the third classification without a township form of government with a population greater than sixteen thousand but less than sixteen thousand two hundred inhabitants;
  - (18) Any fourth class city with a population of more than two thousand four hundred but less than two thousand six hundred inhabitants located in a county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of more than fifty-five thousand but less than sixty thousand inhabitants;
  - (19) Any fourth class city with a population of more than two thousand five hundred but less than two thousand six hundred inhabitants located in a county of the third classification with a population of more than nineteen thousand one hundred but less than nineteen thousand two hundred inhabitants;
  - (20) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government with a population greater than sixteen thousand but less than sixteen thousand two hundred inhabitants;
- 65 (21) Any county of the second classification with a population of more than forty-four 66 thousand but less than fifty thousand inhabitants;
  - (22) Any third class city with a population of more than nine thousand five hundred but less than nine thousand seven hundred inhabitants located in a county of the first classification

without a charter form of government and with a population of more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand but less than one hundred ninety-eight thousand two hundred inhabitants;

- (23) Any city of the fourth classification with more than five thousand two hundred but less than five thousand three hundred inhabitants located in a county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than twenty-four thousand five hundred but less than twenty-four thousand six hundred inhabitants;
- (24) Any third class city with a population of more than nineteen thousand nine hundred but less than twenty thousand in a county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with a population of more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand but less than one hundred ninety-eight thousand two hundred inhabitants;
- (25) Any city of the fourth classification with more than two thousand six hundred but less than two thousand seven hundred inhabitants located in any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than fifteen thousand three hundred but less than fifteen thousand four hundred inhabitants;
- (26) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than fourteen thousand nine hundred but less than fifteen thousand inhabitants;
- (27) Any city of the fourth classification with more than five thousand four hundred but fewer than five thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in more than one county;
- (28) Any city of the fourth classification with more than six thousand three hundred but fewer than six thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in more than one county through the creation of a tourism district which may include, in addition to the geographic area of such city, the area encompassed by the portion of the school district, located within a county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but fewer than ninety-three thousand nine hundred inhabitants, having an average daily attendance for school year 2005-06 between one thousand eight hundred and one thousand nine hundred;
- (29) Any city of the fourth classification with more than seven thousand seven hundred but less than seven thousand eight hundred inhabitants located in a county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but less than ninety-three thousand nine hundred inhabitants;
- (30) Any city of the fourth classification with more than two thousand nine hundred but less than three thousand inhabitants located in a county of the first classification with more than seventy-three thousand seven hundred but less than seventy-three thousand eight hundred inhabitants;
- 102 (31) Any city of the third classification with more than nine thousand three hundred but 103 less than nine thousand four hundred inhabitants; [or]

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- (32) Any city of the fourth classification with more than three thousand eight hundred but fewer than three thousand nine hundred inhabitants and located in any county of the first classification with more than thirty-nine thousand seven hundred but fewer than thirty-nine thousand eight hundred inhabitants;
- (33) Any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than twelve thousand one hundred but fewer than twelve thousand two hundred inhabitants.
- 2. The governing body of any city or county listed in subsection 1 of this section may impose a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels, motels, 112 113 bed and breakfast inns and campgrounds and any docking facility which rents slips to 114 recreational boats which are used by transients for sleeping, which shall be at least two percent, 115 but not more than five percent per occupied room per night, except that such tax shall not 116 become effective unless the governing body of the city or county submits to the voters of the city 117 or county at a state general, primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the city or county to impose a tax pursuant to the provisions of this section and section 118 119 67.1362. The tax authorized by this section and section 67.1362 shall be in addition to any 120 charge paid to the owner or operator and shall be in addition to any and all taxes imposed by law and the proceeds of such tax shall be used by the city or county solely for funding the promotion 122 of tourism. Such tax shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes.
  - 94.577. 1. The governing body of any municipality except those located in whole or in part within any first class county having a charter form of government and not containing any part of a city with a population of four hundred thousand or more and adjacent to a city not within a county for that part of the municipality located within such first class county is hereby authorized to impose, by ordinance or order, a one-eighth, one-fourth, three-eighths, or one-half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in such municipality which are subject to taxation 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 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 sales for capital improvements as provided in section 94.890. The tax authorized by this section 13 shall be in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law; but no ordinance imposing a sales tax under the provisions of this section shall be effective unless the governing body of the 15 municipality submits to the voters of the municipality, at a municipal or state general, primary 16 or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the municipality to impose such 17 tax and, if such tax is to be used to retire bonds authorized under this section, to authorize such

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bonds and their retirement by such tax, or to authorize the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness.

- 2. The ballot of submission shall contain, but need not be limited to:
- 21 (1) If the proposal submitted involves only authorization to impose the tax authorized by this section, the following language:

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

 $\square$  YES  $\square$  NO

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

29 (2) If the proposal submitted involves authorization to issue bonds and repay such bonds 30 with revenues from the tax authorized by this section, the following language:

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

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If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in box opposite "NO". If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, including when the proposal authorizes the reduction of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness under subdivision (1) of this subsection, then the ordinance or order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect, except that any proposal submitted under subdivision (2) of this subsection to issue bonds and impose a sales tax to retire such bonds must be approved by the constitutionally required percentage of the voters voting thereon to become effective. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the governing body of the municipality shall have no power to issue any bonds or impose the sales tax authorized in this section unless and until the governing body of the municipality shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the governing body of the municipality to issue any bonds or impose the sales tax authorized by this section, and such proposal is approved by the requisite majority of the qualified voters voting thereon; however, in no event shall a proposal pursuant to this section be submitted to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal pursuant to this section, except that any municipality with a population of greater than four hundred thousand and located within more than one county may submit a proposal pursuant

to this section to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal submitted pursuant to this section if submitted to the voters on or before November 6, 2001.

- 3. All revenue received by a municipality from the tax authorized under the provisions of this section shall be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely for capital improvements, including the operation and maintenance of capital improvements, for so long as the tax shall remain in effect. Once the tax authorized by this section is abolished or is terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the special trust fund required by this subsection shall be used solely for the maintenance of the capital improvements made with revenues raised by the tax authorized by this section. Any funds in the special trust fund required by this subsection which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the governing body in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of other municipal funds. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to taxes authorized by this section which have not been imposed to retire bonds issued pursuant to this section.
- 4. All revenue received by a municipality which issues bonds under this section and imposes the tax authorized by this section to retire such bonds shall be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely to retire such bonds, except to the extent that such funds are required for the operation and maintenance of capital improvements. Once all of such bonds have been retired, all funds remaining in the special trust fund required by this subsection shall be used solely for the maintenance of the capital improvements made with the revenue received as a result of the issuance of such bonds. Any funds in the special trust fund required by this subsection which are not needed to meet current obligations under the bonds issued under this section may be invested by the governing body in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of other municipal funds. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to taxes authorized by this section which have been imposed to retire bonds issued under this section.
- 5. After the effective date of any tax imposed under the provisions of this section, the director of revenue shall perform all functions incident to the administration, collection, enforcement, and operation of the tax in the same manner as provided in sections 94.500 to 94.550, and the director of revenue shall collect in addition to the sales tax for the state of Missouri the additional tax authorized under the authority of this section. The tax imposed pursuant to this section and the tax imposed under the sales tax law of the state of Missouri shall be collected together and reported upon such forms and under such administrative rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the director of revenue. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087, RSMo, shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.

- 6. No tax imposed pursuant to this section for the purpose of retiring bonds issued under this section may be terminated until all of such bonds have been retired.
  - 7. In any city not within a county, no tax shall be imposed pursuant to this section for the purpose of funding in whole or in part the construction, operation or maintenance of a sports stadium, field house, indoor or outdoor recreational facility, center, playing field, parking facility or anything incidental or necessary to a complex suitable for any type of professional sport or recreation, either upon, above or below the ground.
  - 8. Any tax imposed under this section in any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county solely for public transit purposes shall not be considered economic activity taxes as such term is defined under sections 99.805 and 99.918, RSMo, and tax revenues derived from such tax shall not be subject to allocation under the provisions of subsection 3 of section 99.845, RSMo, or subsection 4 of section 99.957, RSMo.
  - 9. The director of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any municipality for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such municipalities. If any municipality abolishes the tax, the municipality shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least ninety days prior to the effective date of the repeal and the director of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such municipality, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to the municipality and close the account of that municipality. The director of revenue shall notify each municipality of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the municipality.
  - 10. Any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county and any home rule city with more than eighty-four thousand five hundred but fewer than eighty-four thousand six hundred inhabitants is hereby authorized to impose, in lieu of the tax authorized under subsection 1 of this section, by ordinance or order, a one-eighth, one-fourth, three-eighths, or one-half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in such municipality which are subject to taxation under the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525 for the purpose of providing revenues for public safety activities, including operations and capital improvements, which may be funded by issuing bonds which will be retired by the revenues received from the sales tax authorized by this section or the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded

- indebtedness. The tax authorized by this section shall be in addition to any and all other 125 sales taxes allowed by law; but no ordinance imposing a sales tax under the provisions of this section shall be effective unless the governing body of the municipality submits to the voters of the municipality, at a municipal or state general, primary or special election, a 127 proposal to authorize the governing body of the municipality to impose such tax and, if 128 129 such tax is to be used to retire bonds authorized under this section, to authorize such bonds 130 and their retirement by such tax, or to authorize the retirement of debt under previously 131 authorized bonded indebtedness. 132 11. The ballot of submission shall contain, but need not be limited to: 133 (1) If the proposal submitted involves only authorization to impose the tax

138	previously authorized bonded indebtedness?		
139	$\square$ YES	□NO	
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141	If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are		
142	opposed to the question,	place an "X" in the box opposite " ${f N}$	NO"; or
143	(2) If the proposa	submitted involves authorization to	issue bonds and repay such
144	bonds with revenues from the tax authorized by this section, the following language:		
145	Shall the municipa	ality of (municipality's name) i	issue bonds in the amount of
146	(insert amount) for the purpose of providing revenues for public safety activities		
147	including operations and	capital improvements, and impose	a sales tax of (insert
148	amount) to repay bonds?		
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151 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are 152 opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

The ballot may include descriptions of specific uses to which the revenues from the tax will be applied.

156 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in 157 favor of the proposal, including when the proposal authorizes the reduction of debt under 158 previously authorized bonded indebtedness under subdivision (1) of this subsection, then 159 the ordinance or order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect, except that any

proposal submitted under subdivision (2) of this subsection to issue bonds and impose a sales tax to retire such bonds must be approved by the constitutionally required percentage of the voters voting thereon to become effective. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the governing body of the municipality shall have no power to issue any bonds or impose the sales tax authorized in this section unless and until the governing body of the municipality shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the governing body of the municipality to issue any bonds or impose the sales tax authorized by subsection 10 of this section, and such proposal is approved by the requisite majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.

- 12. All revenue received by a municipality from the tax authorized under the provisions of subsection 10 of this section shall be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely for public safety activities for so long as the tax shall remain in effect. Once the tax authorized by this section is abolished or is terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the special trust fund required by this subsection shall be used solely for the public safety activities authorized in subsection 10 of this section. Any funds in the special trust fund required by this subsection which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the governing body in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of other municipal funds. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to taxes authorized by this subsection which have not been imposed to retire bonds issued pursuant to this subsection.
- 13. All revenue received by a municipality which issues bonds under subsection 10 of this section and imposes the tax authorized by this section to retire such bonds shall be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely to retire such bonds, except to the extent that such funds are required for the operation of the public safety department. Once all of such bonds have been retired, all funds remaining in the special trust fund required by this subsection shall be used solely for public safety activities. Any funds in the special trust fund required by this subsection which are not needed to meet current obligations under the bonds issued under this section may be invested by the governing body in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of other municipal funds. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to taxes authorized by subsection 10 of this section which have been imposed to retire bonds issued under this section.
- 14. After the effective date of any tax imposed under the provisions of subsection 10 of this section, the director of revenue shall perform all functions incident to the administration, collection, enforcement, and operation of the tax in the same manner as provided in sections 94.500 to 94.550, and the director of revenue shall collect in addition to the sales tax for the state of Missouri the additional tax authorized under the authority

of this section. The tax imposed pursuant to this section and the tax imposed under the sales tax law of the state of Missouri shall be collected together and reported upon such forms and under such administrative rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the director of revenue. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.

- 15. No tax imposed pursuant to subsection 10 of this section for the purpose of retiring bonds issued under this section may be terminated until all of such bonds have been retired.
- 105.716. 1. Any investigation, defense, negotiation, or compromise of any claim covered by sections 105.711 to 105.726 shall be conducted by the attorney general; provided, that in the case of any claim against the department of conservation, the department of transportation or a public institution which awards baccalaureate degrees, or any officer or employee of such department or such institution, any investigation, defense, negotiation, or compromise of any claim covered by sections 105.711 to 105.726 shall be conducted by legal counsel provided by the respective entity against which the claim is made or which employs the person against whom the claim is made. In the case of any payment from the state legal expense fund based upon a claim or judgment against the department of conservation, the department of transportation or any officer or employee thereof, the department so affected shall immediately transfer to the state legal expense fund from the department funds a sum equal to the amount expended from the state legal expense fund on its behalf.
  - 2. All persons and entities protected by the state legal expense fund shall cooperate with the attorneys conducting any investigation and preparing any defense under the provisions of sections 105.711 to 105.726 by assisting such attorneys in all respects, including the making of settlements, the securing and giving of evidence, and the attending and obtaining witness to attend hearings and trials. Funds in the state legal expense fund shall not be used to pay claims and judgments against those persons and entities who do not cooperate as required by this subsection.
  - 3. The provisions of sections 105.711 to 105.726 notwithstanding, the attorney general may investigate, defend, negotiate, or compromise any claim covered by sections 105.711 to 105.726 against any public institution which awards baccalaureate degrees whose governing body has declared a state of financial exigency.
  - 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of section 105.711, funds in the state legal expense fund may be expended prior to the payment of any claim or any final judgment to pay costs of defense, including reasonable attorney's fees for retention of legal counsel, when the attorney general determines that a conflict exists or particular expertise is required, and also to pay for related legal expenses including medical examination fees, expert witness fees, court

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reporter expenses, travel costs and ancillary legal expenses incurred prior to the payment of a 30 claim or any final judgment.

- 5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, no funds shall be expended from the state legal expense fund for settlement of any liability claim except upon the production of a no tax due statement from the department of revenue by the party making claim or having judgment under section 105.711, which shall be satisfied from such fund. Payments of less than ten thousand dollars from the fund for property damage claims shall not require a no tax due statement for the department. If the party is found by the director of revenue to owe a delinquent tax debt to the state of Missouri under the revenue laws of this state, any funds to be paid to the party from the state legal expense fund shall be offset to satisfy such tax debt before payment is made to the party making claim or having judgment.
- 137.016. 1. As used in section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution, the following terms mean:
- (1) "Agricultural and horticultural property", all real property used for agricultural purposes and devoted primarily to the raising and harvesting of crops; to the feeding, breeding and management of livestock which shall include breeding, showing, and boarding of horses; to dairying, or to any other combination thereof; and buildings and structures customarily associated with farming, agricultural, and horticultural uses. Agricultural and horticultural property shall also include land devoted to and qualifying for payments or other compensation under a soil conservation or agricultural assistance program under an agreement with an agency of the federal government. Agricultural and horticultural property shall further include land and 10 improvements, exclusive of structures, on privately owned airports that qualify as reliever 12 airports under the Nation Plan of Integrated Airports System, to receive federal airport improvement project funds through the Federal Aviation Administration. Real property classified as forest croplands shall not be agricultural or horticultural property so long as it is classified as forest croplands and shall be taxed in accordance with the laws enacted to implement section 7 of article X of the Missouri Constitution;
  - (2) "Residential property", all real property improved by a structure which is used or intended to be used for residential living by human occupants, vacant land in connection with an airport, land used as a golf course, any watercraft as defined in section 137.080, and manufactured home parks, but residential property shall not include other similar facilities used primarily for transient housing. For the purposes of this section, "transient housing" means all rooms available for rent or lease for which the receipts from the rent or lease of such rooms are subject to state sales tax pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 144.020, RSMo;

- (3) "Utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and other real property", all real property used directly or indirectly, for any commercial, mining, industrial, manufacturing, trade, professional, business, or similar purpose, including all property centrally assessed by the state tax commission but shall not include floating docks, portions of which are separately owned and the remainder of which is designated for common ownership and in which no one person or business entity owns more than five individual units. All other real property not included in the property listed in subclasses (1) and (2) of section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution, as such property is defined in this section, shall be deemed to be included in the term "utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and other real property".
- 2. Pursuant to article X of the state constitution, any taxing district may adjust its operating levy to recoup any loss of property tax revenue, except revenues from the surtax imposed pursuant to article X, subsection 2 of section 6 of the constitution, as the result of changing the classification of structures intended to be used for residential living by human occupants which contain five or more dwelling units if such adjustment of the levy does not exceed the highest tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980 tax year. For purposes of this section, loss in revenue shall include the difference between the revenue that would have been collected on such property under its classification prior to enactment of this section and the amount to be collected under its classification under this section. The county assessor of each county or city not within a county shall provide information to each taxing district within its boundaries regarding the difference in assessed valuation of such property as the result of such change in classification.
- 3. All reclassification of property as the result of changing the classification of structures intended to be used for residential living by human occupants which contain five or more dwelling units shall apply to assessments made after December 31, 1994.
- 4. Where real property is used or held for use for more than one purpose and such uses result in different classifications, the county assessor shall allocate to each classification the percentage of the true value in money of the property devoted to each use; except that, where agricultural and horticultural property, as defined in this section, also contains a dwelling unit or units, the farm dwelling, appurtenant residential-related structures and up to five acres immediately surrounding such farm dwelling shall be residential property, as defined in this section.
- 5. All real property which is vacant, unused, or held for future use; which is used for a private club, a not-for-profit or other nonexempt lodge, club, business, trade, service organization, or similar entity; or for which a determination as to its classification cannot be made under the definitions set out in subsection 1 of this section, shall be classified according

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- to its immediate most suitable economic use, which use shall be determined after consideration 60
- 61 (1) Immediate prior use, if any, of such property;
- 62 (2) Location of such property;
  - (3) Zoning classification of such property; except that, such zoning classification shall not be considered conclusive if, upon consideration of all factors, it is determined that such zoning classification does not reflect the immediate most suitable economic use of the property;
    - (4) Other legal restrictions on the use of such property;
- 67 (5) Availability of water, electricity, gas, sewers, street lighting, and other public services 68 for such property;
  - (6) Size of such property;
  - (7) Access of such property to public thoroughfares; and
- 71 (8) Any other factors relevant to a determination of the immediate most suitable economic use of such property. 72
  - 6. All lands classified as forest croplands shall not, for taxation purposes, be classified as subclass (1), subclass (2), or subclass (3) real property, as such classes are prescribed in section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in this section, but shall be taxed in accordance with the laws enacted to implement section 7 of article X of the Missouri Constitution.

### 137.073. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "General reassessment", changes in value, entered in the assessor's books, of a substantial portion of the parcels of real property within a county resulting wholly or partly from 3 reappraisal of value or other actions of the assessor or county equalization body or ordered by the state tax commission or any court;
  - (2) "Tax rate", "rate", or "rate of levy", singular or plural, includes the tax rate for each purpose of taxation of property a taxing authority is authorized to levy without a vote and any tax rate authorized by election, including bond interest and sinking fund;
- 9 (3) "Tax rate ceiling", a tax rate as revised by the taxing authority to comply with the 10 provisions of this section or when a court has determined the tax rate; except that, other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a school district may levy the operating levy 11 for school purposes required for the current year pursuant to subsection 2 of section 163.021,
- 13 RSMo, less all adjustments required pursuant to article X, section 22 of the Missouri
- 14 Constitution, if such tax rate does not exceed the highest tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980
- 15 tax year. This is the maximum tax rate that may be levied, unless a higher tax rate ceiling is
- 16 approved by voters of the political subdivision as provided in this section;

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(4) "Tax revenue", when referring to the previous year, means the actual receipts from ad valorem levies on all classes of property, including state-assessed property, in the immediately preceding fiscal year of the political subdivision, plus an allowance for taxes billed but not collected in the fiscal year and plus an additional allowance for the revenue which would have been collected from property which was annexed by such political subdivision but which was not previously used in determining tax revenue pursuant to this section. The term "tax revenue" shall not include any receipts from ad valorem levies on any property of a railroad corporation or a public utility, as these terms are defined in section 386.020, RSMo, which were assessed by the assessor of a county or city in the previous year but are assessed by the state tax commission in the current year. All school districts and those counties levying sales taxes pursuant to chapter 67, RSMo, shall include in the calculation of tax revenue an amount equivalent to that by which they reduced property tax levies as a result of sales tax pursuant to section 67.505, RSMo, and section 164.013, RSMo, or as excess home dock city or county fees as provided in subsection 4 of section 313.820, RSMo, in the immediately preceding fiscal year but not including any amount calculated to adjust for prior years. For purposes of political subdivisions which were authorized to levy a tax in the prior year but which did not levy such tax or levied a reduced rate, the term "tax revenue", as used in relation to the revision of tax levies mandated by law, shall mean the revenues equal to the amount that would have been available if the voluntary rate reduction had not been made.

2. Whenever changes in assessed valuation are entered in the assessor's books for any personal property, in the aggregate, or for any subclass of real property as such subclasses are established in section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016, the county clerk in all counties and the assessor of St. Louis City shall notify each political subdivision wholly or partially within the county or St. Louis City of the change in valuation of each subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, exclusive of new construction and improvements. All political subdivisions shall immediately revise the applicable rates of levy for each purpose for each subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, for which taxes are levied to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable property, exclusive of new construction and improvements, substantially the same amount of tax revenue as was produced in the previous year for each subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, except that the rate [may] shall not exceed the greater of the most recent voter-approved rate or the most recent voter-approved rate as adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section. Any political subdivision that has received approval from voters for a tax increase after August 27, 2008, may levy a rate to collect substantially the same amount of tax revenue as the amount of revenue that would have been derived by applying the voter-approved

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increased tax rate ceiling to the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision as most 53 54 recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before the date of the election in which such increase is approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law, except that the rate shall not exceed the greater of the most 56 57 recent voter-approved rate or the most recent voter-approved rate as adjusted under 58 subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section. Such tax revenue shall not include any receipts 59 from ad valorem levies on any real property which was assessed by the assessor of a county or 60 city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property. Where the taxing authority is a school district for the 62 purposes of revising the applicable rates of levy for each subclass of real property, the tax revenues from state-assessed railroad and utility property shall be apportioned and attributed to 63 64 each subclass of real property based on the percentage of the total assessed valuation of the county that each subclass of real property represents in the current taxable year. As provided in 65 section 22 of article X of the constitution, a political subdivision may also revise each levy to 66 67 allow for inflationary assessment growth occurring within the political subdivision. The inflationary growth factor for any such subclass of real property or personal property shall be 68 limited to the actual assessment growth in such subclass or class, exclusive of new construction and improvements, and exclusive of the assessed value on any real property which was assessed 70 by the assessor of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property, but 72 not to exceed the consumer price index or five percent, whichever is lower. Should the tax 73 revenue of a political subdivision from the various tax rates determined in this subsection be 74 different than the tax revenue that would have been determined from a single tax rate as 75 calculated pursuant to the method of calculation in this subsection prior to January 1, 2003, then 76 the political subdivision shall revise the tax rates of those subclasses of real property, 77 individually, and/or personal property, in the aggregate, in which there is a tax rate reduction, 78 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. Such revision shall yield an amount equal to such 79 difference and shall be apportioned among such subclasses of real property, individually, and/or 80 personal property, in the aggregate, based on the relative assessed valuation of the class or subclasses of property experiencing a tax rate reduction. Such revision in the tax rates of each 82 class or subclass shall be made by computing the percentage of current year adjusted assessed 83 valuation of each class or subclass with a tax rate reduction to the total current year adjusted 84 assessed valuation of the class or subclasses with a tax rate reduction, multiplying the resulting 85 percentages by the revenue difference between the single rate calculation and the calculations 86 pursuant to this subsection and dividing by the respective adjusted current year assessed valuation of each class or subclass to determine the adjustment to the rate to be levied upon each class or subclass of property. The adjustment computed herein shall be multiplied by one

- hundred, rounded to four decimals in the manner provided in this subsection, and added to the initial rate computed for each class or subclass of property. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, no revision to the rate of levy for personal property shall cause such levy to increase over the levy for personal property from the prior year.
- 3. (1) Where the taxing authority is a school district, it shall be required to revise the rates of levy to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable property, including state-assessed railroad and utility property, which shall be separately estimated in addition to other data required in complying with section 164.011, RSMo, substantially the amount of tax revenue permitted in this section. In the year following tax rate reduction, the tax rate ceiling may be adjusted to offset such district's reduction in the apportionment of state school moneys due to its reduced tax rate. However, in the event any school district, in calculating a tax rate ceiling pursuant to this section, requiring the estimating of effects of state-assessed railroad and utility valuation or loss of state aid, discovers that the estimates used result in receipt of excess revenues, which would have required a lower rate if the actual information had been known, the school district shall reduce the tax rate ceiling in the following year to compensate for the excess receipts, and the recalculated rate shall become the tax rate ceiling for purposes of this section.
- (2) For any political subdivision which experiences a reduction in the amount of assessed valuation relating to a prior year, due to decisions of the state tax commission or a court pursuant to sections 138.430 to 138.433, RSMo, or due to clerical errors or corrections in the calculation or recordation of any assessed valuation:
- (a) Such political subdivision may revise the tax rate ceiling for each purpose it levies taxes to compensate for the reduction in assessed value occurring after the political subdivision calculated the tax rate ceiling for the particular subclass of real property or for personal property, in the aggregate, in a prior year. Such revision by the political subdivision shall be made at the time of the next calculation of the tax rate for the particular subclass of real property or for personal property, in the aggregate, after the reduction in assessed valuation has been determined and shall be calculated in a manner that results in the revised tax rate ceiling being the same as it would have been had the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation;
- (b) In addition, for up to three years following the determination of the reduction in assessed valuation as a result of circumstances defined in this subdivision, such political subdivision may levy a tax rate for each purpose it levies taxes above the revised tax rate ceiling provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision to recoup any revenues it was entitled to receive had the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation.
- 4. (1) In order to implement the provisions of this section and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, the term "improvements" shall apply to both real and personal

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125 property. In order to determine the value of new construction and improvements, each county 126 assessor shall maintain a record of real property valuations in such a manner as to identify each 127 year the increase in valuation for each political subdivision in the county as a result of new 128 construction and improvements. The value of new construction and improvements shall include 129 the additional assessed value of all improvements or additions to real property which were begun 130 after and were not part of the prior year's assessment, except that the additional assessed value 131 of all improvements or additions to real property which had been totally or partially exempt from ad valorem taxes pursuant to sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo, sections 135.200 to 135.255, 133 RSMo, and section 353.110, RSMo, shall be included in the value of new construction and 134 improvements when the property becomes totally or partially subject to assessment and payment 135 of all ad valorem taxes. The aggregate increase in valuation of personal property for the current 136 year over that of the previous year is the equivalent of the new construction and improvements 137 factor for personal property. Notwithstanding any opt-out implemented pursuant to subsection 138 15 of section 137.115, the assessor shall certify the amount of new construction and 139 improvements and the amount of assessed value on any real property which was assessed by the 140 assessor of a county or city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor of a county or 141 city in the current year in a different subclass of real property separately for each of the three 142 subclasses of real property for each political subdivision to the county clerk in order that political 143 subdivisions shall have this information for the purpose of calculating tax rates pursuant to this 144 section and section 22, article X, Constitution of Missouri. In addition, the state tax commission 145 shall certify each year to each county clerk the increase in the general price level as measured by 146 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor 147 publications, as defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, or its 148 successor agency. The state tax commission shall certify the increase in such index on the latest 149 twelve-month basis available on February first of each year over the immediately preceding prior twelve-month period in order that political subdivisions shall have this information available in 151 setting their tax rates according to law and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri. 152 For purposes of implementing the provisions of this section and section 22 of article X of the 153 Missouri Constitution, the term "property" means all taxable property, including state-assessed 154 property. 155

(2) Each political subdivision required to revise rates of levy pursuant to this section or section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri shall calculate each tax rate it is authorized to levy and, in establishing each tax rate, shall consider each provision for tax rate revision provided in this section and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, separately and without regard to annual tax rate reductions provided in section 67.505, RSMo, and section 164.013, RSMo. Each political subdivision shall set each tax rate it is authorized to levy using

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- the calculation that produces the lowest tax rate ceiling. It is further the intent of the general 162 assembly, pursuant to the authority of section 10(c) of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, 163 that the provisions of such section be applicable to tax rate revisions mandated pursuant to 164 section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri as to reestablishing tax rates as revised in 165 subsequent years, enforcement provisions, and other provisions not in conflict with section 22 166 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri. Annual tax rate reductions provided in section 167 67.505, RSMo, and section 164.013, RSMo, shall be applied to the tax rate as established 168 pursuant to this section and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, unless 169 otherwise provided by law.
  - 5. (1) In all political subdivisions, the tax rate ceiling established pursuant to this section shall not be increased unless approved by a vote of the people. Approval of the higher tax rate shall be by at least a majority of votes cast. When a proposed higher tax rate requires approval by more than a simple majority pursuant to any provision of law or the constitution, the tax rate increase must receive approval by at least the majority required.
  - (2) When voters approve an increase in the tax rate, the amount of the increase shall be added to the tax rate ceiling as calculated pursuant to this section to the extent the total rate does not exceed any maximum rate prescribed by law. If a ballot question presents a stated tax rate for approval rather than describing the amount of increase in the question, the stated tax rate approved shall be adjusted as provided in this section and, so adjusted, shall be the current tax rate ceiling. The increased tax rate ceiling as approved shall be adjusted such that when applied to the current total assessed valuation of the political subdivision, excluding new construction and improvements since the date of the election approving such increase, the revenue derived from the adjusted tax rate ceiling is equal to the sum of: the amount of revenue which would have been derived by applying the voter-approved increased tax rate ceiling to total assessed valuation of the political subdivision, as most recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before the date of the election in which such increase is approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law. Such adjusted tax rate ceiling may be applied to the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision at the setting of the next tax rate. If a ballot question presents a phased-in tax rate increase, upon voter approval, each tax rate increase shall be adjusted in the manner prescribed in this section to yield the sum of: the amount of revenue that would be derived by applying such voter-approved increased rate to the total assessed valuation, as most recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before the date of the election in which such increase was approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law, from the date of the election to the time of such increase and, so adjusted, shall be the current tax rate ceiling.

(3) The governing body of any political subdivision may levy a tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling and may, in a nonreassessment year, increase that lowered tax rate to a level not exceeding the tax rate ceiling without voter approval in the manner provided under subdivision (4) of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a political subdivision from voluntarily levying a tax rate lower than that which is required under the provisions of this section or from seeking voter approval of a reduction to such political subdivision's tax rate ceiling.

- (4) In a year of general reassessment, a governing body whose tax rate is lower than its tax rate ceiling shall revise its tax rate pursuant to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section as if its tax rate was at the tax rate ceiling. In a year following general reassessment, if such governing body intends to increase its tax rate, the governing body shall conduct a public hearing, and in a public meeting it shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or policy statement justifying its action prior to setting and certifying its tax rate. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any political subdivision which levies a tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling solely due to a reduction required by law resulting from sales tax collections. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any political subdivision which has received voter approval for an increase to its tax rate ceiling subsequent to setting its most recent tax rate.
- 6. (1) For the purposes of calculating state aid for public schools pursuant to section 163.031, RSMo, each taxing authority which is a school district shall determine its proposed tax rate as a blended rate of the classes or subclasses of property. Such blended rate shall be calculated by first determining the total tax revenue of the property within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority, which amount shall be equal to the sum of the products of multiplying the assessed valuation of each class and subclass of property by the corresponding tax rate for such class or subclass, then dividing the total tax revenue by the total assessed valuation of the same jurisdiction, and then multiplying the resulting quotient by a factor of one hundred. Where the taxing authority is a school district, such blended rate shall also be used by such school district for calculating revenue from state-assessed railroad and utility property as defined in chapter 151, RSMo, and for apportioning the tax rate by purpose.
- (2) Each taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate in any year shall notify the clerk of the county commission in the county or counties where the tax rate applies of its tax rate ceiling and its proposed tax rate. Each taxing authority shall express its proposed tax rate in a fraction equal to the nearest one-tenth of a cent, unless its proposed tax rate is in excess of one dollar, then one/one-hundredth of a cent. If a taxing authority shall round to one/one-hundredth of a cent, it shall round up a fraction greater than or equal to five/one-thousandth of one cent to the next higher one/one-hundredth of a cent; if a taxing authority shall round to one-tenth of a cent, it shall round up a fraction greater than or equal to five/one-hundredths of a cent to the next

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232 higher one-tenth of a cent. Any taxing authority levying a property tax rate shall provide data, 233 in such form as shall be prescribed by the state auditor by rule, substantiating such tax rate 234 complies with Missouri law. All forms for the calculation of rates pursuant to this section shall 235 be promulgated as a rule and shall not be incorporated by reference. The state auditor shall 236 promulgate rules for any and all forms for the calculation of rates pursuant to this section which 237 do not currently exist in rule form or that have been incorporated by reference. In addition, each 238 taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate for debt service shall provide data, in such form as shall be prescribed by the state auditor by rule, substantiating the tax rate for debt service 239 240 complies with Missouri law. A tax rate proposed for annual debt service requirements will be 241 prima facie valid if, after making the payment for which the tax was levied, bonds remain 242 outstanding and the debt fund reserves do not exceed the following year's payments. The county 243 clerk shall keep on file and available for public inspection all such information for a period of three years. The clerk shall, within three days of receipt, forward a copy of the notice of a taxing 245 authority's tax rate ceiling and proposed tax rate and any substantiating data to the state auditor. 246 The state auditor shall, within fifteen days of the date of receipt, examine such information and 247 return to the county clerk his or her findings as to compliance of the tax rate ceiling with this 248 section and as to compliance of any proposed tax rate for debt service with Missouri law. If the 249 state auditor believes that a taxing authority's proposed tax rate does not comply with Missouri 250 law, then the state auditor's findings shall include a recalculated tax rate, and the state auditor 251 may request a taxing authority to submit documentation supporting such taxing authority's 252 proposed tax rate. The county clerk shall immediately forward a copy of the auditor's findings 253 to the taxing authority and shall file a copy of the findings with the information received from the taxing authority. The taxing authority shall have fifteen days from the date of receipt from 254 255 the county clerk of the state auditor's findings and any request for supporting documentation to 256 accept or reject in writing the rate change certified by the state auditor and to submit all requested 257 information to the state auditor. A copy of the taxing authority's acceptance or rejection and any 258 information submitted to the state auditor shall also be mailed to the county clerk. If a taxing 259 authority rejects a rate change certified by the state auditor and the state auditor does not receive 260 supporting information which justifies the taxing authority's original or any subsequent proposed 261 tax rate, then the state auditor shall refer the perceived violations of such taxing authority to the 262 attorney general's office and the attorney general is authorized to obtain injunctive relief to 263 prevent the taxing authority from levying a violative tax rate. 264

- 7. No tax rate shall be extended on the tax rolls by the county clerk unless the political subdivision has complied with the foregoing provisions of this section.
- 8. Whenever a taxpayer has cause to believe that a taxing authority has not complied with the provisions of this section, the taxpayer may make a formal complaint with the

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prosecuting attorney of the county. Where the prosecuting attorney fails to bring an action within ten days of the filing of the complaint, the taxpayer may bring a civil action pursuant to this section and institute an action as representative of a class of all taxpayers within a taxing authority if the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable, if there are questions of law or fact common to the class, if the claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class, and if the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. In any class action maintained pursuant to this section, the court may direct to the members of the class a notice to be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the civil action is commenced and in other counties within the jurisdiction of a taxing authority. The notice shall advise each member that the court will exclude him or her from the class if he or she so requests by a specified date, that the judgment, whether favorable or not, will include all members who do not request exclusion, and that any member who does not request exclusion may, if he or she desires, enter an appearance. In any class action brought pursuant to this section, the court, in addition to the relief requested, shall assess against the taxing authority found to be in violation of this section the reasonable costs of bringing the action, including reasonable attorney's fees, provided no attorney's fees shall be awarded any attorney or association of attorneys who receive public funds from any source for their services. Any action brought pursuant to this section shall be set for hearing as soon as practicable after the cause is at issue.

- 9. If in any action, including a class action, the court issues an order requiring a taxing authority to revise the tax rates as provided in this section or enjoins a taxing authority from the collection of a tax because of its failure to revise the rate of levy as provided in this section, any taxpayer paying his or her taxes when an improper rate is applied has erroneously paid his or her taxes in part, whether or not the taxes are paid under protest as provided in section 139.031, RSMo, or otherwise contested. The part of the taxes paid erroneously is the difference in the amount produced by the original levy and the amount produced by the revised levy. The township or county collector of taxes or the collector of taxes in any city shall refund the amount of the tax erroneously paid. The taxing authority refusing to revise the rate of levy as provided in this section shall make available to the collector all funds necessary to make refunds pursuant to this subsection. No taxpayer shall receive any interest on any money erroneously paid by him or her pursuant to this subsection. Effective in the 1994 tax year, nothing in this section shall be construed to require a taxing authority to refund any tax erroneously paid prior to or during the third tax year preceding the current tax year.
- 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies

with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2004, shall be invalid and void.

137.080. **1.** Real estate and tangible personal property shall be assessed annually at the assessment which commences on the first day of January. For purposes of assessing and taxing tangible personal property, all tangible personal property shall be divided into the following subclasses:

- (1) Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition;
- 6 (2) Livestock;

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- (3) Farm machinery;
- (4) Vehicles, including recreational vehicles, but not including manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, RSMo, which are actually used as dwelling units, and not including watercraft as defined in this section;
- 11 (5) Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, RSMo, which are actually used 12 as dwelling units;
  - (6) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration and are registered as historic motor vehicles under section 301.131, RSMo;
  - (7) All taxable tangible personal property not included in subclass (1), subclass (2), subclass (3), subclass (4), subclass (5), or subclass (6).
  - 2. As used in this section, "watercraft" means any vessel or watercraft, as such terms are defined in section 306.010, that has bath and toilet facilities, a sleeping area, and kitchen facilities, that is eligible for the home mortgage interest deduction on the taxpayer's federal income tax return, that is registered under chapter 306, and that is used as the taxpayer's principal place of residence or as a temporary residence for the taxpayer.
    - 3. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:
  - (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and
  - (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and
- (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately
   following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.

- 137.126. The assessed valuation on any motor vehicle shall not increase in any year over the assessed valuation of the motor vehicle in the previous year. This section shall not apply to the calculation of the assessed valuation of motor vehicles that are sold or purchased between assessments.
  - 137.180. 1. Whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property he shall forthwith notify the record owner of such increase, either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of equalization whereat the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the landowner shall so state.
  - 2. Effective January 1, 2009, for all counties with a charter form of government, **other than any county adopting a charter form of government after January 1, 2008,** whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner on or before June fifteenth of such increase and, in a year of general reassessment, the county shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase, either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of equalization whereat the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the landowner shall so state. Notice of the projected tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the assessor.
  - 3. For all calendar years prior to the first day of January of the year following receipt of software necessary for the implementation of the requirements provided under subsections 4 and 5 of this section from the state tax commission, for any county not subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section or subsection 2 of section 137.355, whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner on or before June fifteenth of the previous assessed value and such increase either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address and include in such notice a statement indicating that the change in assessed value may impact the record owner's tax liability and provide all processes and deadlines for appealing determinations of the assessed value of such property. Such notice shall be provided in a font and format sufficient to alert a record owner of the potential impact upon tax liability and the appellate processes available.
  - 4. Effective January [1, 2011,] first of the year following receipt of software necessary for the implementation of the requirements provided under this subsection and subsection 5 of this section from the state tax commission, for all counties not subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section or subsection 2 of section 137.355, whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the

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- record owner on or before June fifteenth of such increase and, in a year of general reassessment, the county shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase, either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of equalization whereat the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the landowner shall so state. Notice of the projected tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the assessor.
  - [4.] **5.** The notice of projected tax liability, required under subsections 2 and [3] **4** of this section, from the county shall include:
    - (1) **The** record owner's name, address, and the parcel number of the property;
  - (2) A list of all political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
  - (3) The projected tax rate for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner, and the purpose for each levy of such political subdivisions;
  - (4) The previous year's tax rates for each individual tax levy imposed by each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
  - (5) The tax rate ceiling for each levy imposed by each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
  - (6) The contact information for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
  - (7) A statement identifying any projected tax rates for political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record owner, which were not calculated and provided by the political subdivision levying the tax; and
    - (8) The total projected property tax liability of the taxpayer.
  - 6. In addition to the requirements provided under subsections 1, 2, and 5 of this section, effective January 1, 2011, in any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants, whenever any assessor shall notify a record owner of any change in assessed value, such assessor shall provide notice that information regarding the assessment method and computation of value for such property is available on the assessor's website and provide the exact website address at which such information may be accessed. Such notification shall provide the assessor's contact information to enable taxpayers without internet access to request and receive information regarding the assessment method and computation of value for such property.
  - 137.243. 1. To determine the "projected tax liability" required by subsections 2 and 3 of section 137.180, subsection 2 of section 137.355, and subsection 2 of section 137.490, the assessor, on or before March first of each **odd-numbered** tax year, shall provide the clerk with

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- the assessment book which for this purpose shall contain the real estate values for that year, the 5 prior year's state assessed values, and the prior year's personal property values. On or before March fifteenth, the clerk shall make out an abstract of the assessment book showing the 7 aggregate amounts of different kinds of real, personal, and other tangible property and the valuations of each for each political subdivision in the county, or in the city for any city not within a county, entitled to levy ad valorem taxes on property except for municipalities 10 maintaining their own tax or assessment books. The governing body of each political 11 subdivision or a person designated by the governing body shall use such information to 12 informally project a nonbinding tax levy for that year and return such projected tax levy to the clerk no later than April eighth. The clerk shall forward such information to the collector who 14 shall then calculate and, no later than April thirtieth, provide to the assessor the projected tax 15 liability for each real estate parcel for which the assessor intends to mail a notice of increase 16 pursuant to sections 137.180, 137.355, and 137.490.
  - 2. Political subdivisions located at least partially within two or more counties, which are subject to divergent time requirements, shall comply with all requirements applicable to each such county and may utilize the most recent available information to satisfy such requirements.
  - 3. Failure by an assessor to timely provide the assessment book or notice of increased assessed value, as provided in this section, may result in the state tax commission withholding all or a part of the moneys provided under section 137.720 and all state per-parcel reimbursement funds which would otherwise be made available to such assessor.
  - 4. Failure by a political subdivision to provide the clerk with a projected tax levy in the time prescribed under this section shall result in a twenty percent reduction in such political subdivision's tax rate for the tax year, unless such failure is a direct result of a delinquency in the provision of, or failure to provide, information required by this section by the assessor or the clerk. If a political subdivision fails to provide the projected tax rate as provided in this section, the clerk shall notify the state auditor who shall, within seven days of receiving such notice, estimate a nonbinding tax levy for such political subdivision and return such to the clerk. The clerk shall notify the state auditor of any applicable reduction to a political subdivision's tax rate.
  - 5. Any taxing district wholly within a county with a township form of government may, through a request submitted by the county clerk, request that the state auditor's office estimate a nonbinding projected tax rate based on the information provided by the county clerk. The auditor's office shall return the projected tax rate to the county clerk no later than April eighth.
  - 6. The clerk shall deliver the abstract of the assessment book to each taxing district with a notice stating that their projected tax rates be returned to the clerk by April eighth.
  - 137.355. 1. If an assessor increases the valuation of any tangible personal property as estimated in the itemized list furnished to the assessor, and if an assessor increases the valuation

- of any real property, he shall forthwith notify the record owner of the increase either in person or by mail directed to the last known address, and if the address of the owner is unknown notice shall be given by publication in two newspapers published in the county.

  - 3. Effective January [1, 2011,] first of the year following receipt of software necessary for the implementation of the requirements provided under this subsection and subsection 4 of this section from the state tax commission, if an assessor increases the valuation of any real property, the assessor, on or before June fifteenth, shall notify the record owner of the increase and, in a year of general reassessment, the county shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase either in person or by mail directed to the last known address, and, if the address of the owner is unknown, notice shall be given by publication in two newspapers published in the county. Notice of the projected tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the assessor.
  - [3.] **4.** The notice of projected tax liability, required under subsection [2] **3** of this section, from the county shall include:
    - (1) Record owner's name, address, and the parcel number of the property;
- 31 (2) A list of all political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record 32 owner;
- 33 (3) The projected tax rate for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property 34 of the record owner, and the purpose for each levy of such political subdivisions;
  - (4) The previous year's tax rates for each individual tax levy imposed by each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
- 37 (5) The tax rate ceiling for each levy imposed by each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;

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- 39 (6) The contact information for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property 40 of the record owner;
  - (7) A statement identifying any projected tax rates for political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record owner, which were not calculated and provided by the political subdivision levying the tax; and
    - (8) The total projected property tax liability of the taxpayer.
- 137.750. 1. If a county has an assessment maintenance plan approved pursuant to section 137.115, a portion of all the costs and expenses of the assessor of each county and each city not within a county, incurred for the current quarter in performing all duties necessary to assess and maintain equalized assessed valuations of real property, making real and personal property assessments and preparing abstracts of assessment lists, shall be reimbursed by the state. 5 The state shall reimburse up to sixty percent of all the current and past unreported quarterly costs and expenses of the assessor of each county and each city not within a county based on 8 compliance with the state tax commission approved assessment and equalization maintenance plan. The state shall reimburse each eligible county a minimum of three dollars per parcel for 10 up to twenty thousand parcels, but no further reimbursements shall be made until the county has 11 expended at least two-thirds of that amount of money for assessment maintenance from its assessment fund. The annual state reimbursement to any county pursuant to this section in 2000 12 13 shall not exceed seven dollars per parcel of real property in the county and each year thereafter 14 such maximum amount may be increased by up to three percent, but the amount reimbursed by 15 the state shall not exceed sixty percent of the actual costs and expenses incurred, except that counties entitled to only the three-dollar per parcel minimum shall receive one-fourth of the 16 17 state's contribution each quarter.
  - 2. The governing body of each county and city not within a county which seeks or will seek reimbursement under any provision of this section or section 137.720 shall establish a fund to be known as the "Assessment Fund", to be used solely as a depository for funds received by the county or city pursuant to this section and sections 137.037 and 137.720, from the general revenue fund of the county or other sources for the purpose of funding the costs and expenses incurred in implementing an assessment and equalization maintenance plan approved under section 137.115 and for assessing real and personal property.
  - 3. All counties and cities not within a county seeking state funds under this section shall submit a certified copy of their costs and expenses to the commissioner of the office of administration not later than the thirtieth day of the quarter immediately following the quarter for which such state funds are sought. The commissioner of the office of administration shall, in such form as may be prescribed by rule, certify that the county requests for reimbursement are consistent with the assessment and equalization maintenance plan approved by the state tax

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commission as provided in section 137.115, and shall pay the state's share out of funds appropriated for that purpose quarterly to each eligible county and city to reimburse such county or city for reimbursable costs and expenses incurred in the previous calendar quarter.

- 4. (1) The following costs and expenses shall not qualify for state reimbursement or reimbursement from tax moneys withheld from political subdivisions:
  - (a) Premiums for property and casualty insurance and liability insurance;
- (b) Depreciation, interest, building and ground maintenance, fuel and utility costs, and other indirect expenses which can be classified as the overhead expenses of the assessor's office;
  - (c) Purchases of motor vehicles;
- (2) Costs and expenses which shall qualify for state reimbursement, but only if identified in the county maintenance plan and subsequently specifically approved by the state tax commission, shall include:
- 43 (a) Salaries and benefits of data processing and legal personnel not directly employed 44 by the assessor;
  - (b) Costs and expenses for computer software, hardware, and maintenance;
  - (c) Costs and expenses of any additional office space made necessary in order to carry out the county's maintenance plan;
    - (d) Costs of leased equipment;
    - (e) Costs of aerial photography.
  - 5. Beginning July 1, 2010, an additional two percent of all tax increment financing ad valorem property tax collections shall be deducted from the collection of taxes each year in each county of the first classification or with a charter form of government and any city not within a county if such county or city has tax increment financing with a total assessed value of five hundred million or more. Such deduction shall be deposited into the county or city's assessment fund, and shall be used solely for the purpose of locating, identifying, administrating, districting, coding, tracking, and valuing all tax increment financing, neighborhood improvement districts, community improvement districts, and all other tax abatements under chapters 99, 100, and 353.
  - 138.431. 1. To hear and decide appeals pursuant to section 138.430, the commission shall appoint one or more hearing officers. The hearing officers shall be subject to supervision by the commission. No person shall participate on behalf of the commission in any case in which such person is an interested party.
- 5 2. The commission may assign such appeals as it deems fit to a hearing officer for 6 disposition.

- (1) The assignment shall be deemed made when the scheduling order is first issued by the commission and signed by the hearing officer assigned, unless another hearing officer is assigned to the case for disposition by other language in said order.
- (2) A change of hearing officer, or a reservation of the appeal for disposition as described in subsection 3 of this section, shall be ordered by the commission in any appeal upon the timely filing of a written application by a party to disqualify the hearing officer assigned. The application shall be filed within thirty days from the assignment of any appeal to a hearing officer and need not allege or prove any cause for such change and need not be verified. No more than one change of hearing officer shall be allowed for each party in any appeal.
- **3.** The commission may, in its discretion, reserve such appeals as it deems fit to be heard and decided by the full commission, a quorum thereof, or any commissioner, subject to the provisions of section 138.240, and, in such case, the decision shall be final, subject to judicial review in the manner provided in subsection 4 of section 138.470.
- [3.] **4.** The manner in which appeals shall be presented and the conduct of hearings shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the commission for determining the rights of the parties; provided that, the commission, with the consent of all the parties, may refer an appeal to mediation. The commission shall promulgate regulations for mediation pursuant to this section. No regulation or portion of a regulation promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo. There shall be no presumption that the assessor's valuation is correct. A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings. All testimony at any hearing shall be recorded but need not be transcribed unless the matter is further appealed.
- [4.] 5. Unless an appeal is voluntarily dismissed, a hearing officer, after affording the parties reasonable opportunity for fair hearing, shall issue a decision and order affirming, modifying, or reversing the determination of the board of equalization, and correcting any assessment which is unlawful, unfair, improper, arbitrary, or capricious. The commission may, prior to the decision being rendered, transfer to another hearing officer the proceedings on an appeal determination before a hearing officer. The complainant, respondent-assessor, or other party shall be duly notified of a hearing officer's decision and order, together with findings of fact and conclusions of law. Appeals from decisions of hearing officers shall be made pursuant to section 138.432.
- [5.] **6.** All decisions issued pursuant to this section or section 138.432 by the commission or any of its duly assigned hearing officers shall be issued no later than sixty days after the hearing on the matter to be decided is held or the date on which the last party involved in such matter files his or her brief, whichever event later occurs.

- against the taxpayer, except taxes collected by the director of revenue of Missouri. Any such taxpayer desiring to pay any current taxes under protest or while paying taxes based upon a disputed assessment shall, at the time of paying such taxes, make full payment of the current tax bill before the delinquency date and file with the collector a written statement setting forth the grounds on which the protest is based. The statement shall include the true value in money claimed by the taxpayer if disputed. An appeal before the state tax commission shall not be dismissed on the grounds that a taxpayer failed to file a written statement when paying taxes based upon a disputed assessment.
  - 2. [For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, any taxpayer desiring to protest any current taxes shall make full payment of the current tax bill and file with the collector a written statement setting forth the grounds on which the protest is based.
  - 3.] Upon receiving payment of current taxes under protest pursuant to subsection 1 of this section or upon receiving from the state tax commission or the circuit court notice of an appeal from the state tax commission or the circuit court pursuant to section 138.430, RSMo, along with full payment of the current tax bill before the delinquency date, the collector shall disburse to the proper official all portions of taxes not protested or not disputed by the taxpayer and shall impound in a separate fund all portions of such taxes which are protested or in dispute. Every taxpayer protesting the payment of current taxes under subsection 1 [or 2] of this section shall, within ninety days after filing his protest, commence an action against the collector by filing a petition for the recovery of the amount protested in the circuit court of the county in which the collector maintains his office. If any taxpayer so protesting his taxes under subsection 1 [or 2] of this section shall fail to commence an action in the circuit court for the recovery of the taxes protested within the time prescribed in this subsection, such protest shall become null and void and of no effect, and the collector shall then disburse to the proper official the taxes impounded, and any interest earned thereon, as provided above in this subsection.
  - [4.] 3. No action against the collector shall be commenced by any taxpayer who has, effective for the current tax year, filed with the state tax commission or the circuit court a timely and proper appeal of the assessment of the taxpayer's property. The portion of taxes in dispute from an appeal of an assessment shall be impounded in a separate fund and the commission in its decision and order issued pursuant to chapter 138, RSMo, or the circuit court in its judgment may order all or any part of such taxes refunded to the taxpayer, or may authorize the collector to release and disburse all or any part of such taxes.
  - [5.] **4.** Trial of the action for recovery of taxes protested under subsection 1 [or 2] of this section in the circuit court shall be in the manner prescribed for nonjury civil proceedings, and, after determination of the issues, the court shall make such orders as may be just and equitable

to refund to the taxpayer all or any part of the current taxes paid under protest, together with any interest earned thereon, or to authorize the collector to release and disburse all or any part of the impounded taxes, and any interest earned thereon, to the appropriate officials of the taxing authorities. Either party to the proceedings may appeal the determination of the circuit court.

- [6.] 5. All the county collectors of taxes, and the collector of taxes in any city not within a county, shall, upon written application of a taxpayer, refund or credit against the taxpayer's tax liability in the following taxable year and subsequent consecutive taxable years until the taxpayer has received credit in full for any real or personal property tax mistakenly or erroneously levied against the taxpayer and collected in whole or in part by the collector. Such application shall be filed within three years after the tax is mistakenly or erroneously paid. The governing body, or other appropriate body or official of the county or city not within a county, shall make available to the collector funds necessary to make refunds under this subsection by issuing warrants upon the fund to which the mistaken or erroneous payment has been credited, or otherwise.
- [7.] **6.** No taxpayer shall receive any interest on any money paid in by the taxpayer erroneously.
- [8.] 7. All protested taxes impounded under protest under subsection 1 [or 2] of this section and all disputed taxes impounded under notice as required by section 138.430, RSMo, shall be invested by the collector in the same manner as assets specified in section 30.260, RSMo, for investment of state moneys. A taxpayer who is entitled to a refund of protested or disputed taxes shall also receive the interest earned on the investment thereof. If the collector is ordered to release and disburse all or part of the taxes paid under protest or dispute to the proper official, such taxes shall be disbursed along with the proportional amount of interest earned on the investment of the taxes due the particular taxing authority.
- [9.] 8. Any taxing authority may request to be notified by the county collector of current taxes paid under protest. Such request shall be in writing and submitted on or before [March] February first next following the delinquent date of current taxes paid under protest or disputed, and the county collector shall [notify any] provide such information on or before March first of the same year to the requesting taxing authority of the taxes paid under protest and disputed taxes which would be received by such taxing authority if the funds were not the subject of a protest or dispute. Any taxing authority may apply to the circuit court of the county or city not within a county in which a collector has impounded protested or disputed taxes under this section and, upon a satisfactory showing that such taxing authority would receive such impounded tax funds if they were not the subject of a protest or dispute and that such taxing authority has the financial ability and legal capacity to repay such impounded tax funds in the event a decision ordering a refund to the taxpayer is subsequently made, the circuit court shall order, pendente lite, the disbursal of all or any part of such impounded tax funds to such taxing

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authority. The circuit court issuing an order under this subsection shall retain jurisdiction of such matter for further proceedings, if any, to compel restitution of such tax funds to the taxpayer. In the event that any protested or disputed tax funds refunded to a taxpayer were disbursed to a taxing authority under this subsection instead of being held and invested by the collector under subsection 8 of this section, such taxing authority shall pay the taxpayer entitled to the refund of such protested or disputed taxes the same amount of interest, as determined by the circuit court having jurisdiction in the matter, such protested or disputed taxes would have earned if they had been held and invested by the collector.

[10.] **9.** No appeal filed from the circuit court's or state tax commission's determination pertaining to the amount of refund shall stay any order of refund, but the decision filed by any court of last review modifying that determination shall be binding on the parties, and the decision rendered shall be complied with by the party affected by any modification within ninety days of the date of such decision. No taxpayer shall receive any interest on any additional award of refund, and the collector shall not receive any interest on any ordered return of refund in whole or in part.

139.040. A county or city collector, or other collection authority charged with the duty
of tax or license collection is authorized but not obligated to accept cash, personal check,
business check, money order, credit card, or electronic transfers of funds for any tax or license
payable to the county. The collection authority may refuse to accept any medium of exchange
at the discretion of the collection authority including any medium of exchange submitted
without the statement of property taxes due and assessed as required by section 52.230.
Refusal by the collection authority to accept alternative means of payment beyond those
approved by the collection authority shall not relieve an obligor of the obligor's tax or license
obligation nor shall it delay the levy of interest and penalty on any overdue unpaid tax or license
obligation pending submission of a form or payment approved by the collection authority.

139.140. Except as provided in section 52.361, the personal delinquent lists allowed to any collector shall be delivered to the collector and when [his] the collector's term of office expires then to [his] the successor, who shall be charged with the full amount thereof, and shall account therefor as for other moneys collected by [him] the collector. When [he] the collector makes [his] the next annual settlement [he] the collector shall return the lists to the clerk of the county commission, and in the city of St. Louis the lists and the uncollected tax bills to the comptroller of the city, and shall be entitled to credit for the amount [he] the collector has been unable to collect. The lists and bills shall be delivered to [his] the collector's successor, and so on until the whole are collected.

139.150. And in making collections on the said personal delinquent lists, the said collectors, except collectors in counties of the first or second classifications, shall give

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duplicate receipts therefor, one to be delivered to the person paying the same, and the other to be filed with the clerk of the county commission, who shall charge the collector therewith.

other than the county collector of revenue of each county of the first or second classifications and, except in the city of St. Louis, shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, file with the county clerk a detailed statement, verified by affidavit of all state, county, school, road and municipal taxes, and of all licenses by [him] the collector collected during the preceding month, and shall, except for tax payments made pursuant to section 139.053, on or before the fifteenth day of the month, pay the same, less [his] the collector's commissions, into the county treasuries and to the director of revenue.

- 2. The county collector of revenue of each county of the first or second classifications shall, before the fifteenth day of each month, file with the county clerk and auditor a detailed statement, verified by affidavit, of all state, county, school, road, and municipal taxes and of all licenses collected by the collector during the preceding month, and shall, except for tax payments made under section 139.053, on or before the fifteenth day of the month, pay such taxes and licenses, less commissions, into the treasuries of the appropriate taxing entities and to the director of revenue.
- **3.** It shall be the duty of the county clerk, and [he] **the clerk** is hereby required, to forward immediately a certified copy of such detailed statement to the director of revenue, who shall keep an account of the state taxes with the collector.
- 139.220. Every collector of the revenue having made settlement, according to law, of county revenue [by him] collected or received **by the collector**, shall pay the amount found due into the county treasury, and the treasurer shall give him duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the county commission, who shall grant [him] **the collector** full quietus under the seal of the commission.
  - 140.050. 1. **Except as provided in section 52.361,** the county clerk shall file the delinquent lists in [his] **the county clerk's** office and within ten days thereafter make, under the seal of the commission, the lists into a back tax book as provided in section 140.060.
- 2. Except as provided in section 52.361, when completed, the clerk shall deliver the book to the collector taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which [he] the clerk shall file in [his] the clerk's office and the other [he] the clerk shall file with the director of revenue. The clerk shall charge the collector with the aggregate amount of taxes, interest, and clerk's fees contained in the back tax book.
- 9 3. The collector shall collect such back taxes and may levy upon, seize and distrain tangible personal property and may sell such property for taxes.

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- 4. In the city of St. Louis, the city comptroller or other proper officer shall return the back tax book together with the uncollected tax bills within thirty days to the city collector.
  - 5. If any county commission or clerk **in counties not having a county auditor** fails to comply with section 140.040, and this section, to the extent that the collection of taxes cannot be enforced by law, the county commission or clerk, or their successors in office, shall correct such omissions at once and return the back tax book to the collector who shall collect such taxes.

140.070. All back taxes, of whatever kind, whether state, county or school, or of any city or incorporated town, which return delinquent tax lists to the county collector to collect, appearing due upon delinquent real estates shall be extended in the back tax book made under this chapter **or chapter 52**. In case the collector of any city or town has omitted or neglected to return to the county collector a list of delinquent lands and lots, as required by section 140.670, the present authorities of the city or town may cause the delinquent list to be certified, as by that section contemplated, and the delinquent taxes shall be by the county clerk put upon the back tax book and collected by the collector under authority of this chapter.

140.080. **Except as provided in section 52.361,** the county clerk and the county collector shall compare the back tax book with the corrected delinquent land list made pursuant to sections 140.030 and 140.040 respectively, and the clerk shall certify on the delinquent land list on file in [his] **the clerk's** office that the list has been properly entered in the back tax book and shall attach a certificate at the end of the back tax book that it contains a true copy of the delinquent land list on file in [his] **the collector's** office.

140.100. 1. Each tract of land in the back tax book, in addition to the amount of tax delinquent, shall be charged with a penalty of [eighteen] **nine** percent of each year's delinquency except that the penalty on lands redeemed prior to sale shall not exceed [two] **one** percent per month or fractional part thereof. In any city not within a county which elects to operate under the provisions of this chapter pursuant to section 141.970, RSMo, the maximum penalty on any delinquency occurring after January 1, 2000, shall not exceed the prime rate, which shall mean the average predominant prime rate quoted by commercial banks to large businesses, as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

2. For making and recording the delinquent land lists, the collector and the clerk shall receive ten cents per tract or lot and the clerk shall receive five cents per tract or lot for comparing and authenticating such list.

140.110. 1. The collectors of the respective counties shall collect the taxes contained in the back tax book. Any person interested in or the owner of any tract of land or lot contained in the back tax book may redeem the tract of land or town lot, or any part thereof, from the state's lien thereon, by paying to the proper collector the amount of the original taxes, as charged against

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- 5 the tract of land or town lot described in the back tax book together with interest from the day 6 upon which the tax first became delinquent at the rate specified in section 140.100.
  - 2. Any payment for personal property taxes received by the county collector shall first be applied to **the oldest of** any back delinquent personal taxes on the back tax book before a county collector accepts any payment for all or any part of personal property taxes due and assessed on the current tax book.
  - 3. Any payment for real property taxes received by the county collector shall first be applied to **the oldest of any** back delinquent taxes on the same individual parcel of real estate on the back tax book before a county collector accepts payment for real property taxes due and assessed on the current tax book.
  - 4. Subsection 3 of this section shall not apply to payment for real property taxes by financial institutions, as defined in section 381.410, RSMo, who pay tax obligations which they service from escrow accounts, as defined in Title 24, Part 3500, Section 17, Code of Federal Regulations.
  - 140.150. 1. All lands, lots, mineral rights, and royalty interests on which taxes or neighborhood improvement district special assessments are delinquent and unpaid are subject to sale to discharge the lien for the delinquent and unpaid taxes or unpaid special assessments as provided for in this chapter on the fourth Monday in August of each year.
  - 2. No real property, lots, mineral rights, or royalty interests shall be sold for state, county or city taxes or special assessments without judicial proceedings, unless the notice of sale contains the names of all record owners thereof, or the names of all owners appearing on the land tax book and all other information required by law. Delinquent taxes or unpaid special assessments, penalty, interest and costs due thereon may be paid to the county collector at any time before the property is sold therefor. The collector shall send notices to the publicly recorded owner of record before any delinquent and unpaid taxes or unpaid special assessments as specified in this section subject to sale are published. The first notice shall be by first class mail. A second notice shall be sent by certified mail only if the assessed valuation of the property is greater than one thousand dollars. If the assessed valuation of the property is not greater than one thousand dollars, only the first notice shall be required. If any second notice sent by certified mail under this section is returned to the collector unsigned, then notice shall be sent before the sale by first class mail to both the owner of record and the occupant of the real property. The postage for the mailing of the notices shall be paid out of the county treasury, and such costs shall be added to the costs of conducting the sale, and the county treasury shall be reimbursed to the extent that such postage costs are recovered at the sale. The failure of the taxpayer or the publicly recorded

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owner to receive the notice provided for in this section shall not relieve the taxpayer or publicly recorded owner of any tax liability imposed by law.

3. The entry in the back tax book by the county clerk of the delinquent lands, lots, mineral rights, and royalty interests constitutes a levy upon the delinquent lands, lots, mineral rights, and royalty interests for the purpose of enforcing the lien of delinquent and unpaid taxes or unpaid special assessments as provided in section 67.469, RSMo, together with penalty, interest and costs.

140.160. 1. No proceedings for the sale of land and lots for delinquent taxes pursuant to this chapter or unpaid special assessments as provided in section 67.469, RSMo, relating to the collection of delinquent and back taxes and unpaid special assessments and providing for foreclosure sale and redemption of land and lots therefor, shall be valid unless initial proceedings therefor shall be commenced within three years after delinquency of such taxes and unpaid special assessments, and any sale held pursuant to initial proceedings commenced within such period of three years shall be deemed to have been in compliance with the provisions of said law insofar as the time at which such sales are to be had is specified therein; provided further, that in suits or actions to collect delinquent drainage and/or levee assessments on real estate such suits or actions shall be commenced within three years after delinquency, otherwise no suit or action therefor shall be commenced, had or maintained, except that the three-year limitation 11 12 described in this subsection shall not be applicable if any written instrument conveys any real 13 estate having a tax-exempt status, if such instrument causes such real estate to again become 14 taxable real property and if such instrument has not been recorded in the office of the recorder 15 in the county in which the real estate has been situated. Such three-year limitation shall only be applicable once the recording of the title has occurred. 16

- 2. [In order to enable county and city collectors to be able to collect delinquent and back taxes and unpaid special assessments,] The county auditor in all counties having a county auditor shall annually audit [and list all delinquent and back taxes and unpaid special assessments] collections, deposits, and supporting reports of the collector and provide a copy of such audit [and list] to the county collector and to the governing body of the county. A copy of the audit [and list] may be provided to [city collectors] all applicable taxing entities within the county at the discretion of the county collector.
- 140.170. 1. Except for lands described in subsection 7 of this section, the county collector shall cause a copy of the list of delinquent lands and lots to be printed in some newspaper of general circulation published in the county, for three consecutive weeks, one insertion weekly, before the sale, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days prior to the fourth Monday in August.

- 2. In addition to the names of all record owners or the names of all owners appearing on the land tax book it is only necessary in the printed and published list to state in the aggregate the amount of taxes, penalty, interest and cost due thereon, each year separately stated.
  - 3. To the list shall be attached and in like manner printed and published a notice of said lands and lots stating that said land and lots will be sold at public auction to discharge the taxes, penalty, interest, and costs due thereon at the time of sale in or adjacent to the courthouse of such county, on the fourth Monday in August next thereafter, commencing at ten o'clock of said day and continuing from day to day thereafter until all are offered.
  - 4. The county collector, on or before the day of sale, shall insert at the foot of the list on his record a copy of the notice and certify on his record immediately following the notice the name of the newspaper of the county in which the notice was printed and published and the dates of insertions thereof in the newspaper.
  - 5. The expense of such printing shall be paid out of the county treasury and shall not exceed the rate provided for in chapter 493, RSMo, relating to legal publications, notices and advertisements, and the cost of printing at the rate paid by the county shall be taxed as part of the costs of the sale of any land or lot contained in the list.
  - 6. The county collector shall cause the affidavit of the printer, editor or publisher of the newspaper in which the list of delinquent lands and notice of sale was published, as provided by section 493.060, RSMo, with the list and notice attached, to be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county, and the recorder shall not charge or receive any fees for recording the same.
  - 7. The county collector may have a separate list of such lands, without legal descriptions or the names of the record owners, printed in a newspaper of general circulation published in such county for three consecutive weeks before the sale of such lands for a parcel or lot of land that:
  - (1) Has an assessed value of [five hundred] **one thousand** dollars or less and has been advertised previously; or
  - (2) Is a lot in a development of twenty or more lots and such lot has an assessed value of [five hundred] **one thousand** dollars or less. The notice shall state that legal descriptions and the names of the record owners of such lands shall be posted at any county courthouse within the county and the office of the county collector.
  - 8. If, in the opinion of the county collector, an adequate legal description of the delinquent land and lots cannot be obtained through researching the documents available through the recorder of deeds, the collector may commission a professional land surveyor to prepare an adequate legal description of the delinquent land and lots in question. The costs of any commissioned land survey deemed necessary by the county collector shall be

## taxed as part of the costs of the sale of any land or lots contained in the list prepared under this section.

140.190. 1. On the day mentioned in the notice, the county collector shall commence the sale of such lands, and shall continue the same from day to day until each parcel assessed or belonging to each person assessed shall be sold as will pay the taxes, interest and charges thereon, or chargeable to such person in said county.

- 2. The person offering at said sale to pay the required sum for a tract shall be considered the purchaser of such land; provided, no sale shall be made to any person **or designated agent** who is currently delinquent on any tax payments on any property, other than a delinquency on the property being offered for sale, and who does not sign an affidavit stating such at the time of sale. Failure to sign such affidavit as well as signing a false affidavit may invalidate such sale. No bid shall be received from any person not a resident of the state of Missouri [until such person] **or a foreign corporation or entity all deemed nonresidents.** A nonresident shall file with said collector an agreement in writing consenting to the jurisdiction of the circuit court of the county in which such sale shall be made, and also filing with such collector an appointment of some citizen of said county as agent of said [purchaser] nonresident, and consenting that service of process on such agent shall give such court jurisdiction to try and determine any suit growing out of or connected with such sale for taxes. After the delinquent auction sale, any certificate of purchase shall be issued to the agent. After meeting the requirements of section 140.405, the property shall be conveyed to the agent on behalf of the nonresident, and the agent shall thereafter convey the property to the nonresident.
- 3. All such written consents to jurisdiction and selective appointments shall be preserved by the county collector and shall be binding upon any person or corporation claiming under the person consenting to jurisdiction and making the appointment herein referred to; provided further, that in the event of the death, disability or refusal to act of the person appointed as agent of said nonresident [purchaser] the county clerk shall become the appointee as agent of said nonresident [purchaser].

140.230. 1. When real estate has been sold for taxes or other debt by the sheriff or collector of any county within the state of Missouri, and the same sells for a greater amount than the debt or taxes and all costs in the case it shall be the duty of the sheriff or collector of the county, when such sale has been or may hereafter be made, to make a written statement describing each parcel or tract of land sold by him for a greater amount than the debt or taxes and all costs in the case together with the amount of surplus money in each case. The statement shall be subscribed and sworn to by the sheriff or collector making it before some officer competent to administer oaths within this state, and then presented to the county commission of the county where the sale has been or may be made; and on the approval of the statement by the

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commission, the sheriff or collector making the same shall pay the surplus money into the county 11 treasury, take the receipt in duplicate of the treasurer for the [overplus] surplus of money and 12 retain one of the duplicate receipts himself and file the other with the county commission, and 13 thereupon the commission shall charge the treasurer with the amount.

- 2. The treasurer shall place such moneys in the county treasury to be held for the use and benefit of the person entitled to such moneys or to the credit of the school fund of the county, to be held in trust for the term of three years for the **publicly recorded** owner or owners of the property sold at the delinquent land tax auction or their legal representatives. At the end of three years, if such fund shall not be called for, then it shall become a permanent school fund of the county.
- 3. County commissions shall compel owners or agents to make satisfactory proof of their claims before receiving their money; provided, that no county shall pay interest to the claimant of any such fund.
- 140.250. 1. Whenever any lands have been or shall hereafter be offered for sale for 2 delinquent taxes, interest, penalty and costs by the collector of the proper county for any two successive years and no person shall have bid therefor a sum equal to the delinquent taxes thereon, interest, penalty and costs provided by law, then such county collector shall at the next regular tax sale of lands for delinquent taxes sell same to the highest bidder, except the highest bid shall not be less than the sum equal to the delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and costs, and there shall be a ninety-day period of redemption from such sales as specified in section 140.405.
  - 2. [No] A certificate of purchase shall [issue] be issued as to such sales, [but] and the purchaser at such sales shall be entitled to the issuance and delivery of a collector's deed upon completion of title search action as specified in section 140.405.
  - 3. If any lands or lots are not sold at such third offering, then the collector, in his discretion, need not again advertise or offer such lands or lots for sale more often than once every five years after the third offering of such lands or lots, and such offering shall toll the operation of any applicable statute of limitations.
  - 4. A purchaser at any sale subsequent to the third offering of any land or lots, whether by the collector or a trustee as provided in section 140.260, shall be entitled to the immediate issuance and delivery of a collector's deed and there shall be no period of redemption from such post-third year sales; provided, however, before any purchaser at a sale to which this section is applicable shall be entitled to a collector's deed it shall be the duty of the collector to demand, and the purchaser to pay, in addition to his bid, all taxes due and unpaid on such lands or lots that become due and payable on such lands or lots subsequent to the date of the taxes included in

such advertisement and sale. The collector's deed or trustee's deed shall have priority over all other liens or encumbrances on the property sold except for real property taxes.

- 5. In the event the real purchaser at any sale to which this section is applicable shall be the owner of the lands or lots purchased, or shall be obligated to pay the taxes for the nonpayment of which such lands or lots were sold, then no collector's deed shall [issue] **be issued** to such purchaser, or to anyone acting for or on behalf of such purchaser, without payment to the collector of such additional amount as will discharge in full all delinquent taxes, penalty, interest and costs.
- 140.260. 1. It shall be lawful for the county commission of any county, and the comptroller, mayor and president of the board of assessors of the city of St. Louis, to designate and appoint a suitable person or persons with discretionary authority to bid at all sales to which section 140.250 is applicable, and to purchase at such sales all lands or lots necessary to protect all taxes due and owing and prevent their loss to the taxing authorities involved from inadequate bids.
- 2. Such person or persons so designated are hereby declared as to such purchases and as titleholders pursuant to collector's deeds issued on such purchases, to be trustees for the benefit of all funds entitled to participate in the taxes against all such lands or lots so sold.
- 3. Such person or persons so designated shall not be required to pay the amount bid on any such purchase but the collector's deed issuing on such purchase shall recite the delinquent taxes for which said lands or lots were sold, the amount due each respective taxing authority involved, and that the grantee in such deed or deeds holds title as trustee for the use and benefit of the fund or funds entitled to the payment of the taxes for which said lands or lots were sold.
- 4. The costs of all collectors' deeds, the recording of same and the advertisement of such lands or lots shall be paid out of the county treasury in the respective counties and such fund as may be designated therefor by the authorities of the city of St. Louis.
- 5. All lands or lots so purchased shall be sold and deeds ordered executed and delivered by such trustees upon order of the county commission of the respective counties and the comptroller, mayor and president of the board of assessors of the city of St. Louis, and the proceeds of such sales shall be applied, first, to the payment of the costs incurred and advanced, and the balance shall be distributed pro rata to the funds entitled to receive the taxes on the lands or lots so disposed of, as provided in section 140.230.
- 6. Upon appointment of any such person or persons to act as trustee as herein designated a certified copy of the order making such appointment shall be delivered to the collector, and if such authority be revoked a certified copy of the revoking order shall also be delivered to the collector.

- 7. Compensation to trustees as herein designated shall be payable solely from proceeds derived from the sale of lands purchased by them as such trustees and shall be fixed by the authorities herein designated, but not in excess of ten percent of the price for which any such lands and lots are sold by the trustees; provided further, that if at any such sale any person bid a sufficient amount to pay in full all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and costs, then the trustees herein designated shall be without authority to further bid on any such land or lots. If a third party is a successful bidder and there are excess proceeds, such proceeds shall be distributed as provided in section 140.230.
- 8. If the county commission of any county does not designate and appoint a suitable person or persons as trustee or trustees, so appointed, or the trustee or trustees do not accept property after the third offering where no sale occurred then it shall be at the discretion of the collector to sell such land subsequent to the third offering of such land and lots at any time and for any amount.
- 140.290. 1. After payment shall have been made the county collector shall give the purchaser a certificate in writing, to be designated as a certificate of purchase, which shall carry a numerical number and which shall describe the land so purchased, each tract or lot separately stated, the total amount of the tax, with penalty, interest and costs, and the year or years of delinquency for which said lands or lots were sold, separately stated, and the aggregate of all such taxes, penalty, interest and costs, and the sum bid on each tract.
- 2. If the purchaser bid for any tract or lot of land a sum in excess of the delinquent tax, penalty, interest and costs for which said tract or lot of land was sold, such excess sum shall also be noted in the certificate of purchase, in a separate column to be provided therefor. Such certificate of purchase shall also recite the name and address of the owner or reputed owner if known, and if unknown then the party or parties to whom each tract or lot of land was assessed, together with the address of such party, if known, and shall also have incorporated therein the name and address of the purchaser. Such certificate of purchase shall also contain the true date of the sale and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for said land, if not redeemed as in this chapter provided, and the rate of interest that such certificate of purchase shall bear, which rate of interest shall not exceed the sum of ten percent per annum. Such certificate shall be authenticated by the county collector, who shall record the same in a permanent record book in his office before delivery to the purchaser.
- 3. Such certificate shall be assignable, but no assignment thereof shall be valid unless endorsed on such certificate and acknowledged before some officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds and an entry of such assignment entered in the record of said certificate of purchase in the office of the county collector.

- 4. For each certificate of purchase issued, including the recording of the same, the county collector shall be entitled to receive and retain a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the purchaser and treated as a part of the cost of the sale, and so noted on the certificate. For noting any assignment of any certificate the county collector shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five cents, to be paid by the person requesting such recital of assignment, and which shall not be treated as a part of the cost of the sale. For each certificate of purchase issued, as a part of the cost of the sale, the purchaser shall pay to the collector the fee necessary to record such certificate of purchase in the office of the county recorder. The collector shall record the certificate of purchase before delivering such certificate of purchase to the purchaser.
- 5. No collector shall be authorized to issue a certificate of purchase to any nonresident of the state of Missouri [or to enter a recital of any assignment of such certificate upon his record to a nonresident of the state, until such purchaser or assignee of such purchaser, as the case may be, shall have complied], however, any nonresident as described in subsection 2 of section 140.190 may appoint an agent, and such agent shall comply with the provisions of section 140.190 pertaining to a nonresident [purchasers].
- 6. This section shall not apply to any post-third year tax sale, except for nonresidents as provided in subsection 5 of this section.
- 140.310. 1. The purchaser of any tract or lot of land at sale for delinquent taxes, homesteads excepted, shall at any time after one year from the date of sale be entitled to the immediate possession of the premises so purchased during the redemption period provided for in this law, unless sooner redeemed; provided, however, any owner or occupant of any tract or lot of land purchased may retain possession of said premises by making a written assignment of, or agreement to pay, rent certain or estimated to accrue during such redemption period or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to discharge the bid of the purchaser with interest thereon as provided in the certificate of purchase.
- 2. The purchaser, his heirs or assigns, may enforce his rights under said written assignment or agreement in any manner now authorized or hereafter authorized by law for the collection of delinquent and unpaid rent; provided further, nothing herein contained shall operate to the prejudice of any owner not in default and whose interest in the tract or lot of land is not encumbered by the certificate of purchase, nor shall it prejudice the rights of any occupant of any tract or lot of land not liable to pay taxes thereon nor such occupant's interest in any planted, growing or unharvested crop thereon.
- 3. Any additions or improvements made to any tract or lot of land by any occupant thereof, as tenant or otherwise, and made prior to such tax sale, which such occupant would be permitted to detach and remove from the land under his contract of occupancy shall also, to the same extent, be removable against the purchaser, his heirs or assigns.

- 4. Any rent collected by the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, shall operate as a payment upon the amount due the holder of such certificate of purchase, and such amount or amounts, together with the date paid and by whom shall be endorsed as a credit upon said certificate, and which said sums shall be taken into consideration in the redemption of such land, as provided for in this chapter.
  - 5. Any purchaser, heirs or assigns, in possession within the period of redemption against whom rights of redemption are exercised shall be protected in the value of any planted, growing and/or unharvested crop on the lands redeemed in the same manner as such purchaser, heirs or assigns would be protected in valuable and lasting improvements made upon said lands after the period of redemption and referred to in section 140.360.
  - 6. The one-year redemption period shall not apply to third year tax sales, but the ninety-day redemption period as provided in section 140.405 shall apply to such sales. There shall be no redemption period for a post-third year tax sale, or any offering thereafter.
  - 140.340. 1. The owner or occupant of any land or lot sold for taxes, or any other persons having an interest therein, may redeem the same at any time during the one year next ensuing, in the following manner: by paying to the county collector, for the use of the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, the full sum of the purchase money named in his certificate of purchase and all the cost of the sale, including the cost to record the certificate of purchase as required in section 140.290, the fee necessary for the collector to record the release of such certificate of purchase, and the cost of the title search and mailings of notification required in sections 140.150 to 140.405, together with interest at the rate specified in such certificate, not to exceed ten percent annually, except on a sum paid by a purchaser in excess of the delinquent taxes due plus costs of the sale, no interest shall be owing on the excess amount, with all subsequent taxes which have been paid thereon by the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, with interest at the rate of eight percent per annum on such taxes subsequently paid, and in addition thereto the person redeeming any land shall pay the costs incident to entry of recital of such redemption.
  - 2. Upon deposit with the county collector of the amount necessary to redeem as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the county collector to mail to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, at the last post office address if known, and if not known, then to the address of the purchaser as shown in the record of the certificate of purchase, notice of such deposit for redemption.
  - 3. Such notice, given as herein provided, shall stop payment to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, of any further interest or penalty.
  - 4. In case the party purchasing said land, his heirs or assigns, fails to take a tax deed for the land so purchased within six months after the expiration of the one year next following the date of sale, no interest shall be charged or collected from the redemptioner after that time.

- 140.405. 1. Any person purchasing property at a delinquent land tax auction shall not acquire the deed to the real estate, as provided for in section 140.250 or 140.420, until the person meets [with the following requirement or until such person makes affidavit that a title search has revealed no publicly recorded deed of trust, mortgage, lease, lien or claim on the real estate] the requirements of this section, except that such requirements shall not apply to post-third year sales, which shall be conducted under subsection 4 of section 140.250. The purchaser shall obtain a title search report from a licensed attorney or licensed title company detailing the ownership and encumbrances on the property. Such title search report shall be declared invalid if the effective date is more than one hundred twenty days from the date the purchaser applies for a collector's deed under section 140.250 or 140.420.
  - 2. At least ninety days prior to the date when a purchaser is authorized to acquire the deed, the purchaser shall notify the owner of record and any person who holds a publicly recorded unreleased deed of trust, mortgage, lease, lien, judgment, or any other publicly recorded claim upon that real estate of [the latter person's right to redeem such person's publicly recorded security or claim] such person's right to redeem the property. Notice shall be sent by both first class mail and certified mail return receipt requested to [any such person, including one who was the publicly recorded owner of the property sold at the delinquent land tax auction previous to such sale, at] such person's last known available address. [Failure of the purchaser to comply with this provision shall result in such purchaser's loss of all interest in the real estate.] If the certified mail return receipt is returned signed, the first class mail notice is not returned, the first class mail notice is refused where noted by the United States Postal Service, or any combination thereof, notice shall be presumed received by the recipient. At the conclusion of the applicable redemption period, the purchaser shall make an affidavit in accordance with subsection 4 of this section.
  - 3. If the owner of record or any other publicly recorded claim on the property intends to transfer ownership or execute any additional liens or encumbrances on the property, such owner shall first redeem such property under section 140.340. The failure to comply with redeeming the property first before executing any of such actions or agreements on the property shall require the owner of record or any other publicly recorded claim on the property to reimburse the purchaser for the total bid as recorded on the certificate of purchase and all the costs of the sale required in sections 140.150 to 140.405.
  - 4. In the case that both the certified notice return receipt card is returned unsigned and the first class mail is returned for any reason except refusal, where the notice is returned undeliverable, then the purchaser shall attempt additional notice and certify in

the purchaser's affidavit to the collector that such additional notice was attempted and by what means.

- 5. The purchaser shall notify the county collector by affidavit of the date that every required notice was sent to the owner of record and, if applicable, any other publicly recorded claim on the property. To the affidavit, the purchaser shall attach a copy of a valid title search report as described in subsection 1 of this section as well as completed copies of the following for each recipient:
  - (1) First class mail:
  - (2) Certified mail notice;
  - (3) Addressed envelopes as they appeared immediately before mailing;
  - (4) Certified mail receipt as it appeared upon its return; and
  - (5) Any returned regular mailed envelopes.

As provided in this section, at such time the purchaser notifies the collector by affidavit that all the ninety days' notice requirements of this section have been met, the purchaser is authorized to acquire the deed, provided that a collector's deed shall not be acquired before the expiration date of the redemption period as provided in section 140.340.

- 6. If any real estate is purchased at a third-offering tax auction and has a publicly recorded unreleased deed of trust, mortgage, lease, lien, judgment, or any other publicly recorded claim upon the real estate under this section, the purchaser of said property [at a third-offering tax auction shall notify anyone with a publicly recorded deed of trust, mortgage, lease, lien or claim upon the real estate pursuant to this section] shall within forty-five days after the purchase at the sale notify such person of the person's right to redeem the property within ninety days from the postmark date on the notice. Notice shall be sent by both first class mail and certified mail return receipt requested to such person's last known available address. [Once] The purchaser [has notified] shall notify the county collector by affidavit [that proper notice has been given, anyone with a publicly recorded deed of trust, mortgage, lease, lien or claim upon the property] of the date the required notice was sent to the owner of record and, if applicable, any other publicly recorded claim on the property, that such person shall have ninety days to redeem said property or be forever barred from redeeming said property.
- 7. If the county collector chooses to have the title search done then the county collector [must comply with all provisions of this section, and] may charge the purchaser the cost of the title search before giving the purchaser a deed pursuant to section 140.420.
- 8. If the property is redeemed, the person redeeming the property shall pay the costs incurred by the purchaser in providing notice under this section. Recoverable costs

on any property sold at a tax sale shall include the title search, postage, and costs for the recording of any certificate of purchase issued and for recording the release of such certificate of purchase and all the costs of the sale required in sections 140.150 to 140.405.

9. Failure of the purchaser to comply with this section shall result in such purchaser's loss of all interest in the real estate.

140.420. If no person shall redeem the lands sold for taxes within the applicable redemption period of one year from the date of the sale or within the ninety-day notice as specified in section 140.405 for a third-year tax sale, at the expiration thereof, and on production of the certificate of purchase, the collector of the county in which the sale of such lands took place shall execute to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, in the name of the state, a conveyance of the real estate so sold, which shall vest in the grantee an absolute estate in fee simple, subject, however, to all claims thereon for unpaid taxes except such unpaid taxes existing at time of the purchase of said lands and the lien for which taxes was inferior to the lien for taxes for which said tract or lot of land was sold.

144.018. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, except as provided under subsection 2 or 3 of this section, when a purchase of tangible personal property or service subject to tax is made for the purpose of resale, such purchase shall be either exempt or excluded under this chapter if the subsequent sale is:

- (1) Subject to a tax in this or any other state;
- (2) For resale;
  - (3) Excluded from tax under this chapter;
- (4) Subject to tax but exempt under this chapter; or
- 9 (5) Exempt from the sales tax laws of another state, if the subsequent sale is in such 10 other state.

The purchase of tangible personal property by a taxpayer shall not be deemed to be for resale if such property is used or consumed by the taxpayer in providing a service on which tax is not imposed by subsection 1 of section 144.020, except purchases made in fulfillment of any obligation under a defense contract with the United States government.

2. For purposes of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 144.020, a place of amusement, entertainment or recreation, including games or athletic events, shall remit tax on the amount paid for admissions or seating accommodations, or fees paid to, or in such place of amusement, entertainment or recreation. Any subsequent sale of such admissions or seating accommodations shall not be subject to tax if the initial sale was an arms length transaction for fair market value with an unaffiliated entity. If the sale of such admissions or seating accommodations is exempt or excluded from payment of sales and use taxes, the

provisions of this subsection shall not require the place of amusement, entertainment, or recreation to remit tax on that sale.

- 3. For purposes of subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 144.020, a hotel, motel, tavern, inn, restaurant, eating house, drugstore, dining car, tourist cabin, tourist camp, or other place in which rooms, meals, or drinks are regularly served to the public shall remit tax on the amount of sales or charges for all rooms, meals, and drinks furnished at such hotel, motel, tavern, inn, restaurant, eating house, drugstore, dining car, tourist cabin, tourist camp, or other place in which rooms, meals, or drinks are regularly served to the public. Any subsequent sale of such rooms, meals, or drinks shall not be subject to tax if the initial sale was an arms length transaction for fair market value with an unaffiliated entity. If the sale of such rooms, meals, or drinks is exempt or excluded from payment of sales and use taxes, the provisions of this subsection shall not require the hotel, motel, tavern, inn, restaurant, eating house, drugstore, dining car, tourist cabin, tourist camp, or other place in which rooms, meals, or drinks are regularly served to the public to remit tax on that sale.
- 4. The provisions of this section are intended to reject and abrogate earlier case law interpretations of the state's sales and use tax law with regard to sales for resale as extended in Music City Centre Management, LLC v. Director of Revenue, 295 S.W.3d 465, (Mo. 2009) and ICC Management, Inc. v. Director of Revenue, 290 S.W.3d 699, (Mo. 2009).
- 144.030. 1. There is hereby specifically exempted from the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525 and from the computation of the tax levied, assessed or payable pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525 such retail sales as may be made in commerce between this state and any other state of the United States, or between this state and any foreign country, and any retail sale which the state of Missouri is prohibited from taxing pursuant to the Constitution or laws of the United States of America, and such retail sales of tangible personal property which the general assembly of the state of Missouri is prohibited from taxing or further taxing by the constitution of this state.
- 2. There are also specifically exempted from the provisions of the local sales tax law as defined in section 32.085, RSMo, section 238.235, RSMo, and sections 144.010 to 144.525 and 144.600 to 144.761 and from the computation of the tax levied, assessed or payable pursuant to the local sales tax law as defined in section 32.085, RSMo, section 238.235, RSMo, and sections 144.010 to 144.525 and 144.600 to 144.745:
- (1) Motor fuel or special fuel subject to an excise tax of this state, unless all or part of such excise tax is refunded pursuant to section 142.824, RSMo; or upon the sale at retail of fuel to be consumed in manufacturing or creating gas, power, steam, electrical current or in furnishing water to be sold ultimately at retail; or feed for livestock or poultry; or grain to be converted into

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  - (2) Materials, manufactured goods, machinery and parts which when used in manufacturing, processing, compounding, mining, producing or fabricating become a component part or ingredient of the new personal property resulting from such manufacturing, processing, compounding, mining, producing or fabricating and which new personal property is intended to be sold ultimately for final use or consumption; and materials, including without limitation, gases and manufactured goods, including without limitation slagging materials and firebrick, which are ultimately consumed in the manufacturing process by blending, reacting or interacting with or by becoming, in whole or in part, component parts or ingredients of steel products intended to be sold ultimately for final use or consumption;
  - (3) Materials, replacement parts and equipment purchased for use directly upon, and for the repair and maintenance or manufacture of, motor vehicles, watercraft, railroad rolling stock or aircraft engaged as common carriers of persons or property;
  - (4) Replacement machinery, equipment, and parts and the materials and supplies solely required for the installation or construction of such replacement machinery, equipment, and parts, used directly in manufacturing, mining, fabricating or producing a product which is intended to be sold ultimately for final use or consumption; and machinery and equipment, and the materials and supplies required solely for the operation, installation or construction of such machinery and equipment, purchased and used to establish new, or to replace or expand existing, material recovery processing plants in this state. For the purposes of this subdivision, a "material recovery processing plant" means a facility that has as its primary purpose the recovery of materials into a useable product or a different form which is used in producing a new product and shall include a facility or equipment which are used exclusively for the collection of recovered materials for delivery to a material recovery processing plant but shall not include motor vehicles used on highways. For purposes of this section, the terms motor vehicle and highway shall have the same meaning pursuant to section 301.010, RSMo. Material recovery is not the reuse of materials within a manufacturing process or the use of a product previously recovered. The material recovery processing plant shall qualify under the provisions of this section regardless of ownership of the material being recovered;

(5) Machinery and equipment, and parts and the materials and supplies solely required for the installation or construction of such machinery and equipment, purchased and used to establish new or to expand existing manufacturing, mining or fabricating plants in the state if such machinery and equipment is used directly in manufacturing, mining or fabricating a product which is intended to be sold ultimately for final use or consumption;

- (6) Tangible personal property which is used exclusively in the manufacturing, processing, modification or assembling of products sold to the United States government or to any agency of the United States government;
  - (7) Animals or poultry used for breeding or feeding purposes;
- (8) Newsprint, ink, computers, photosensitive paper and film, toner, printing plates and other machinery, equipment, replacement parts and supplies used in producing newspapers published for dissemination of news to the general public;
- (9) The rentals of films, records or any type of sound or picture transcriptions for public commercial display;
- (10) Pumping machinery and equipment used to propel products delivered by pipelines engaged as common carriers;
- (11) Railroad rolling stock for use in transporting persons or property in interstate commerce and motor vehicles licensed for a gross weight of twenty-four thousand pounds or more or trailers used by common carriers, as defined in section 390.020, RSMo, in the transportation of persons or property;
- (12) Electrical energy used in the actual primary manufacture, processing, compounding, mining or producing of a product, or electrical energy used in the actual secondary processing or fabricating of the product, or a material recovery processing plant as defined in subdivision (4) of this subsection, in facilities owned or leased by the taxpayer, if the total cost of electrical energy so used exceeds ten percent of the total cost of production, either primary or secondary, exclusive of the cost of electrical energy so used or if the raw materials used in such processing contain at least twenty-five percent recovered materials as defined in section 260.200, RSMo. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the raw materials used in the primary manufacture of automobiles contain at least twenty-five percent recovered materials. For purposes of this subdivision, "processing" means any mode of treatment, act or series of acts performed upon materials to transform and reduce them to a different state or thing, including treatment necessary to maintain or preserve such processing by the producer at the production facility;
- (13) Anodes which are used or consumed in manufacturing, processing, compounding, mining, producing or fabricating and which have a useful life of less than one year;
- (14) Machinery, equipment, appliances and devices purchased or leased and used solely for the purpose of preventing, abating or monitoring air pollution, and materials and supplies

solely required for the installation, construction or reconstruction of such machinery, equipment,appliances and devices;

- (15) Machinery, equipment, appliances and devices purchased or leased and used solely for the purpose of preventing, abating or monitoring water pollution, and materials and supplies solely required for the installation, construction or reconstruction of such machinery, equipment, appliances and devices;
  - (16) Tangible personal property purchased by a rural water district;
- (17) All amounts paid or charged for admission or participation or other fees paid by or other charges to individuals in or for any place of amusement, entertainment or recreation, games or athletic events, including museums, fairs, zoos and planetariums, owned or operated by a municipality or other political subdivision where all the proceeds derived therefrom benefit the municipality or other political subdivision and do not inure to any private person, firm, or corporation;
- (18) All sales of insulin and prosthetic or orthopedic devices as defined on January 1, 1980, by the federal Medicare program pursuant to Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965, including the items specified in Section 1862(a)(12) of that act, and also specifically including hearing aids and hearing aid supplies and all sales of drugs which may be legally dispensed by a licensed pharmacist only upon a lawful prescription of a practitioner licensed to administer those items, including samples and materials used to manufacture samples which may be dispensed by a practitioner authorized to dispense such samples and all sales of medical oxygen, home respiratory equipment and accessories, hospital beds and accessories and ambulatory aids, all sales of manual and powered wheelchairs, stairway lifts, Braille writers, electronic Braille equipment and, if purchased by or on behalf of a person with one or more physical or mental disabilities to enable them to function more independently, all sales of scooters, reading machines, electronic print enlargers and magnifiers, electronic alternative and augmentative communication devices, and items used solely to modify motor vehicles to permit the use of such motor vehicles by individuals with disabilities or sales of over-the-counter or nonprescription drugs to individuals with disabilities;
- (19) All sales made by or to religious and charitable organizations and institutions in their religious, charitable or educational functions and activities and all sales made by or to all elementary and secondary schools operated at public expense in their educational functions and activities;
- (20) All sales of aircraft to common carriers for storage or for use in interstate commerce and all sales made by or to not-for-profit civic, social, service or fraternal organizations, including fraternal organizations which have been declared tax-exempt organizations pursuant to Section 501(c)(8) or (10) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code, as amended, in their civic or

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charitable functions and activities and all sales made to eleemosynary and penal institutions and industries of the state, and all sales made to any private not-for-profit institution of higher education not otherwise excluded pursuant to subdivision (19) of this subsection or any institution of higher education supported by public funds, and all sales made to a state relief agency in the exercise of relief functions and activities;

- (21) All ticket sales made by benevolent, scientific and educational associations which are formed to foster, encourage, and promote progress and improvement in the science of agriculture and in the raising and breeding of animals, and by nonprofit summer theater organizations if such organizations are exempt from federal tax pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and all admission charges and entry fees to the Missouri state fair or any fair conducted by a county agricultural and mechanical society organized and operated pursuant to sections 262.290 to 262.530, RSMo;
- (22) All sales made to any private not-for-profit elementary or secondary school, all sales of feed additives, medications or vaccines administered to livestock or poultry in the production of food or fiber, all sales of pesticides used in the production of crops, livestock or poultry for food or fiber, all sales of bedding used in the production of livestock or poultry for food or fiber, all sales of propane or natural gas, electricity or diesel fuel used exclusively for drying agricultural crops, natural gas used in the primary manufacture or processing of fuel ethanol as defined in section 142.028, RSMo, natural gas, propane, and electricity used by an eligible new generation cooperative or an eligible new generation processing entity as defined in section 348.432, RSMo, and all sales of farm machinery and equipment, other than airplanes, motor vehicles and trailers. As used in this subdivision, the term "feed additives" means tangible personal property which, when mixed with feed for livestock or poultry, is to be used in the feeding of livestock or poultry. As used in this subdivision, the term "pesticides" includes adjuvants such as crop oils, surfactants, wetting agents and other assorted pesticide carriers used to improve or enhance the effect of a pesticide and the foam used to mark the application of pesticides and herbicides for the production of crops, livestock or poultry. As used in this subdivision, the term "farm machinery and equipment" means new or used farm tractors and such other new or used farm machinery and equipment and repair or replacement parts thereon, and supplies and lubricants used exclusively, solely, and directly for producing crops, raising and feeding livestock, fish, poultry, pheasants, chukar, quail, or for producing milk for ultimate sale at retail, including field drain tile, and one-half of each purchaser's purchase of diesel fuel therefor which is:
  - (a) Used exclusively for agricultural purposes;
  - (b) Used on land owned or leased for the purpose of producing farm products; and

- (c) Used directly in producing farm products to be sold ultimately in processed form or otherwise at retail or in producing farm products to be fed to livestock or poultry to be sold ultimately in processed form at retail;
- (23) Except as otherwise provided in section 144.032, all sales of metered water service, electricity, electrical current, natural, artificial or propane gas, wood, coal or home heating oil for domestic use and in any city not within a county, all sales of metered or unmetered water service for domestic use:
- (a) "Domestic use" means that portion of metered water service, electricity, electrical current, natural, artificial or propane gas, wood, coal or home heating oil, and in any city not within a county, metered or unmetered water service, which an individual occupant of a residential premises uses for nonbusiness, noncommercial or nonindustrial purposes. Utility service through a single or master meter for residential apartments or condominiums, including service for common areas and facilities and vacant units, shall be deemed to be for domestic use. Each seller shall establish and maintain a system whereby individual purchases are determined as exempt or nonexempt;
- (b) Regulated utility sellers shall determine whether individual purchases are exempt or nonexempt based upon the seller's utility service rate classifications as contained in tariffs on file with and approved by the Missouri public service commission. Sales and purchases made pursuant to the rate classification "residential" and sales to and purchases made by or on behalf of the occupants of residential apartments or condominiums through a single or master meter, including service for common areas and facilities and vacant units, shall be considered as sales made for domestic use and such sales shall be exempt from sales tax. Sellers shall charge sales tax upon the entire amount of purchases classified as nondomestic use. The seller's utility service rate classification and the provision of service thereunder shall be conclusive as to whether or not the utility must charge sales tax;
- (c) Each person making domestic use purchases of services or property and who uses any portion of the services or property so purchased for a nondomestic use shall, by the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the year of purchase, and without assessment, notice or demand, file a return and pay sales tax on that portion of nondomestic purchases. Each person making nondomestic purchases of services or property and who uses any portion of the services or property so purchased for domestic use, and each person making domestic purchases on behalf of occupants of residential apartments or condominiums through a single or master meter, including service for common areas and facilities and vacant units, under a nonresidential utility service rate classification may, between the first day of the first month and the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the year of purchase, apply for credit or refund to the director of revenue and the director shall give credit or make refund for taxes paid on the domestic use

- portion of the purchase. The person making such purchases on behalf of occupants of residential apartments or condominiums shall have standing to apply to the director of revenue for such credit or refund;
  - (24) All sales of handicraft items made by the seller or the seller's spouse if the seller or the seller's spouse is at least sixty-five years of age, and if the total gross proceeds from such sales do not constitute a majority of the annual gross income of the seller;
  - (25) Excise taxes, collected on sales at retail, imposed by Sections 4041, 4061, 4071, 4081, 4091, 4161, 4181, 4251, 4261 and 4271 of Title 26, United States Code. The director of revenue shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to eliminate all state and local sales taxes on such excise taxes;
  - (26) Sales of fuel consumed or used in the operation of ships, barges, or waterborne vessels which are used primarily in or for the transportation of property or cargo, or the conveyance of persons for hire, on navigable rivers bordering on or located in part in this state, if such fuel is delivered by the seller to the purchaser's barge, ship, or waterborne vessel while it is afloat upon such river;
  - (27) All sales made to an interstate compact agency created pursuant to sections 70.370 to 70.441, RSMo, or sections 238.010 to 238.100, RSMo, in the exercise of the functions and activities of such agency as provided pursuant to the compact;
  - (28) Computers, computer software and computer security systems purchased for use by architectural or engineering firms headquartered in this state. For the purposes of this subdivision, "headquartered in this state" means the office for the administrative management of at least four integrated facilities operated by the taxpayer is located in the state of Missouri;
  - (29) All livestock sales when either the seller is engaged in the growing, producing or feeding of such livestock, or the seller is engaged in the business of buying and selling, bartering or leasing of such livestock;
  - (30) All sales of barges which are to be used primarily in the transportation of property or cargo on interstate waterways;
- 224 (31) Electrical energy or gas, whether natural, artificial or propane, water, or other 225 utilities which are ultimately consumed in connection with the manufacturing of cellular glass 226 products or in any material recovery processing plant as defined in subdivision (4) of this 227 subsection;
  - (32) Notwithstanding other provisions of law to the contrary, all sales of pesticides or herbicides used in the production of crops, aquaculture, livestock or poultry;
- 230 (33) Tangible personal property and utilities purchased for use or consumption directly 231 or exclusively in the research and development of agricultural/biotechnology and plant genomics 232 products and prescription pharmaceuticals consumed by humans or animals;

- 233 (34) All sales of grain bins for storage of grain for resale;
  - (35) All sales of feed which are developed for and used in the feeding of pets owned by a commercial breeder when such sales are made to a commercial breeder, as defined in section 273.325, RSMo, and licensed pursuant to sections 273.325 to 273.357, RSMo;
  - (36) All purchases by a contractor on behalf of an entity located in another state, provided that the entity is authorized to issue a certificate of exemption for purchases to a contractor under the provisions of that state's laws. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "certificate of exemption" shall mean any document evidencing that the entity is exempt from sales and use taxes on purchases pursuant to the laws of the state in which the entity is located. Any contractor making purchases on behalf of such entity shall maintain a copy of the entity's exemption certificate as evidence of the exemption. If the exemption certificate issued by the exempt entity to the contractor is later determined by the director of revenue to be invalid for any reason and the contractor has accepted the certificate in good faith, neither the contractor or the exempt entity shall be liable for the payment of any taxes, interest and penalty due as the result of use of the invalid exemption certificate. Materials shall be exempt from all state and local sales and use taxes when purchased by a contractor for the purpose of fabricating tangible personal property which is used in fulfilling a contract for the purpose of constructing, repairing or remodeling facilities for the following:
  - (a) An exempt entity located in this state, if the entity is one of those entities able to issue project exemption certificates in accordance with the provisions of section 144.062; or
  - (b) An exempt entity located outside the state if the exempt entity is authorized to issue an exemption certificate to contractors in accordance with the provisions of that state's law and the applicable provisions of this section;
  - (37) All sales or other transfers of tangible personal property to a lessor who leases the property under a lease of one year or longer executed or in effect at the time of the sale or other transfer to an interstate compact agency created pursuant to sections 70.370 to 70.441, RSMo, or sections 238.010 to 238.100, RSMo;
  - (38) Sales of tickets to any collegiate athletic championship event that is held in a facility owned or operated by a governmental authority or commission, a quasi-governmental agency, a state university or college or by the state or any political subdivision thereof, including a municipality, and that is played on a neutral site and may reasonably be played at a site located outside the state of Missouri. For purposes of this subdivision, "neutral site" means any site that is not located on the campus of a conference member institution participating in the event;
  - (39) All purchases by a sports complex authority created under section 64.920, [RSMo] and all sales of utilities by such authority at the authority's cost that are consumed in connection with the operation of a sports complex leased to a professional sports team;

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- 269 (40) Beginning January 1, 2009, but not after January 1, 2015, materials, replacement parts, and equipment purchased for use directly upon, and for the modification, replacement, repair, and maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants, and aircraft accessories;
  - (41) Sales of sporting clays, wobble, skeet, and trap targets to any shooting range or similar places of business for use in the normal course of business and money received by a shooting range or similar places of business from patrons and held by a shooting range or similar place of business for redistribution to patrons at the conclusion of a shooting event.
  - 144.083. 1. The director of revenue shall require all persons who are responsible for the collection of taxes under the provisions of section 144.080 to procure a retail sales license at no cost to the licensee which shall be prominently displayed at the licensee's place of business, and the license is valid until revoked by the director or surrendered by the person to whom issued when sales are discontinued. The director shall issue the retail sales license within ten working days following the receipt of a properly completed application. Any person applying for a retail sales license or reinstatement of a revoked sales tax license who owes any tax under sections 144.010 to 144.510 or sections 143.191 to 143.261, RSMo, must pay the amount due plus interest and penalties before the department may issue the applicant a license or reinstate the 10 revoked license. All persons beginning business subsequent to August 13, 1986, and who are required to collect the sales tax shall secure a retail sales license prior to making sales at retail. 12 Such license may, after ten days' notice, be revoked by the director of revenue only in the event 13 the licensee shall be in default for a period of sixty days in the payment of any taxes levied under 14 section 144.020 or sections 143.191 to 143.261, RSMo. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32.057, RSMo, in the event of revocation, the director of revenue may publish the status 15 of the business account including the date of revocation in a manner as determined by the 16 director. 17
    - 2. The possession of a retail sales license and a statement from the department of revenue that the licensee owes no tax due under [sections 144.010 to 144.510 or sections 143.191 to 143.261, RSMo,] section 32.088 shall be a prerequisite to the issuance or renewal of any city or county occupation license or any state license which is required for conducting any business where goods are sold at retail. The date of issuance on the statement that the licensee owes no tax due shall be no more than ninety days before the date of submission for application or renewal of the local license. The revocation of a retailer's license by the director shall render the occupational license or the state license null and void.
    - 3. No person responsible for the collection of taxes under section 144.080 shall make sales at retail unless such person is the holder of a valid retail sales license. After all appeals have been exhausted, the director of revenue may notify the county or city law enforcement

- agency representing the area in which the former licensee's business is located that the retail sales license of such person has been revoked, and that any county or city occupation license of such person is also revoked. The county or city may enforce the provisions of this section, and may prohibit further sales at retail by such person.
  - 4. In addition to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section, beginning January 1, 2009, **and ending on December 31, 2011,** the possession of a statement from the department of revenue stating no tax is due under sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, or sections 144.010 to 144.510 shall also be a prerequisite to the issuance or renewal of any city or county occupation license or any state license required for conducting any business where goods are sold at retail. The statement of no tax due shall be dated no longer than ninety days before the date of submission for application or renewal of the city or county license.
  - 5. Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, sales tax shall only apply to the sale price paid by the final purchaser and not to any off-invoice discounts or other pricing discounts or mechanisms negotiated between manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers.
- 144.817. **1.** In addition to the exemptions granted pursuant to the provisions of section 144.030, there shall also be specifically exempted from the provisions of the local sales tax law as defined in section 32.085, RSMo, section 238.235, RSMo, and sections 144.010 to 144.525 and 144.600 to 144.745, and from the computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable pursuant to the local sales tax law as defined in section 32.085, RSMo, section 238.235, RSMo, and sections 144.010 to 144.525 and 144.600 to 144.761, purchases of any item of tangible personal property which is, within one year of such purchase, donated without charge to the state of Missouri. The exemption prescribed in this section includes purchases of all items of tangible personal property converted into an item donated as a gift to the state of Missouri.
  - 2. In addition to all other exemptions granted under this chapter, there shall also be specifically exempted from the local sales tax law defined, computed, levied, assessed, or payable under section 32.085, sections 144.010 to 144.525 and 144.600 to 144.761, and section 238.235, purchases of any item of tangible personal property that is, within one year of such purchase, donated without charge to any religious or charitable organization and any not-for-profit civic, social, service, or fraternal organization qualifying for exemption under subdivision (19) or (20) of subsection 2 of section 144.030. The exemption prescribed in this section includes purchases of all items of tangible personal property converted into an item donated as a gift under this section.
- 165.071. 1. At least once in every month the county collector in all counties of the first and second classifications and the collector-treasurer in counties having township organization shall pay over to the treasurer of the school board of all seven-director districts all moneys received and collected by the **county collector and the** collector-treasurer to which the board

- is entitled and take duplicate receipts from the treasurer, one of which the **county collector and**the collector-treasurer shall file with the secretary of the school board and the other the
  collector-treasurer shall file in his or her settlement with the county commission.
  - 2. The county collector in counties of the third and fourth classification, except in counties under township organization, shall pay over to the county treasurer at least once in every month all moneys received and collected by the county collector which are due each school district and shall take duplicate receipts therefor, one of which the county collector shall file in his or her settlement with the county commission. The county treasurer in such counties shall pay over to the treasurer of the school board of seven-director districts, at least once in every month, all moneys so received by the county treasurer to which the board is entitled. Upon payment the county treasurer shall take duplicate receipts from the treasurer of the school board, one of which the county treasurer shall file with the secretary of the school board, and the other [he] the county treasurer shall file in his or her settlement with the county commission.
  - Section 1. There is hereby specifically exempted from the provisions of the local sales tax law as defined, levied, assessed, payable, or calculated under section 32.085, sections 144.010 to 144.525, sections 144.600 to 144.761, or section 238.235, all gratuities, whether mandatory or voluntary, provided in conjunction with the receipt of property or services regardless of whether such property or service may be subject to tax under the provisions of chapter 144.
  - Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any tax imposed or collected by any municipality, any county or any taxing entity on or related to any transient accommodations, whether imposed as a hotel tax, occupancy tax or otherwise, shall apply solely to amounts actually received by the operator of a hotel, motel, tavern, inn, tourist cabin, tourist camp or other place in which rooms are furnished to the public. Under no circumstances shall a travel agent or intermediary be deemed an operator of a hotel. This section shall not apply if the purchaser of such rooms is an entity that is exempt from payment of the tax.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to prevent the imposition of sales and use taxes on items that are intended to be exempt or excluded from sales and use taxes, to ensure adequate funding for public safety activities of ceratin municipalities to prevent the excessive increase in the assessed valuation of motor vehicles for property taxation, and to ensure that county assessors have adequate funding to accomplish statutory duties, the enactment of sections 137.126, 144.018, 1, and 2 and the repeal and reenactment of sections 94.577, 137.750 and 144.030 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of sections 137.126, 144.018, 1, and 2 and the

- 10 repeal and reenactment of sections 94.577, 137.750, and 144.030 of section A of this act shall
- 11 be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

