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HOUSE BILL NO. 2288

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FLOOK.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 67.1461, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to community improvement district powers.

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

Section A. Section 67.1461, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 67.1461, to read as follows:

67.1461. 1. Each district shall have all the powers, except to the extent any such power has been limited by the petition approved by the governing body of the municipality to establish the district, necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with sections 67.1401 to 67.1571, necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of sections 67.1401 to 67.1571;

(2) To sue and be sued;

(3) To make and enter into contracts and other instruments, with public and private entities, necessary or convenient to exercise its powers and carry out its duties pursuant to sections 67.1401 to 67.1571;

(4) To accept grants, guarantees and donations of property, labor, services, or other things of value from any public or private source;

(5) To employ or contract for such managerial, engineering, legal, technical, clerical, accounting, or other assistance as it deems advisable;

(6) To acquire by purchase, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise, any real property within its boundaries, personal property, or any interest in such property;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (7) To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise
18 encumber or dispose of any real or personal property or any interest in such property;

19 (8) To levy and collect special assessments and taxes as provided in sections 67.1401
20 to 67.1571. However, no such assessments or taxes shall be levied on any property exempt from
21 taxation pursuant to subdivision (5) of section 137.100, RSMo. Those exempt pursuant to
22 subdivision (5) of section 137.100, RSMo, may voluntarily participate in the provisions of
23 sections 67.1401 to 67.1571;

24 (9) If the district is a political subdivision, to levy real property taxes and business
25 license taxes in the county seat of a county of the first classification containing a population of
26 at least two hundred thousand, as provided in sections 67.1401 to 67.1571. However, no such
27 assessments or taxes shall be levied on any property exempt from taxation pursuant to
28 subdivisions (2) and (5) of section 137.100, RSMo. Those exempt pursuant to subdivisions (2)
29 and (5) of section 137.100, RSMo, may voluntarily participate in the provisions of sections
30 67.1401 to 67.1571;

31 (10) If the district is a political subdivision, to levy sales taxes pursuant to sections
32 67.1401 to 67.1571;

33 (11) To fix, charge, and collect fees, rents, and other charges for use of any of the
34 following:

35 (a) The district's real property, except for public rights-of-way for utilities;

36 (b) The district's personal property, except in a city not within a county; or

37 (c) Any of the district's interests in such real or personal property, except for public
38 rights-of-way for utilities;

39 (12) To borrow money from any public or private source and issue obligations and
40 provide security for the repayment of the same as provided in sections 67.1401 to 67.1571;

41 (13) To loan money as provided in sections 67.1401 to 67.1571;

42 (14) To make expenditures, create reserve funds, and use its revenues as necessary to
43 carry out its powers or duties and the provisions and purposes of sections 67.1401 to 67.1571;

44 (15) To enter into one or more agreements with the municipality for the purpose of
45 abating any public nuisance within the boundaries of the district including, but not limited to,
46 the stabilization, repair or maintenance or demolition and removal of buildings or structures,
47 provided that the municipality has declared the existence of a public nuisance;

48 (16) Within its boundaries, to provide assistance to or to construct, reconstruct, install,
49 repair, maintain, and equip any of the following public improvements:

50 (a) Pedestrian or shopping malls and plazas;

51 (b) Parks, lawns, trees, and any other landscape;

52 (c) Convention centers, arenas, aquariums, aviaries, and meeting facilities;

- 53 (d) Sidewalks, streets, alleys, bridges, ramps, tunnels, overpasses and underpasses, traffic
54 signs and signals, utilities, drainage, water, storm and sewer systems, and other site
55 improvements;
- 56 (e) Parking lots, garages, or other facilities;
- 57 (f) Lakes, dams, and waterways;
- 58 (g) Streetscape, lighting, benches or other seating furniture, trash receptacles, marquees,
59 awnings, canopies, walls, and barriers;
- 60 (h) Telephone and information booths, bus stop and other shelters, rest rooms, and
61 kiosks;
- 62 (i) Paintings, murals, display cases, sculptures, and fountains;
- 63 (j) Music, news, and child-care facilities; and
- 64 (k) Any other useful, necessary, or desired improvement;
- 65 (17) To dedicate to the municipality, with the municipality's consent, streets, sidewalks,
66 parks, and other real property and improvements located within its boundaries for public use;
- 67 (18) Within its boundaries and with the municipality's consent, to prohibit or restrict
68 vehicular and pedestrian traffic and vendors on streets, alleys, malls, bridges, ramps, sidewalks,
69 and tunnels and to provide the means for access by emergency vehicles to or in such areas;
- 70 (19) Within its boundaries, to operate or to contract for the provision of music, news,
71 child-care, or parking facilities, and buses, minibuses, or other modes of transportation;
- 72 (20) Within its boundaries, to lease space for sidewalk café tables and chairs;
- 73 (21) Within its boundaries, to provide or contract for the provision of security personnel,
74 equipment, or facilities for the protection of property and persons;
- 75 (22) Within its boundaries, to provide or contract for cleaning, maintenance, and other
76 services to public and private property;
- 77 (23) To produce and promote any tourism, recreational or cultural activity or special
78 event in the district by, but not limited to, advertising, decoration of any public place in the
79 district, promotion of such activity and special events, and furnishing music in any public place;
- 80 (24) To support business activity [and economic development in the district including,
81 but not limited to, the promotion of business activity, development and retention, and the
82 recruitment of developers and businesses] , **sustainable economic development, and**
83 **revitalization, recruitment, expansion, and retention of businesses' and developers'**
84 **training, internships, and creation of a skilled workforce to meet the needs of the business**
85 **community and the district;**
- 86 (25) **If the district was formed before January 1, 2003, and is a political subdivision**
87 **located in a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located**
88 **in more than one county, the boundaries of which partially include an area which is**

89 blighted under sections 99.800 to 99.865, to sponsor and operate a science-tech specialty
90 school (specialty school) for grades kindergarten through twelve or any portion thereof for
91 students residing within the specialty school's district which shall be the community
92 improvement district in which the specialty school is located; provided, that no local school
93 district tax levies shall be used for the specialty school. The specialty school shall be under
94 the department of elementary and secondary education's oversight and standards. The
95 specialty school shall meet all standards and guidelines promulgated by rule by the
96 department of elementary and secondary education for public school districts. The
97 specialty school district shall pay for the transportation of students to the specialty school.
98 The specialty school shall be governed by a board appointed by the district and consisting
99 of at least seven members who shall serve for a term not to exceed four years and of which
100 at least one member shall hold a valid Missouri certificate of license to teach for
101 superintendents. Admission slots into the specialty school shall be equitably distributed
102 throughout the specialty school district based upon population. In addition to the board
103 appointed by the district under this subdivision, there is hereby established a "Science-
104 Tech Specialty School Blue Ribbon Panel" to study the impact and effects of the specialty
105 school, which shall be convened by the department of elementary and secondary education.
106 Such panel shall consist of seven members appointed as follows:

107 (a) Three members shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the city
108 council of the city in which the specialty school is located and who shall be representatives
109 of the community, businesses, or educational institutions in which the specialty school is
110 located. At least one member shall be affiliated with unions, and at least one member shall
111 be affiliated with the local business community;

112 (b) Three members shall be appointed by the department of elementary and
113 secondary education. At least one member shall be affiliated with unions, and at least one
114 member shall be affiliated with the business community;

115 (c) One member shall be appointed by the board of the community improvement
116 district in which the specialty school is located.

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118 The panel shall only exist for four years and shall issue an annual report in each of those
119 years. The report shall contain the panel's findings regarding the specialty school's
120 progress, success, and basic information on enrollment, other than statistical data, and the
121 panel's recommendations to the board, if any. The report shall be issued to the board
122 which oversees the specialty school, the department of elementary and secondary
123 education, the community improvement district's board, the city in which the specialty
124 school is located, and the local school district in which the specialty school is located. The

125 **panel shall meet two to four times per year. The district shall reimburse costs associated**
126 **with the panel's travel and administrative costs, including staff;**

127 [(25)] (26) To provide or support training programs for employees of businesses within
128 the district;

129 [(26)] (27) To provide refuse collection and disposal services within the district;

130 [(27)] (28) To contract for or conduct economic, planning, marketing or other studies;

131 [(28)] (29) To repair, restore, or maintain any abandoned cemetery on public or private
132 land within the district; and

133 [(29)] (30) To carry out any other powers set forth in sections 67.1401 to 67.1571.

134 2. Each district which is located in a blighted area or which includes a blighted area shall
135 have the following additional powers:

136 (1) Within its blighted area, to contract with any private property owner to demolish and
137 remove, renovate, reconstruct, or rehabilitate any building or structure owned by such private
138 property owner; and

139 (2) To expend its revenues or loan its revenues pursuant to a contract entered into
140 pursuant to this subsection, provided that the governing body of the municipality has determined
141 that the action to be taken pursuant to such contract is reasonably anticipated to remediate the
142 blighting conditions and will serve a public purpose.

143 3. Each district shall annually reimburse the municipality for the reasonable and actual
144 expenses incurred by the municipality to establish such district and review annual budgets and
145 reports of such district required to be submitted to the municipality; provided that, such annual
146 reimbursement shall not exceed one and one-half percent of the revenues collected by the district
147 in such year.

148 4. Nothing in sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 shall be construed to delegate to any district
149 any sovereign right of municipalities to promote order, safety, health, morals, and general
150 welfare of the public, except those such police powers, if any, expressly delegated pursuant to
151 sections 67.1401 to 67.1571.

152 5. The governing body of the municipality establishing the district shall not decrease the
153 level of publicly funded services in the district existing prior to the creation of the district or
154 transfer the financial burden of providing the services to the district unless the services at the
155 same time are decreased throughout the municipality, nor shall the governing body discriminate
156 in the provision of the publicly funded services between areas included in such district and areas
157 not so included.

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