

**HOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMENDMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_**Offered By**

AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1458, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting the following after all of said Line:

“190.324. 1. Any county that does not already have a seven member elected board established to oversee emergency 911 service in the county and to administer any funds received by the county from any source for the purpose of establishing, operating, and upgrading an emergency 911 service system, including the central dispatching of any type of emergency services, may establish an "Emergency Services 911 Board" or, as provided in subsection 18, any county may convert an existing board to a seven member elected board.

2. The county governing body shall appoint the initial members of the board. The initial board shall consist of seven members appointed without regard to political affiliation, three of whom shall be selected from, and who shall represent, the fire protection districts, ambulance districts, sheriff's department, municipalities, and any other emergency services, and four of whom shall not be selected from nor represent, the fire protection districts, ambulance districts, sheriff's department, municipalities, and any other emergency services. This initial board shall serve until its successor board is duly elected and installed in office. The county governing body shall ensure geographic representation of the county by appointing no more than four members from each district of the county commission.

3. Except as provided in subsection 18, beginning with the first municipal election after the initial appointment of the board, the seven members of the board shall be elected as follows:

(1) In any county not having a charter form of government, three shall be elected from each district of the county commission and one member shall be elected at large;

(2) In any county with a charter form of government and a county council, one member shall be elected from each district of the county council; and

(3) In any county with a charter form of government and a county legislature, one member shall be elected from each local district of the county legislature and one member shall be elected at large.

4. Of the members first elected:

(1) In any county not having a charter form of government, two members from each district of the county commission shall be elected for terms of two years and the remaining members from commission districts and the member at large shall be elected for terms of four years;

1       (2) In any county with a charter form of government and a county council, four members shall  
2 be elected for terms of two years and the remaining members shall be elected for terms of four years;  
3 and

4       (3) In any county with a charter form of government and a county legislature, four members  
5 from local districts of the county legislature shall be elected for terms of two years and the remaining  
6 members from county legislature districts and the member at large shall be elected for terms of four  
7 years.

8       5. At the end of the board member terms set out in subsection 4, and thereafter, all terms of  
9 office shall be four years.

10       6. The members of the board shall annually elect, from among their number, the chairman of  
11 the board.

12       7. When the board is organized, it shall be a body corporate and a political subdivision of the  
13 state and shall be known as the "..... Emergency Services Board".

14       8. The powers and duties of the emergency services board shall include, but not be limited to:

15       (1) Planning a 911 system and dispatching system;

16       (2) Coordinating and supervising the implementation, upgrading or maintenance of the system,  
17 including the establishment of equipment specifications and coding systems;

18       (3) Receiving money from any county tax authorized to be levied under chapter 190 and  
19 authorizing disbursements from such moneys collected; and

20       (4) Hiring any staff necessary for the implementation, upgrade or operation of the system.

21       9. The administrative control and management of any money received by the board and the  
22 administrative control and management of any emergency services system shall rest solely with the  
23 board, and the board shall employ all necessary personnel, affix their compensation and provide  
24 suitable quarters and equipment for the operation of such systems from the funds available for this  
25 purpose.

26       10. The board may contract to provide services relating in whole or in part to central  
27 dispatching of emergency services and for such purpose may expend the tax funds or other funds.

28       11. The board shall elect a vice chairman, treasurer, secretary and such other officers as it  
29 deems necessary. Before taking office, the treasurer shall furnish a surety bond in an amount to be  
30 determined and in a form to be approved by the board for the faithful performance of the treasurer's  
31 duties and faithful accounting of all moneys that may come into the treasurer's hands. The treasurer  
32 shall enter into the surety bond with a surety company authorized to do business in Missouri, and the  
33 cost of such bond shall be paid by the board of directors.

34       12. The board may accept any gift of property or money for the use and benefit of the central  
35 dispatching of emergency services, and the board is authorized to sell or exchange any such property  
36 which it believes would be to the benefit of the service so long as the proceeds are used exclusively for

central dispatching of emergency services. The board shall have exclusive control of all gifts, property, or money it may accept; of all interest of other proceeds which may accrue from the investment of such gifts or money or from the sale of such property; of all tax revenues collected by the county on behalf of the central dispatching of emergency services; and of all other funds granted, appropriated, or loaned to it by the federal government, the state or its political subdivisions so long as such resources are used solely to benefit the central dispatching of emergency services.

13. Any board member may, following notice and an opportunity to be heard, be removed from any office by a majority vote of the other members of the board for any of the following reasons:

(1) Failure to attend five consecutive meetings, without good cause;

(2) Conduct prejudicial to the good order and efficient operation of the central dispatching of emergency services; or

(3) Neglect of duty.

14. The chair of the board shall preside at such removal hearing, unless the chair is the person sought to be removed, in which case the hearing shall be presided over by another member elected by a majority vote of the other board members. All interested parties may present testimony and arguments at such hearing, and the witnesses shall be sworn in by oath or affirmation before testifying. Any interested party may, at the interested party's own expense, record the proceedings.

15. Vacancies on the board occasioned by removals, resignations, or otherwise shall be filled by the remaining members of the board. The appointee or appointees shall act until the next election at which a director or directors are elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

16. Individual board members shall not be eligible for employment by the board within twelve months of termination of service as a member of the board.

17. No person shall be employed by the board who is related within the fourth degree by blood or by marriage to any member of the board.

18. The governing body of any county or city that already has established an emergency services board, whether the board is so named as such or not, may, by order or ordinance, convert the existing board into a seven member elected board under subsection 3 of this section. Beginning with the first municipal election after one year from the date the governing body adopts an order or ordinance authorizing an elected seven member board, the seven members of the board shall be elected under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of subsection 3. Thereafter, the converted board will be subject to all provisions of subsection 1 and subsections 3 through 18.”; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.