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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 729

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 49.272, 50.332, 50.622, 50.660, 50.783, 50.1130, 50.1140, 52.230, 52.240, 67.463, 67.469, 67.548, 67.1305, 67.1521, 67.2010, 67.4505, 71.012, 71.014, 71.015, 94.902, 137.016, 141.210, 141.220, 141.250, 141.290, 141.300, 141.320, 141.410, 141.430, 141.440, 141.480, 141.500, 141.540, 141.550, 141.560, 141.570, 141.580, 141.720, 141.770, 141.790, 190.335, 479.011, 544.455, 557.011, and 610.021, RSMo, and section 141.530 as enacted by senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bills nos. 977 & 1608, eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 141.530 as enacted by conference committee substitute no. 2 for house committee substitute for senate bill no. 778, eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof seventy-one new sections relating to political subdivisions, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause for a certain section.

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

Section A. Sections 49.272, 50.332, 50.622, 50.660, 50.783, 50.1130, 50.1140, 52.230,

- 2 52.240, 67.463, 67.469, 67.548, 67.1305, 67.1521, 67.2010, 67.4505, 71.012, 71.014, 71.015,
- 3 94.902, 137.016, 141.210, 141.220, 141.250, 141.290, 141.300, 141.320, 141.410, 141.430,
- 4 141.440, 141.480, 141.500, 141.540, 141.550, 141.560, 141.570, 141.580, 141.720, 141.770,
- 5 141.790, 190.335, 479.011, 544.455, 557.011, and 610.021, RSMo, and section 141.530 as
- 6 enacted by senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for
- 7 house bills nos. 977 & 1608, eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section
- 8 141.530 as enacted by conference committee substitute no. 2 for house committee substitute for
- 9 senate bill no. 778, eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, are repealed and

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

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- seventy-one new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 49.272, 50.332,
- 11 50.622, 50.660, 50.783, 50.1130, 50.1140, 52.230, 52.240, 67.136, 67.463, 67.469, 67.548,
- 12 67.1305, 67.1521, 67.2010, 67.4505, 71.012, 71.014, 71.015, 94.902, 137.016, 141.210,
- 13 141.220, 141.250, 141.290, 141.300, 141.320, 141.410, 141.430, 141.440, 141.480, 141.500,
- 14 141.530, 141.540, 141.550, 141.560, 141.570, 141.580, 141.720, 141.770, 141.785, 141.790,
- 15 141.980, 141.981, 141.982, 141.983, 141.984, 141.985, 141.988, 141.991, 141.994, 141.997,
- 16 141.1000, 141.1003, 141.1006, 141.1009, 141.1012, 141.1015, 162.485, 190.335, 238.415,
- 17 321.228, 339.098, 479.011, 479.085, 544.455, 557.011, 610.021, 1, and 2, to read as follows:

49.272. 1. The county commission of the following counties may impose civil fines as provided in this section:

- (1) Any county of the first classification [without a charter form of government] and with more than one hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred but less than one hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred inhabitants[, and in];
- (2) Any county of the first classification [without a charter form of government] having a population of at least eighty-two thousand inhabitants, but less than eighty-two thousand one hundred inhabitants[,];
- (3) Any county of the first classification with more than one hundred four thousand six hundred but fewer than one hundred four thousand seven hundred inhabitants[,];
- (4) Any county of the first classification with more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand but fewer than one hundred ninety-nine thousand two hundred inhabitants[, and];
- (5) Any county of the first classification with more than two hundred forty thousand three hundred but less than two hundred forty thousand four hundred inhabitants[, which];
- (6) Any county of the first classification with more than eighty-three thousand but fewer than ninety-two thousand inhabitants and with a home rule city with more than seventy-six thousand but fewer than ninety-one thousand inhabitants as the county seat.
- 2. Any county listed in subsection 1 of this section that has an appointed county counselor and which adopts or has adopted rules, regulations, or ordinances under authority of a statute which prescribes or authorizes a violation of such rules, regulations, or ordinances to be a misdemeanor punishable as provided by law, may by rule, regulation, or ordinance impose a civil fine not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation. Any fines imposed and collected under such rules, regulations, or ordinances shall be payable to the county general fund to be used to pay for the cost of enforcement of such rules, regulations, or ordinances.
- 50.332. Each county officer in all counties except first class counties having a charter form of government may, subject to the approval of the governing body of the county, contract with the governing body of any municipality located within such county, either in whole or in part, to perform the same type of duties for such municipality as such county officer is

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- 5 performing for the county. Any compensation paid by a municipality for services rendered
- 6 pursuant to this section shall be paid directly to the county, [or county officer, or both, as
- 7 provided in the provisions of the contract, and any and compensation, if any, allowed any
- 8 county officer by the county commission for services rendered under any such contract may
- 9 be retained by such officer in addition to all other compensation provided by law.
 - 50.622. **1.** Any county may amend the annual budget during any fiscal year in which the county receives additional funds, and such amount or source, including but not limited to, federal or state grants or private donations, could not be estimated when the budget was adopted. The county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 for adoption of the annual budget to amend its budget during a fiscal year.
 - 2. Any county may decrease the annual budget twice during any fiscal year in which the county experiences a verifiable decline in funds of two percent or more, and such amount could not be estimated or anticipated when the budget was adopted, provided that any decrease in appropriations shall not unduly affect any one officeholder. Before any reduction affecting an independently elected officeholder can occur, negotiations shall take place with all officeholders who receive funds from the affected category of funds in an attempt to cover the shortfall. The county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 to decrease the annual budget, except that the notice provided for in section 50.600 shall be extended to thirty days for purposes of this subsection. Such notice shall include a published summary of the proposed reductions and an explanation of the shortfall.
 - 3. Any decrease in an appropriation authorized under subsection 2 of this section shall not impact any dedicated fund otherwise provided by law.
 - 4. County commissioners may reduce budgets of departments under their direct supervision and responsibility at any time without the restrictions imposed by this section.
 - 5. Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall expire on July 1, 2015.
 - 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no charter county shall be restricted from amending its budget pursuant to the terms of its charter.

50.660. 1. All contracts shall be executed in the name of the county, or in the name of a township in a county with a township form of government, by the head of the department or officer concerned, except contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment or services other than personal made by the officer in charge of purchasing in any county or township having the officer. No contract or order imposing any financial obligation on the county or township is binding on the county or township unless it is in writing and unless there is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which it is to be charged and a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment

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is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation incurred and unless the contract or order bears the certification of the accounting officer so stating; except that in case of any contract for public works or buildings to be paid for from bond funds or from taxes levied for the purpose it is sufficient for the accounting officer to certify that the bonds or taxes have been authorized by vote of the people and that there is a sufficient unencumbered amount of the bonds yet to be sold or of the taxes levied and yet to be collected to meet the obligation in case there is not a sufficient unencumbered cash balance in the treasury. All contracts and purchases shall be let to the lowest and best bidder after due opportunity for competition, including advertising the proposed letting in a newspaper in the county or township with a circulation of at least five hundred copies per issue, if there is one, except that the advertising is not required in case of contracts or purchases involving an expenditure of less than six thousand dollars. It is not necessary to obtain bids on any purchase in the amount of four thousand five hundred dollars or less made from any one person, firm or corporation during any period of ninety days, or, if the county is any county of the first classification with more than one hundred fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants or any county of the first classification with more than two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants or any county of the second classification with more than seventy-five thousand but fewer than one hundred thousand inhabitants, it is not necessary to obtain bids on such purchases in the amount of six thousand dollars or less. All bids for any contract or purchase may be rejected and new bids advertised for. Contracts which provide that the person contracting with the county or township shall, during the term of the contract, furnish to the county or township at the price therein specified the supplies, materials, equipment or services other than personal therein described, in the quantities required, and from time to time as ordered by the officer in charge of purchasing during the term of the contract, need not bear the certification of the accounting officer, as herein provided; but all orders for supplies, materials, equipment or services other than personal shall bear the certification. In case of such contract, no financial obligation accrues against the county or township until the supplies, materials, equipment or services other than personal are so ordered and the certificate furnished.

- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section to the contrary, advertising shall not be required in any county in the case of contracts or purchases involving an expenditure of less than six thousand dollars.
- 50.783. 1. The county commission may waive the requirement of competitive bids or proposals for supplies when the commission has determined in writing and entered into the commission minutes that there is only a single feasible source for the supplies. Immediately upon discovering that other feasible sources exist, the commission shall rescind the waiver and

- 5 proceed to procure the supplies through the competitive processes as described in this chapter.
- 6 A single feasible source exists when:
- 7 (1) Supplies are proprietary and only available from the manufacturer or a single 8 distributor; or
 - (2) Based on past procurement experience, it is determined that only one distributor services the region in which the supplies are needed; or
- 11 (3) Supplies are available at a discount from a single distributor for a limited period of time.
 - 2. On any single feasible source purchase where the estimated expenditure is three thousand dollars or over, the commission shall post notice of the proposed purchase. Where the estimated expenditure is five thousand dollars or over, the commission shall also advertise the commission's intent to make such purchase in at least one daily and one weekly newspaper of general circulation in such places as are most likely to reach prospective bidders or offerors and may provide such information through an electronic medium available to the general public at least ten days before the contract is to be let.
 - 3. Notwithstanding subsection 2 of this section to the contrary, on any single feasible service purchase by any county of the first classification with more than one hundred fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants or any county of the second classification with more than seventy-five thousand but fewer than one hundred thousand inhabitants or any county of the first classification with more than two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants where the estimated expenditure is six thousand dollars or over, the commission shall post notice of the proposed purchase and advertise the commission's intent to make such purchase in at least one daily and one weekly newspaper of general circulation in such places as are most likely to reach prospective bidders or offerors and may provide such information through an electronic medium available to the general public at least ten days before the contract is to be let.
 - 50.1130. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 50.1150 to the contrary, a death benefit of ten thousand dollars and, in the case of an active member who dies after December 31, 2002, and before becoming vested, an amount equal to the amount of the member's accumulated contributions standing to his or her credit in the fund shall be paid to the designated beneficiary of every active member upon his or her death or, if the member fails to designate a beneficiary, then to the member's surviving spouse or, if there is no spouse, then in equal shares to the member's surviving children. If there is neither a surviving spouse or surviving children, then the benefit shall be paid to the active member's estate.

- 9 2. If the member executes a beneficiary designation form and lists more than one 10 beneficiary but fails to list the percentage of benefit that each beneficiary should receive, then 11 the benefit shall be divided equally among the named beneficiaries.
 - 50.1140. 1. Upon termination of employment, any member with less than eight years of creditable service shall forfeit all rights in the fund, including the member's accrued creditable service as of the date of the member's termination of employment, but may receive any refund of contributions to which the member is entitled pursuant to subsection 3 of this section or subsection 1 of section 50.1130.
 - 2. A member who terminates employment with at least eight years of creditable service shall be entitled to an annuity from the fund, determined in accordance with the formula described in section 50.1060. The member may elect to defer the receipt of his or her annuity, until the member's attainment of age sixty-two, or the member may elect to begin receiving his or her annuity on the first day of any month following the later of the date of termination of employment or age fifty-five. If the member begins receiving an annuity before age sixty-two and termination of employment occurs on or after age fifty-five, the annuity shall be reduced by four-tenths of one percent for each month the commencement date of the annuity precedes age sixty-two, and an additional three-tenths of one percent for each month the commencement date of the annuity precedes age sixty.
 - 3. In the event a member ceases to be a member other than by death before the date the member becomes vested in the system, the member shall be paid, upon his or her written application filed with the board, the member's accumulated contributions standing to his or her credit in the members' deposit fund.
 - 4. A former member who has forfeited creditable service may have the creditable service restored by again becoming an employee, completing a total of eight years of uninterrupted creditable service, and purchasing the forfeited service by paying into the fund the forfeited amount previously refunded to the participant or credited to the participant's county plus interest equal to the current prime rate plus two percent.
- 52.230. **1.** 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 declare upon its face, or by an attachment thereto, that they are delinquent at the time such statement is mailed for an amount of real or tangible personal property taxes, or both. A

collector of revenue or other collection authority charged with the duty of tax or license collection may refuse to accept payment not accompanied by such statement. Refusal by the collector of revenue to accept payment not accompanied by such statement shall not relieve or delay the levy of interest and penalty on any overdue unpaid tax or license. Collectors shall also mail tax receipts for all the taxes received by mail.

- 2. The collectors of revenue may electronically transmit the statement required under subsection 1 of this section to the electronic address provided and authorized by the taxpayer to the collector of revenue. Any electronic address provided by a taxpayer to the collector of revenue shall be a closed record under chapter 610.
- 52.240. 1. The statement and receipt required by section 52.230 shall be mailed to the address of the taxpayer as shown by the county assessor on the current tax books, and postage for the mailing of the statements and receipts shall be furnished by the county commission or the statement and receipt may be electronically transmitted to the electronic address provided and authorized by the taxpayer to the collector of revenue. The failure of the taxpayer to receive the notice provided for in section 52.230 in no case relieves the taxpayer of any tax liability imposed by law.
 - 2. No penalty or interest imposed under any law shall be charged on any real or personal property tax when the county collector certifies, due to system failures or other reason, that the statement required by section 52.230 was mailed less than thirty days prior to the delinquent date and the taxpayer paid taxes owed by fifteen days after the delinquent date or fifteen days after the certified mailing date, whichever is later.
 - **3.** No penalty or interest imposed under any law shall be charged on any real or personal property tax when there is clear and convincing evidence that the county made an error or omission in determining taxes owed by a taxpayer.
 - [2.] **4.** Any taxpayer claiming that the county made an error or omission in determining taxes owed may submit a written request for a refund of penalties, interest, or taxes to the county commission or governing body of the county approves the refund, then such penalties, interest, or taxes shall be refunded as provided in [subsection 6 of] section 139.031. The county commission shall approve or disapprove the taxpayer's written request within thirty days of receiving said request. The county collector shall refund penalties, interest, and taxes if the county made an error or omission in determining taxes owed by the taxpayer.
 - [3.] 5. Nothing in this section shall relieve a taxpayer from paying taxes owed by December thirty-first and paying penalties and interest owed for failing to pay all taxes by December thirty-first, except as provided with regard to penalties and interest by subsection 2 of this section.

- 67.136. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, any local governmental agency may utilize collections agencies to collect any debt as defined in this section.
 - 2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:
 - (1) "Debt", any court or administrative fines or costs associated with a criminal conviction or entry of a civil judgment which are legally owed and enforceable, and which are past due and remain uncollected;
 - (2) "Debtor", any individual or entity owing a debt.
 - 67.463. 1. At the hearing to consider the proposed improvements and assessments, the governing body shall hear and pass upon all objections to the proposed improvements and proposed assessments, if any, and may amend the proposed improvements, and the plans and specifications therefor, or assessments as to any property, and thereupon by ordinance or resolution the governing body of the city or county shall order that the improvement be made and direct that financing for the cost thereof be obtained as provided in sections 67.453 to 67.475.
 - 2. After construction of the improvement has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, the governing body shall compute the final costs of the improvement and apportion the costs among the property benefitted by such improvement in such equitable manner as the governing body shall determine, charging each parcel of property with its proportionate share of the costs, and by resolution or ordinance, assess the final cost of the improvement or the amount of general obligation bonds issued or to be issued therefor as special assessments against the property described in the assessment roll.
 - 3. After the passage or adoption of the ordinance or resolution assessing the special assessments, the city clerk or county clerk shall mail a notice to each property owner within the district which sets forth a description of each parcel of real property to be assessed which is owned by such owner, the special assessment assigned to such property, and a statement that the property owner may pay such assessment in full, together with interest accrued thereon from the effective date of such ordinance or resolution, on or before a specified date determined by the effective date of the ordinance or resolution, or may pay such assessment in annual installments as provided in subsection 4 of this section.
 - 4. The special assessments shall be assessed upon the property included therein concurrent with general property taxes, and shall be payable in substantially equal annual installments for a duration stated in the ballot measure prescribed in subsection 2 of section 67.457 or in the petition prescribed in subsection 3 of section 67.457, and, if authorized, an assessment in each year thereafter levied and collected in the same manner with the proceeds thereof used solely for maintenance of the improvement, taking into account such assessments and interest thereon, as the governing body determines. The first installment shall be payable

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after the first collection of general property taxes following the adoption of the assessment 30 ordinance or resolution unless such ordinance or resolution was adopted and certified too late 31 to permit its collection at such time. All assessments shall bear interest at such rate as the 32 governing body determines, not to exceed the rate permitted for bonds by section 108.170. Interest on the assessment between the effective date of the ordinance or resolution assessing the 33 34 assessment and the date the first installment is payable shall be added to the first installment. 35 The interest for one year on all unpaid installments shall be added to each subsequent installment until paid. In the case of a special assessment by a city, all of the installments, together with the 37 interest accrued or to accrue thereon, may be certified by the city clerk to the county clerk in one 38 instrument at the same time. Such certification shall be good for all of the installments, and the 39 interest thereon payable as special assessments.

5. Special assessments shall be collected and paid over to the city treasurer or county treasurer in the same manner as taxes of the city or county are collected and paid. In any county [of the first classification with more than one hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred but fewer than one hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred inhabitants], the county collector may collect a fee as prescribed by section 52.260 for collection of assessments under this section.

67.469. A special assessment authorized under the provisions of sections 67.453 to 67.475 shall be a lien, from the date of the assessment, on the property against which it is assessed on behalf of the city or county assessing the same to the same extent as a tax upon real property. The lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as a tax upon real property by land tax sale pursuant to chapter 140 or [by judicial foreclosure proceeding,], if applicable to that county, chapter 141, or, at the option of the governing body, by judicial foreclosure proceeding. Upon the foreclosure of any such lien, whether by land tax sale or by judicial foreclosure proceeding, the entire remaining assessment may become due and payable and may be recoverable in such foreclosure proceeding at the option of the governing body.

67.548. 1. In any first or second class county not having a charter form of government, which contains all or any part of a city with a population of greater than four hundred thousand inhabitants, in which the voters have approved a sales tax as provided by section 67.547, the county commission may:

- (1) Reduce or eliminate the county general fund levy, the special road and bridge levy, or the park levy; [and]
- (2) Grant county [sales tax] revenues to cities, towns and villages and to special road districts organized pursuant to chapter 233;
- (3) Enter into agreements with cities, towns, villages, and special road districts organized under chapter 233 for the purpose of working cooperatively on the roads and

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bridges located within the county, including the distribution of funds to such entities in addition to those funds described in subsection 2 of this section.

2. If the county commission reduces a special road and bridge tax levy pursuant to this section which results in a reduction of revenue available to a city, town or village or to a special road district organized pursuant to chapter 233, the commission shall in that year in which the reduction of revenue occurs set aside and place to the credit of each such entity sales tax revenues in an amount at least equal to that which each such entity would have otherwise been entitled from the special road and bridge tax levy, had it not been for such reduction. In subsequent years, each such entity shall receive from the county an amount of sales tax revenue equal to the amount of special road and bridge tax revenue that each such entity would have received in that year, but for the reduction in the special road and bridge tax. The county shall transfer such sales tax revenue to each such entity in twelve equal monthly installments during each year in which such entity is entitled to receive such sales tax revenue.] In any county in which the voters have approved a sales tax as provided by section 67.547, each city, town, village, and special road district organized under chapter 233 shall continue to receive its share of the county's special road and bridge levy, if any, that is annually considered by the county commission. In the event that the annual special road and bridge levy is not set at a level of at least fourteen cents on each one hundred dollars assessed valuation, the county commission shall allocate additional funds from any available county source to the cities, towns, villages, and special road districts located within the county in an amount that will, when combined with the revenues received from the special road and bridge levy, distribute funds to such entities in an amount that is at least equal to the funding level of fourteen cents on each one hundred dollars assessed valuation. Additionally, any city, town, or village which contains at least fifty percent of a special road district organized under chapter 233 shall be entitled to receive the road district's portion of any funds not paid through the special road and bridge levy. Any funds paid under this subsection shall be paid as if the funds were paid under the county's special road and bridge levy.

67.1305. 1. As used in this section, the term "city" shall mean any incorporated city, town, or village.

2. In lieu of the sales taxes authorized under sections 67.1300 and 67.1303, the governing body of any city or county may impose, by order or ordinance, a sales tax on all retail sales made in the city or county which are subject to sales tax under chapter 144. The tax authorized in this section shall not be more than one-half of one percent. The order or ordinance imposing the tax shall not become effective unless the governing body of the city or county submits to the voters of the city or county at any citywide, county or state general, primary or

9 special election a proposal to authorize the governing body to impose a tax under this section.
10 The tax authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other sales taxes imposed by law, and
11 shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes. The tax authorized in this section
12 shall not be imposed by any city or county that has imposed a tax under section 67.1300 or
13 67.1303 unless the tax imposed under those sections has expired or been repealed.

3. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall (insert the name of the city or county) impose a sales tax at a rate of (insert rate of percent) percent for economic development purposes?

 \square YES \square NO

If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the tax shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the election was held. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the tax shall not become effective unless and until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and such question is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question, provided that no proposal shall be resubmitted to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the submission of the last proposal.

- 4. All sales taxes collected by the director of revenue under this section on behalf of any county or municipality, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created, to be known as the "Local Option Economic Development Sales Tax Trust Fund".
- 5. The moneys in the local option economic development sales tax trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The director of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust fund and which was collected in each city or county imposing a sales tax pursuant to this section, and the records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the city or county and the public.
- 6. Not later than the tenth day of each month the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the city or county which levied the tax. Such funds shall be deposited with the county treasurer of each such county or the appropriate municipal officer in the case of a municipal tax, and all expenditures of funds arising from the local economic development sales tax trust fund shall be in accordance with this section.

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- 7. The director of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any city or county for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such cities and counties.
 - 8. If any county or municipality abolishes the tax, the city or county 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 city or county, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to the city or county and close the account of that city or county. The director of revenue shall notify each city or county of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the city or county.
 - 9. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall apply to the tax imposed pursuant to this section.
 - 10. (1) No revenue generated by the tax authorized in this section shall be used for any retail development project, except for the redevelopment of downtown areas and historic districts. Not more than twenty-five percent of the revenue generated shall be used annually for administrative purposes, including staff and facility costs.
 - (2) At least twenty percent of the revenue generated by the tax authorized in this section shall be used solely for projects directly related to long-term economic development preparation, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Acquisition of land;
 - (b) Installation of infrastructure for industrial or business parks;
 - (c) Improvement of water and wastewater treatment capacity;
- 70 (d) Extension of streets;
 - (e) Public facilities directly related to economic development and job creation; and
- 72 (f) Providing matching dollars for state or federal grants relating to such long-term projects.
- 74 (3) The remaining revenue generated by the tax authorized in this section may be used for, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) Marketing;
- 77 (b) Providing grants and loans to companies for job training, equipment acquisition, site development, and infrastructures;

- 79 (c) Training programs to prepare workers for advanced technologies and high skill jobs;
- 80 (d) Legal and accounting expenses directly associated with the economic development planning and preparation process;
 - (e) Developing value-added and export opportunities for Missouri agricultural products.
 - 11. All revenue generated by the tax shall be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely for the designated purposes. If the tax is repealed, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall continue to be used solely for the designated purposes. Any funds in the special trust fund 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 city or county funds.
 - 12. (1) Any city or county imposing the tax authorized in this section shall establish an economic development tax board. The volunteer board shall receive no compensation or operating budget.
 - (2) The economic development tax board established by a city shall consist of at least five members, but may be increased to nine members. Either a five-member or ninemember board shall be designated in the order or ordinance imposing the sales tax authorized by this section, and the members are to be appointed as follows:
 - (a) One member of a five member board, or two members of a nine member board, shall be appointed by the school districts included within any economic development plan or area funded by the sales tax authorized in this section. Such member or members shall be appointed in any manner agreed upon by the affected districts;
 - (b) Three members of a five member board, or five members of a nine member board, shall be appointed by the chief elected officer of the city with the consent of the majority of the governing body of the city;
 - (c) One member of a five member board, or two members of a nine member board, shall be appointed by the governing body of the county in which the city is located.
 - (3) The economic development tax board established by a county shall consist of seven members, to be appointed as follows:
 - (a) One member shall be appointed by the school districts included within any economic development plan or area funded by the sales tax authorized in this section. Such member shall be appointed in any manner agreed upon by the affected districts;
 - (b) Four members shall be appointed by the governing body of the county; and
- 111 (c) Two members from the cities, towns, or villages within the county appointed in any manner agreed upon by the chief elected officers of the cities or villages.

- Of the members initially appointed, three shall be designated to serve for terms of two years, except that when a nine member board is designated, seven of the members initially appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of two years, and the remaining members shall be designated to serve for a term of four years from the date of such initial appointments. Thereafter, the members appointed shall serve for a term of four years, except that all vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as were the original appointments.
 - (4) If an economic development tax board established by a city is already in existence on August 28, 2012, any increase in the number of members of the board shall be designated in an order or ordinance. The four board members added to the board shall be appointed to a term with an expiration coinciding with the expiration of the terms of the three board member positions that were originally appointed to terms of two years. Thereafter, the additional members appointed shall serve for a term of four years, except that all vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as were the additional appointments.
 - 13. The board, subject to approval of the governing body of the city or county, shall consider economic development plans, economic development projects, or designations of an economic development area, and shall hold public hearings and provide notice of any such hearings. The board shall vote on all proposed economic development plans, economic development projects, or designations of an economic development area, and amendments thereto, within thirty days following completion of the hearing on any such plan, project, or designation, and shall make recommendations to the governing body within ninety days of the hearing concerning the adoption of or amendment to economic development plans, economic development projects, or designations of an economic development area. The governing body of the city or county shall have the final determination on use and expenditure of any funds received from the tax imposed under this section.
 - 14. The board may consider and recommend using funds received from the tax imposed under this section for plans, projects or area designations outside the boundaries of the city or county imposing the tax if, and only if:
 - (1) The city or county imposing the tax or the state receives significant economic benefit from the plan, project or area designation; and
 - (2) The board establishes an agreement with the governing bodies of all cities and counties in which the plan, project or area designation is located detailing the authority and responsibilities of each governing body with regard to the plan, project or area designation.
 - 15. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the economic development sales tax imposed under this section when imposed within a special taxing district,

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- including but not limited to a tax increment financing district, neighborhood improvement 149 district, or community improvement district, shall be excluded from the calculation of revenues 150 available to such districts, and no revenues from any sales tax imposed under this section shall 151 be used for the purposes of any such district unless recommended by the economic development 152 tax board established under this section and approved by the governing body imposing the tax. 153
 - 16. The board and the governing body of the city or county imposing the tax shall report at least annually to the governing body of the city or county on the use of the funds provided under this section and on the progress of any plan, project, or designation adopted under this section and shall make such report available to the public.
 - 17. Not later than the first day of March each year the board shall submit to the joint committee on economic development a report, not exceeding one page in length, which must include the following information for each project using the tax authorized under this section:
 - (1) A statement of its primary economic development goals;
 - (2) A statement of the total economic development sales tax revenues received during the immediately preceding calendar year;
 - (3) A statement of total expenditures during the preceding calendar year in each of the following categories:
 - (a) Infrastructure improvements;
- 166 (b) Land and or buildings;
- 167 (c) Machinery and equipment;
- 168 (d) Job training investments;
- 169 (e) Direct business incentives;
- 170 (f) Marketing;
- 171 (g) Administration and legal expenses; and
- 172 (h) Other expenditures.
- 18. The governing body of any city or county that has adopted the sales tax authorized 174 in this section may submit the question of repeal of the tax to the voters on any date available for elections for the city or county. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following 176 form:

177	Shall (insert the name of the city or county) repeal the sales tax imposed at a rate
78	of (insert rate of percent) percent for economic development purposes?

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181 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal are in favor of the repeal, that repeal shall become 182 effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a

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- 19. Whenever the governing body of any city or county that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section receives a petition, signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the city or county voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for an election to repeal the sales tax imposed under this section, the governing body shall submit to the voters a proposal to repeal the tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the tax shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and the repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.
- 20. If any provision of this section or section 67.1303 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of this section or section 67.1303 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section and section 67.1303 are declared severable.
- 67.1521. 1. A district may levy by resolution one or more special assessments against real property within its boundaries, upon receipt of and in accordance with a petition signed by:
- (1) Owners of real property collectively owning more than fifty percent by assessed value of real property within the boundaries of the district; and
- (2) More than fifty percent per capita of the owners of all real property within the boundaries of the district.
 - 2. The special assessment petition shall be in substantially the following form:
- 8 The (insert name of district) Community Improvement District ("District") shall be authorized to levy special assessments against real property benefitted within the District for the purpose of providing revenue for (insert general description of 10 11 specific service and/or projects) in the district, such special assessments to be levied against each tract, lot or parcel of real property listed below within the district which receives special benefit 13 as a result of such service and/or projects, the cost of which shall be allocated among this 14 property by (insert method of allocation, e.g., per square foot of property, per 15 square foot on each square foot of improvement, or by abutting foot of property abutting streets, 16 roads, highways, parks or other improvements, or any other reasonable method) in an amount

- not to exceed dollars per (insert unit of measure). Such authorization to levy the special assessment shall expire on (insert date). The tracts of land located in the district which will receive special benefit from this service and/or projects are: (list of properties by common addresses and legal descriptions).
 - 3. The method for allocating such special assessments set forth in the petition may be any reasonable method which results in imposing assessments upon real property benefitted in relation to the benefit conferred upon each respective tract, lot or parcel of real property and the cost to provide such benefit.
 - 4. By resolution of the board, the district may levy a special assessment rate lower than the rate ceiling set forth in the petition authorizing the special assessment and may increase such lowered special assessment rate to a level not exceeding the special assessment rate ceiling set forth in the petition without further approval of the real property owners; provided that a district imposing a special assessment pursuant to this section may not repeal or amend such special assessment or lower the rate of such special assessment if such repeal, amendment or lower rate will impair the district's ability to pay any liabilities that it has incurred, money that it has borrowed or obligations that it has issued.
 - 5. Each special assessment which is due and owing shall constitute a perpetual lien against each tract, lot or parcel of property from which it is derived. Such lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other special assessment lien as provided in section 88.861. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and section 67.1541 to the contrary, [in any county of the first classification with more than one hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred but fewer than one hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred inhabitants,] the county collector may, upon certification by the district for collection, add each special assessment to the annual real estate tax bill for the property and collect the assessment in the same manner the collector uses for real estate taxes. [In said counties, each] **Any** special assessment remaining unpaid on the first day of January annually is delinquent and enforcement of collection of the delinquent bill by the county collector shall be governed by the laws concerning delinquent and back taxes. The lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as a tax upon real property by land tax sale under chapter 140 or, if applicable to that county, chapter 141.
 - 6. A separate fund or account shall be created by the district for each special assessment levied and each fund or account shall be identifiable by a suitable title. The proceeds of such assessments shall be credited to such fund or account. Such fund or account shall be used solely to pay the costs incurred in undertaking the specified service or project.
 - 7. Upon completion of the specified service or project or both, the balance remaining in the fund or account established for such specified service or project or both shall be returned or

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52 credited against the amount of the original assessment of each parcel of property pro rata based 53 on the method of assessment of such special assessment.

- 8. Any funds in a fund or account created pursuant to this section which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the board in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of funds of the city in which the district is located.
- 9. The authority of the district to levy special assessments shall be independent of the limitations and authorities of the municipality in which it is located; specifically, the provisions of section 88.812 shall not apply to any district.
- 67.2010. 1. Any county of the first classification with more than eighty-two thousand but less than eighty-two thousand one hundred inhabitants and any county of the first classification with more than two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants may elect to have the violations of county ordinances adopted pursuant to [section 304.130] the authority provided by statute heard and determined by an associate circuit judge of the circuit in which the county is located; provided, however, if such election is made, all violations of that county's ordinances adopted pursuant to [section 304.130] statutory authority shall be heard and determined before an associate circuit judge or judges. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the transfer or assignment of another judge to hear and determine a case or class of cases when otherwise authorized by provisions of the constitution, law, or court rule.
 - 2. If a county elects to have the violations of its county ordinances [adopted pursuant to section 304.130] heard and determined by an associate circuit judge, the associate circuit judge or judges shall commence hearing and determining such violations six months after the county notifies the presiding judge of the circuit of its election. With the consent of the presiding judge, the associate circuit judge or judges may commence hearing such violations at an earlier date.
 - 67.4505. 1. There is hereby created within any county of the third classification with a township form of government and with more than seven thousand two hundred but fewer than seven thousand three hundred inhabitants and any county of the second classification with more than seventy-five thousand but fewer than one hundred thousand inhabitants a county drinking water supply lake authority, which shall be a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of this state.
- 2. The authority may exercise the powers provided to it under section 67.4520 over the reservoir area encompassing any drinking water supply lake of one thousand five hundred acres or more, as measured at its conservation storage level, and within the lake's watershed.

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- 3. It shall be the purpose of each authority to promote the general welfare and a safe drinking water supply through the construction, operation, and maintenance of a drinking water supply lake.
 - 4. The income of the authority and all property at any time owned by the authority shall be exempt from all taxation or any assessments whatsoever to the state or of any political subdivision, municipality, or other governmental agency thereof.
 - 5. No county in which an authority is organized shall be held liable in connection with the construction, operation, or maintenance of any project or program undertaken pursuant to sections 67.4500 to 67.4520, including any actions taken by the authority in connection with such project or program.
- 71.012. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 71.015 and 71.860 to 71.920, the governing body of any city, town or village may annex unincorporated areas which are contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits of the city, town or village pursuant to this section. The term "contiguous and compact" does not include a situation whereby the 4 unincorporated area proposed to be annexed is contiguous to the annexing city, town or village only by a railroad line, trail, pipeline or other strip of real property less than one-quarter mile in 7 width within the city, town or village so that the boundaries of the city, town or village after 8 annexation would leave unincorporated areas between the annexed area and the prior boundaries of the city, town or village connected only by such railroad line, trail, pipeline or other such strip 10 of real property. The term "contiguous and compact" does not prohibit voluntary annexations pursuant to this section merely because such voluntary annexation would create an island of 11 unincorporated area within the city, town or village, so long as the owners of the unincorporated 12 island were also given the opportunity to voluntarily annex into the city, town or village. 13 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the governing body of any city, town or village 14 in any county of the third classification which borders a county of the fourth classification, a 15 16 county of the second classification and the Mississippi River may annex areas along a road or 17 highway up to two miles from existing boundaries of the city, town or village or the governing body in any city, town or village in any county of the third classification without a township form 18 19 of government with a population of at least twenty-four thousand inhabitants but not more than 20 thirty thousand inhabitants and such county contains a state correctional center may voluntarily annex such correctional center pursuant to the provisions of this section if the correctional center 21 22 is along a road or highway within two miles from the existing boundaries of the city, town or 23 village.
 - 2. (1) When a [verified] **notarized** petition, requesting annexation and signed by the owners of all fee interests of record in all tracts of real property located within the area proposed

to be annexed, or a request for annexation signed under the authority of the governing body of any common interest community and approved by a majority vote of unit owners located within the area proposed to be annexed is presented to the governing body of the city, town or village, the governing body shall hold a public hearing concerning the matter not less than fourteen nor more than sixty days after the petition is received, and the hearing shall be held not less than seven days after notice of the hearing is published in a newspaper of general circulation qualified to publish legal matters and located within the boundary of the petitioned city, town or village. If no such newspaper exists within the boundary of such city, town or village, then the notice shall be published in the qualified newspaper nearest the petitioned city, town or village. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "common-interest community" shall mean a condominium as said term is used in chapter 448, or a common-interest community, a cooperative, or a planned community.

- (a) A "common-interest community" shall be defined as real property with respect to which a person, by virtue of such person's ownership of a unit, is obliged to pay for real property taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance or improvement of other real property described in a declaration. "Ownership of a unit" does not include a leasehold interest of less than twenty years in a unit, including renewal options;
- (b) A "cooperative" shall be defined as a common-interest community in which the real property is owned by an association, each of whose members is entitled by virtue of such member's ownership interest in the association to exclusive possession of a unit;
- (c) A "planned community" shall be defined as a common-interest community that is not a condominium or a cooperative. A condominium or cooperative may be part of a planned community.
- (2) At the public hearing any interested person, corporation or political subdivision may present evidence regarding the proposed annexation.

If, after holding the hearing, the governing body of the city, town or village determines that the annexation is reasonable and necessary to the proper development of the city, town or village, and the city, town or village has the ability to furnish normal municipal services to the area to be annexed within a reasonable time, it may, subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, annex the territory by ordinance without further action.

(3) If a written objection to the proposed annexation is filed with the governing body of the city, town or village not later than fourteen days after the public hearing by at least five percent of the qualified voters of the city, town or village, or two qualified voters of the area

sought to be annexed if the same contains two qualified voters, the provisions of sections 71.015 and 71.860 to 71.920, shall be followed.

- 3. If no objection is filed, the city, town or village shall extend its limits by ordinance to include such territory, specifying with accuracy the new boundary lines to which the city's, town's or village's limits are extended. Upon duly enacting such annexation ordinance, the city, town or village shall cause three certified copies of the same to be filed with the county assessor and the clerk of the county wherein the city, town or village is located, and one certified copy to be filed with the election authority, if different from the clerk of the county which has jurisdiction over the area being annexed, whereupon the annexation shall be complete and final and thereafter all courts of this state shall take judicial notice of the limits of that city, town or village as so extended.
- 4. Any action of any kind seeking to deannex from any city, town, or village any area annexed under this section or seeking, in any way, to reverse, invalidate, set aside, or otherwise challenge such annexation or oust such city, town, or village from jurisdiction over such annexed area shall be brought within three years of the date of adoption of the annexation ordinance.
- 71.014. **1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 71.015, the governing body of any city, town, or village which is located within a county which borders a county of the first classification with a charter form of government with a population in excess of six hundred fifty thousand, proceeding as otherwise authorized by law or charter, may annex unincorporated areas which are contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits upon [verified] **notarized** petition requesting such annexation signed by the owners of all fee interests of record in all tracts located within the area to be annexed.
- 2. Any action of any kind seeking to deannex from any city, town, or village any area annexed under this section or seeking, in any way, to reverse, invalidate, set aside, or otherwise challenge such annexation or oust such city, town, or village from jurisdiction over such annexed area shall be brought within three years of the date of adoption of the annexation ordinance.
- 71.015. 1. Should any city, town, or village, not located in any county of the first classification which has adopted a constitutional charter for its own local government, seek to annex an area to which objection is made, the following shall be satisfied:
- (1) Before the governing body of any city, town, or village has adopted a resolution to annex any unincorporated area of land, such city, town, or village shall first as a condition precedent determine that the land to be annexed is contiguous to the existing city, town, or village limits and that the length of the contiguous boundary common to the existing city, town,

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- 8 or village limit and the proposed area to be annexed is at least fifteen percent of the length of the 9 perimeter of the area proposed for annexation.
- 10 (2) The governing body of any city, town, or village shall propose an ordinance setting 11 forth the following:
 - (a) The area to be annexed and affirmatively stating that the boundaries comply with the condition precedent referred to in subdivision (1) above;
- 14 (b) That such annexation is reasonable and necessary to the proper development of the city, town, or village;
- 16 (c) That the city has developed a plan of intent to provide services to the area proposed for annexation;
 - (d) That a public hearing shall be held prior to the adoption of the ordinance;
 - (e) When the annexation is proposed to be effective, the effective date being up to thirty-six months from the date of any election held in conjunction thereto.
 - (3) The city, town, or village shall fix a date for a public hearing on the ordinance and make a good faith effort to notify all fee owners of record within the area proposed to be annexed by certified mail, not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the hearing, and notify all residents of the area by publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation qualified to publish legal matters in the county or counties where the proposed area is located, at least once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the hearing, with at least one such notice being not more than twenty days and not less than ten days before the hearing.
 - (4) At the hearing referred to in subdivision (3), the city, town, or village shall present the plan of intent and evidence in support thereof to include:
 - (a) A list of major services presently provided by the city, town, or village including, but not limited to, police and fire protection, water and sewer systems, street maintenance, parks and recreation, **and** refuse collection[, etc.];
 - (b) A proposed time schedule whereby the city, town, or village plans to provide such services to the residents of the proposed area to be annexed within three years from the date the annexation is to become effective;
- 36 (c) The level at which the city, town, or village assesses property and the rate at which 37 it taxes that property;
 - (d) How the city, town, or village proposes to zone the area to be annexed;
 - (e) When the proposed annexation shall become effective.
 - (5) Following the hearing, and either before or after the election held in subdivision (6) of this subsection, should the governing body of the city, town, or village vote favorably by ordinance to annex the area, the governing body of the city, town or village shall file an action

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in the circuit court of the county in which such unincorporated area is situated, under the provisions of chapter 527, praying for a declaratory judgment authorizing such annexation. The petition in such action shall state facts showing:

- (a) The area to be annexed and its conformity with the condition precedent referred to in subdivision (1) of this subsection;
- (b) That such annexation is reasonable and necessary to the proper development of the city, town, or village; and
- (c) The ability of the city, town, or village to furnish normal municipal services of the city, town, or village to the unincorporated area within a reasonable time not to exceed three years after the annexation is to become effective. Such action shall be a class action against the inhabitants of such unincorporated area under the provisions of section 507.070.
- (6) Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, if the court authorizes the city, town, or village to make an annexation, the legislative body of such city, town, or village shall not have the power to extend the limits of the city, town, or village by such annexation until an election is held at which the proposition for annexation is approved by a majority of the total votes cast in the city, town, or village and by a separate majority of the total votes cast in the unincorporated territory sought to be annexed. However, should less than a majority of the total votes cast in the area proposed to be annexed vote in favor of the proposal, but at least a majority of the total votes cast in the city, town, or village vote in favor of the proposal, then the proposal shall again be voted upon in not more than one hundred twenty days by both the registered voters of the city, town, or village and the registered voters of the area proposed to be annexed. If at least two-thirds of the qualified electors voting thereon are in favor of the annexation, then the city, town, or village may proceed to annex the territory. If the proposal fails to receive the necessary majority, no part of the area sought to be annexed may be the subject of another proposal to annex for a period of two years from the date of the election, except that, during the two-year period, the owners of all fee interests of record in the area or any portion of the area may petition the city, town, or village for the annexation of the land owned by them pursuant to the procedures in section 71.012. The elections shall if authorized be held, except as herein otherwise provided, in accordance with the general state law governing special elections, and the entire cost of the election or elections shall be paid by the city, town, or village proposing to annex the territory.
- (7) Failure to comply in providing services to the said area or to zone in compliance with the plan of intent within three years after the effective date of the annexation, unless compliance is made unreasonable by an act of God, shall give rise to a cause of action for deannexation

which may be filed in the circuit court by any resident of the area who was residing in the area at the time the annexation became effective.

- (8) No city, town, or village which has filed an action under this section as this section read prior to May 13, 1980, which action is part of an annexation proceeding pending on May 13, 1980, shall be required to comply with subdivision (5) of this subsection in regard to such annexation proceeding.
- (9) If the area proposed for annexation includes a public road or highway but does not include all of the land adjoining such road or highway, then such fee owners of record, of the lands adjoining said highway shall be permitted to intervene in the declaratory judgment action described in subdivision (5) of this subsection.
- 2. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 1 of this section, for any annexation by any city with a population of three hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants which is located in more than one county that becomes effective after August 28, 1994, if such city has not provided water and sewer service to such annexed area within three years of the effective date of the annexation, a cause of action shall lie for deannexation, unless the failure to provide such water and sewer service to the annexed area is made unreasonable by an act of God. The cause of action for deannexation may be filed in the circuit court by any resident of the annexed area who is presently residing in the area at the time of the filing of the suit and was a resident of the annexed area at the time the annexation became effective. If the suit for deannexation is successful, the city shall be liable for all court costs and attorney fees.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section, all cities, towns, and villages located in any county of the first classification with a charter form of government with a population of two hundred thousand or more inhabitants which adjoins a county with a population of nine hundred thousand or more inhabitants shall comply with the provisions of this subsection. If the court authorizes any city, town, or village subject to this subsection to make an annexation, the legislative body of such city, town or village shall not have the power to extend the limits of such city, town, or village by such annexation until an election is held at which the proposition for annexation is approved by a majority of the total votes cast in such city, town, or village and by a separate majority of the total votes cast in the unincorporated territory sought to be annexed; except that:
- (1) In the case of a proposed annexation in any area which is contiguous to the existing city, town or village and which is within an area designated as flood plain by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and which is inhabited by no more than thirty registered voters and for which a final declaratory judgment has been granted prior to January 1, 1993, approving such annexation and where notarized affidavits expressing approval of the proposed annexation

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are obtained from a majority of the registered voters residing in the area to be annexed, the area may be annexed by an ordinance duly enacted by the governing body and no elections shall be required; and

(2) In the case of a proposed annexation of unincorporated territory in which no qualified electors reside, if at least a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposition are in favor of the annexation, the city, town or village may proceed to annex the territory and no subsequent election shall be required. If the proposal fails to receive the necessary separate majorities, no part of the area sought to be annexed may be the subject of any other proposal to annex for a period of two years from the date of such election, except that, during the two-year period, the owners of all fee interests of record in the area or any portion of the area may petition the city, town, or village for the annexation of the land owned by them pursuant to the procedures in section 71.012 or 71.014. The election shall, if authorized, be held, except as otherwise provided in this section, in accordance with the general state laws governing special elections, and the entire cost of the election or elections shall be paid by the city, town, or village proposing to annex the territory. Failure of the city, town or village to comply in providing services to the area or to zone in compliance with the plan of intent within three years after the effective date of the annexation, unless compliance is made unreasonable by an act of God, shall give rise to a cause of action for deannexation which may be filed in the circuit court not later than four years after the effective date of the annexation by any resident of the area who was residing in such area at the time the annexation became effective or by any nonresident owner of real property in such area. Except for a cause of action for deannexation under this subdivision (2) of this subsection, any action of any kind seeking to deannex from any city, town, or village any area annexed under this section or seeking, in any way, to reverse, invalidate, set aside, or otherwise challenge such annexation or oust such city, town, or village from jurisdiction over such annexed area shall be brought within three years of the date of adoption of the annexation ordinance.

94.902. 1. (1) The governing body of the following cities may impose a sales tax as provided in this section:

- (a) Any city of the third classification with more than twenty-six thousand three hundred but less than twenty-six thousand seven hundred inhabitants[, or];
- **(b)** Any city of the fourth classification with more than thirty thousand three hundred but fewer than thirty thousand seven hundred inhabitants[, or];
- 7 **(c)** Any city of the fourth classification with more than twenty-four thousand eight 8 hundred but fewer than twenty-five thousand inhabitants[,];

- (d) Any city of the third classification with more than four thousand but fewer than four thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in any county of the first classification with more than two hundred thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants.
- (2) The governing body of any city listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection may impose, by order or ordinance, a sales tax on all retail sales made in the city which are subject to taxation under chapter 144. The tax authorized in this section may be imposed in an amount of up to one-half of one percent, and shall be imposed solely for the purpose of improving the public safety for such city, including but not limited to expenditures on equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers. The tax authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other sales taxes imposed by law, and shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes. The order or ordinance imposing a sales tax under this section shall not become effective unless the governing body of the city submits to the voters residing within the city, at a county or state general, primary, or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the city to impose a tax under this section.
- 2. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section shall be in substantially the following form:

 \square YES \square NO

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". If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments to the order or ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter after the director of revenue receives notice of the adoption of the sales tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the proposal, then the tax shall not become effective unless the proposal is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposal. However, in no event shall a proposal under this section be submitted to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last proposal under this section.

3. Any sales tax imposed under this section shall be administered, collected, enforced, and operated as required in section 32.087. All sales taxes collected by the director of the

department of revenue under this section on behalf of any city, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, to be known as the "City Public Safety Sales Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund. The director shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust fund and which was collected in each city imposing a sales tax under this section, and the records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the city and the public. Not later than the tenth day of each month the director shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the city which levied the tax. Such funds shall be deposited with the city treasurer of each such city, and all expenditures of funds arising from the trust fund shall be by an appropriation act to be enacted by the governing body of each such city. Expenditures may be made from the fund for any functions authorized in the ordinance or order adopted by the governing body submitting the tax to the voters. If the tax is repealed, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall continue to be used solely for the designated purposes. Any funds in the special trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures shall be invested in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

- 4. The director of the department of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any city for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such cities. If any city abolishes the tax, the city shall notify the director of the action at least ninety days before the effective date of the repeal, and the director 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 city, the director shall remit the balance in the account to the city and close the account of that city. The director shall notify each city of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the city.
- 5. The governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section may submit the question of repeal of the tax to the voters on any date available for elections for the city. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

78	Shall	((insert the name of the city) repeal the sales tax
79	imposed at a rate of	(insert rate of perce	eent) percent for the purpose of improving the public
80	safety of the city?		
81		YES	□ NO

If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal are in favor of repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the sales tax authorized in this section shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters, and the repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

- 6. Whenever the governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section receives a petition, signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the city voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for an election to repeal the sales tax imposed under this section, the governing body shall submit to the voters of the city a proposal to repeal the tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the tax shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and the repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.
- 7. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.
- 137.016. 1. As used in section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution, the following terms mean:
- (1) "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, [and] manufactured home parks, and time-share units as defined in section 407.600, except to the extent such units are actually rented and subject to sales tax under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 144.020, 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;

- (2) "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 improvements, exclusive of structures, on privately owned airports that qualify as reliever airports under the National 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. Agricultural and horticultural property shall also include any sawmill or planing mill defined in the U.S. Department of Labor's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual under Industry Group 242 with the SIC number 2421;
- (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[,]:
 - (1) 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;
 - (2) Where time-share units in a given time-share development are actually rented, the county assessor shall allocate as commercial only the percentage of use subject to sales tax under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 144.020 during the previous year. Such percentage shall be determined by dividing the actual nights rented in units in a given time-share development by the overall nights available for use in that time-share development. On or before January thirty-first each year, the developer, association, or person engaged to manage a time-share development on behalf of the developer or association who is responsible for remitting real property tax assessed on a time-share development shall provide to the county assessor the percentage of use in a given year for that time-share development based on the sales tax collected and remitted by the developer, association, or person engaged to manage a time-share development on behalf of the developer or association as described in this subsection.
 - 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 to its immediate most suitable economic use, which use shall be determined after consideration of:
 - (1) Immediate prior use, if any, of such property;
 - (2) Location of such property;

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- 80 (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;
 - (5) Availability of water, electricity, gas, sewers, street lighting, and other public services for such property;
 - (6) Size of such property;
 - (7) Access of such property to public thoroughfares; and
- 88 (8) Any other factors relevant to a determination of the immediate most suitable economic use of such property.
- 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.
 - 141.210. Sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 shall be known by the short title of "Land Tax Collection Law".
 - 141.220. The following words, terms and definitions, when used in sections 141.210 to 141.810 **and sections 141.980 to 141.1015**, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the text clearly indicates a different meaning:
- 4 (1) "Ancillary parcel" shall mean a parcel of real estate acquired by a land bank 5 agency other than:
 - (a) Pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560;
 - (b) By deed from land trust under subsection 1 of section 141.984; or
 - (c) Pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550;
 - (2) "Appraiser" shall mean a state licensed or certified appraiser licensed or certified pursuant to chapter 339 who is not an employee of the collector or collection authority;
- 11 (3) "Board" or "board of commissioners" shall mean the board of commissioners 12 of a land bank agency;
 - [(2)] (4) "Collector" shall mean the collector of the revenue in any county affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015;
- [(3)] (5) "County" shall mean any county [of the first class] in this state having a charter form of government, any county of the first class [not having a charter form of government] with a population of at least one hundred fifty thousand but less than one hundred sixty thousand and

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- any county of the first class [not having a charter form of government] with a population of at 19 least eighty-two thousand but less than eighty-five thousand;
- 20 [(4)] (6) "Court" shall mean the circuit court of any county affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015; 21
 - [(5)] (7) "Delinquent land tax attorney" shall mean a licensed attorney-at-law, employed or designated by the collector as hereinafter provided;
 - [(6)] (8) "Land bank agency", an agency created under section 141.980;
 - (9) "Land taxes" shall mean taxes on real property or real estate and shall include the taxes both on land and the improvements thereon;
 - [(7)] (10) "Land trustees" and "land trust" shall mean the land trustees and land trust as the same are created by and described in section 141.700;
 - [(8)] (11) "Municipality" shall include any incorporated city or town, or a part thereof, located in whole or in part within a county of [class one] the first classification or located in whole or in part within a county with a charter form of government, which municipality now has or which may hereafter contain a population of two thousand five hundred inhabitants or more, according to the last preceding federal decennial census;
 - [(9)] (12) "Person" shall mean any individual, male or female, firm, copartnership, joint adventure, association, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by any state or federal court, trustee otherwise created, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular number;
 - (13) "Political subdivision" shall mean any county, city, town, village, school district, library district, or any other public subdivision or public corporation having the power to tax;
 - (14) "Reserve period taxes" shall mean land taxes assessed against any parcel of real estate sold or otherwise disposed of by a land bank agency for the first three tax years following such sale or disposition;
- [(10)] (15) "School district", "road district", "water district", "sewer district", "levee district", "drainage district", "special benefit district", "special assessment district", or "park district" shall include those located within a county as such county is described in subdivision 47 (3) of this section;
- 48 [(11)] (16) "Sheriff" and "circuit clerk" shall mean the sheriff and circuit clerk, respectively, of any county affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 50 141.1015;

[(12)] (17) "Tax bill" as used in sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 shall represent real estate taxes and the lien thereof, whether general or special, levied and assessed by any taxing authority;

[(13)] (18) "Tax district" shall mean the state of Missouri and any county, municipality, school district, road district, water district, sewer district, levee district, drainage district, special benefit district, special assessment district, or park district, located in any municipality or county as herein described;

[(14)] (19) "Tax lien" shall mean the lien of any tax bill as defined in [subdivision (12) of] this section;

[(15)] (20) "Taxing authority" shall include any governmental, managing, administering or other lawful authority, now or hereafter empowered by law to issue tax bills, the state of Missouri or any county, municipality, school district, road district, water district, sewer district, levee district, drainage district, special benefit district, special assessment district, or park district, affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015.

141.250. 1. The respective liens of the tax bills for general taxes of the state of Missouri, the county, any municipality and any school district, for the same tax year, shall be equal and first liens upon the real estate described in the respective tax bills thereof; provided, however, that the liens of such tax bills for the latest year for which tax bills are unpaid shall take priority over the liens of tax bills levied and assessed for less recent years, and the lien of such tax bills shall rate in priority in the order of the years for which they are delinquent, the lien of the tax bill longest delinquent being junior in priority to the lien of the tax bill for the next most recent tax year.

- 2. All tax bills for other than general taxes shall constitute liens junior to the liens for general taxes upon the real estate described therein; provided, however, that a tax bill for other than general taxes, of the more recent issue shall likewise be senior to any such tax bill of less recent date.
- 3. The proceeds derived from the sale of any lands encumbered with a tax lien or liens, or held by the land trustees, pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550, acquired by a land bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560, or by deed from land trust under subsection 1 of section 141.984 shall be distributed to the owners of such liens in the order of the seniority of the liens, or their respective interests as shown by the records of the land trust or such land bank agency. Those holding liens of equal rank shall share in direct proportion to the amounts of their respective liens.

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- 141.290. 1. The collector shall compile lists of all state, county, school, and other tax bills collectible by him which are delinquent according to his records and he shall combine such lists with the list filed by any taxing authority or tax bill owner.
 - 2. The collector shall assign a serial number to each parcel of real estate in each list and if suit has been filed in the circuit court of the county on any delinquent tax bill included in any list, the collector shall give the court docket number of such suit and some appropriate designation of the place where such suit is pending, and such pending suit so listed in any petition filed pursuant to the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 shall, without further procedure or court order, be deemed to be consolidated with the suit brought under sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015, and such pending suit shall thereupon be abated.
- 3. The collector shall deliver such combined lists to the delinquent land tax attorney from time to time but not later than April the first of each year.
- 4. The delinquent land tax attorney shall incorporate such lists in petitions in the form prescribed in section 141.410, and shall file such petitions with the circuit clerk not later than June first of each year.
 - 141.300. 1. The collector shall receipt for the aggregate amount of such delinquent tax bills appearing on the list or lists filed with him under the provisions of section 141.290, which receipt shall be held by the owner or holder of the tax bills or by the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of the taxing authority so filing such list with the collector.
- 5 2. The collector shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, file with the owner or holder of any tax bill or with the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of any taxing authority, a detailed statement, verified by affidavit, of all taxes collected by him during the preceding month which appear on the list or lists received by him, and shall, on or before the fifteenth day of the month, pay the same, less his commissions and costs payable to the county, to the tax bill owner or holder or to the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of any taxing authority; provided, however, that the collector shall be given credit for the full amount 11 of any tax bill which is bid in by the land trustees and where title to the real estate described in such tax bill is taken by the land trust, which is bid in by a land bank agency and where title 13 14 to the real estate described in such tax bill is taken by such land bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560, or which is included in the bid of a 15 land bank agency and where title to the real estate described in such tax bill is taken by 17 such land bank agency pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 18 141.550.

- 141.320. 1. The collector shall at his option appoint a delinquent land tax attorney at a compensation of ten thousand dollars per year, or in counties having a county counselor, the collector shall at his option designate the county counselor and such of his assistants as shall appear necessary to act as the delinquent land tax attorney.
 - 2. A delinquent land tax attorney who is not the county counselor, with the approval of the collector, may appoint one or more assistant delinquent land tax attorneys at salaries of not less than two hundred dollars and not more than four hundred dollars per month, and such clerical employees as may be necessary, at salaries to be fixed by the collector at not less than three hundred dollars and not more than four hundred dollars per month; and the appointed delinquent tax attorney may incur such reasonable expenses as are necessary for the performance of his duties.
 - 3. The delinquent land tax attorney and his assistants shall perform legal services for the collector and shall act as attorney for him in the prosecution of all suits brought for the collection of land taxes; but they shall not perform legal services for the land trust **or any land bank agency**.
 - 4. Salaries and expenses of a delinquent land tax attorney who is not also the county counselor, his assistants and his employees shall be paid monthly out of the treasury of the county from the same funds as employees of the collector whenever the funds provided for by sections 141.150, 141.270, and 141.620 are not sufficient for such purpose.
 - 5. The compensation herein provided shall be the total compensation for a delinquent land tax attorney who is not also a county counselor, his assistants and employees, and when the compensation received by him or owing to him by the collector exceeds ten thousand dollars in any one calendar year by virtue of the sums charged and collected pursuant to the provisions of section 141.150, the surplus shall be credited and applied by the collector to the expense of the delinquent land tax attorney and to the compensation of his assistants and employees, and any sum then remaining shall be paid into the county treasury on or before the first day of March of each year and credited to the general revenue fund of the county.
 - 6. A delinquent land tax attorney who is not also the county counselor shall make a return quarterly to the county commission of such county of all compensation received by him, and of all amounts owing to him by the collector, and of all salaries and expenses of any assistants and employees, stating the same in detail, and verifying such amounts by his affidavit.
- 141.410. 1. A suit for the foreclosure of the tax liens herein provided for shall be instituted by filing in the appropriate office of the circuit clerk a petition, which petition shall contain a caption, a copy of the list so furnished to the delinquent land tax attorney by the collector, and a prayer. Such petition without further allegation shall be deemed to be sufficient.

- 5 2. The caption shall be in the following form:
- 6 In the Circuit Court of County, Missouri,
- 7 In the Matter of
- 8 Foreclosure of Liens for Delinquent Land Taxes
- 9 By Action in Rem.
- 10 Collector of Revenue of County, Missouri,
- 11 Plaintiff
- 12 -vs.
- Parcels of Land Encumbered with Delinquent Tax Liens
- 14 Defendants.
- 15 3. The petition shall conclude with a prayer that all tax liens upon such real estate be
- 16 foreclosed; that the court determine the amounts and priorities of all tax bills, together with
- 17 interest, penalties, costs, and attorney's fees; that the court order such real estate to **either** be sold
- 18 by the sheriff at public sale as provided by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980
- 19 **to 141.1015** and that thereafter a report of such sale be made by the sheriff to the court for further
- 20 proceedings under sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015.
- 4. The delinquent land tax attorney within ten days after the filing of any such petition,
- 22 shall forward by United States registered mail to each person or taxing authority having filed a
- 23 list of delinquent tax bills with the collector as provided by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and
- 24 sections 141.980 to 141.1015 a notice of the time and place of the filing of such petition and of
- 25 the newspaper in which the notice of publication has been or will be published.
- 5. The petition when so filed shall have the same force and effect with respect to each
- 27 parcel of real estate therein described, as a separate suit instituted to foreclose the tax lien or liens
- 28 against any one of said parcels of real estate.
 - 141.430. 1. Upon the filing of such suits with the circuit clerk, the delinquent land tax
- 2 attorney shall forthwith cause a notice of foreclosure to be published four times, once a week,
- 3 during successive weeks, and on the same day of each week, in a daily newspaper of general
- 4 circulation regularly published in such county, qualified according to law for the publication of
- 5 public notices and advertisements.
 - 2. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form:
- 7 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES,
- 8 BY ACTION IN REM

- 9 Public notice is hereby given that on the day of, 20.., the Collector of Revenue
- of County, Missouri, filed a petition, being suit No., in the Circuit Court of County,
- 11 Missouri, at (stating the city), for the foreclosure of liens for delinquent land taxes (except

liens in favor of the United States of America, if any) against the real estate situated in such county, all as described in said petition.

The object of said suit is to obtain from the Court a judgment foreclosing the tax liens against such real estate and ordering the sale of such real estate for the satisfaction of said tax liens thereon (except liens in favor of the United States of America, if any), including principal, interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs. Such action is brought against the real estate only and no personal judgment shall be entered therein.

The serial number assigned by the Collector to each parcel of real estate, a description of each such parcel, a statement of the total principal amount of all delinquent tax bills against each such parcel of real estate, all of which, as to each parcel, is more fully set out and itemized in the aforesaid petition, and the name of the last known person appearing on the records of the collector in whose name said tax bills were listed or charged for the year preceding the calendar year in which the list described in said petition was filed with the collector, are, respectively, as follows: (Here set out the respective serial numbers, descriptions, names, and statements of total principal amounts of tax bills, next above referred to.)

The total principal amounts of delinquent taxes set out in this notice do not include the lawful interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs which have accrued against the respective parcels of real estate, all of which in each case is set out and itemized in the aforesaid petition.

Any person or taxing authority owning or holding any tax bill or claiming any right, title or interest in or to or lien upon any such parcel of real estate, must file an answer to such suit in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the aforesaid County, and a copy of such answer with the Delinquent Land Tax Attorney at the office of the Collector of Revenue of said County, on or before the day of, 20.., and in such answer shall set forth in detail the nature and amount of such interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure of the tax liens, or any affirmative relief he or it may be entitled to assert with respect thereto.

Any person having any right, title or interest in or to, or lien upon, any parcel of such real estate, may redeem such parcel of real estate by paying all of the sums mentioned therein, to the undersigned Collector of Revenue, including principal, interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs then due, at any time prior to the time of the **public foreclosure sale or the private** foreclosure sale of such real estate by the sheriff.

In the event of failure to answer or redeem on or before the date herein fixed as the last day for filing answer in the suit, by any person having the right to answer or redeem, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed as to any defense or objection he might have to the foreclosure of such liens for delinquent taxes and a judgment of foreclosure may be taken by default. Redemption may be made, however, up to the time fixed for the holding of sheriff's

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48	there shall be no equity of redemption and each such person having any right, title or interest in
49	or to, or any lien upon, any such parcel of real estate described in the petition so failing to answer
50	or redeem as aforesaid, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any right, title or interest in or
51	lien upon or any equity of redemption in said real estate.

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141.440. The collector shall also cause to be prepared and sent by restricted, registered, [or] certified or first class mail with postage prepaid, within thirty days after the filing of such petition, a brief notice of the filing of the suit, to the persons named in the petition as being the last known persons in whose names tax bills affecting the respective parcels of real estate described in said petition were last billed or charged on the books of the collector, or the last known owner of record, if different, and to the addresses of said persons upon said records of the collector. [The terms "restricted", "registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail.] If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive [and receipt for] the notice [as shown by the return receipt, then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any person who, from such records, appears as a successor to the person to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such person. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk at least thirty days before judgment is entered by the court on the petition an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract

of real estate affected by any such notices of suit that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive [and receipt for] the same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, or in the event that any name or address does not appear on the records of the collector, then of that fact. The affidavit in addition to the recitals set forth above shall also state reason for the nondelivery of such notice.

141.480. 1. Upon the trial of the cause upon the question of foreclosure, the tax bill, whether general or special, issued by any taxing authority shall be prima facie proof that the tax described in the tax bill has been validly assessed at the time indicated by the tax bill and that the tax is unpaid. Absent any answer the court shall take the allegations of the petition as confessed. Any person alleging any jurisdictional defect or invalidity in the tax bill or in the sale thereof must particularly specify in his answer the defect or basis of invalidity, and must, upon trial, affirmatively establish such defense.

- 2. Prior to formal hearing, the court may conduct an informal hearing for the purpose of clarifying issues, and shall attempt to reach an agreement with the parties upon a stipulated statement of facts. The court shall hear the evidence offered by the collector or relator as the case may be, and by all answering parties, and shall determine the amount of each and every tax bill proved by the collector or any answering party, together with the amount of interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs accruing upon each tax bill and the date from which interest began to accrue upon each tax bill and the rate thereof. The court shall hear evidence and determine every issue of law and of fact necessary to a complete adjudication of all tax liens asserted by any and every pleading, and may also hear evidence and determine any other issue of law or fact affecting any other right, title, or interest in or to, or lien upon, such real estate, sought to be enforced by any party to the proceeding against any other party to the proceeding who has been served by process or publication as authorized by law, or who has voluntarily appeared, and shall determine the order and priority of the liens and of any other rights or interest put in issue by the pleadings.
- 3. After the court has first determined the validity of the tax liens of all tax bills affecting parcels of real estate described in the petition, the priorities of the respective tax bills and the amounts due thereon, including principal, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, the court shall thereupon enter judgment of foreclosure of such liens and fix the time and place of the foreclosure sale. The petition shall be dismissed as to any parcel of real estate redeemed prior to the time fixed for the sheriff's foreclosure sale as provided in sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015. If the parcel of real estate auctioned off at sheriff's is sold for a sum sufficient to fully pay the principal amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs, and for no more, and such sale is confirmed by

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the court, then all other proceedings as to such parcels of real estate shall be finally dismissed 32 as to all parties and interests other than tax bill owners or holders; provided, however, that any 33 parties seeking relief other than an interest in or lien upon the real estate may continue with said 34 suit to a final adjudication of such other issues; provided, further, an appeal may be had as to any claim attacking the validity of the tax bill or bills or the priorities as to payment of proceeds of 35 36 foreclosure sale. If the parcel of real estate auctioned off at sheriff's foreclosure sale is sold for a sum greater than the total amount necessary to pay the principal amount of all tax bills included 37 in the judgment, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs, and such sale is 38 39 confirmed by the court, and no appeal is taken by any person claiming any right, title or interest 40 in or to or lien upon said parcel of real estate or by any person or taxing authority owning or 41 holding or claiming any right, title or interest in or to any tax bills within the time fixed by law 42 for the filing of notice of appeal, the court shall thereupon order the sheriff to make distribution to the owners or holders of the respective tax bills included in the judgment of the amounts found 43 44 to be due and in the order of priorities. Thereafter all proceedings in the suit shall be ordered by 45 the court to be dismissed as to such persons or taxing authorities owning, holding or claiming 46 any right, title, or interest in any such tax bill or bills so paid, and the case shall proceed as to any 47 parties claiming any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the parcel of real estate affected by 48 such tax bill or bills as to their respective claims to such surplus funds then remaining in the hands of the sheriff. 49

4. Whenever an answer is filed to the petition, as herein provided, a severance of the action as to all parcels of real estate affected by such answer shall be granted, and the issues raised by the petition and such answer shall be tried separate and apart from the other issues in the suit, but the granting of such severance shall not delay the trial or other disposition of any other issue in the case. A separate appeal may be taken from any action of the court affecting any right, title, or interest in or to, or lien upon, such real estate, other than issues of law and fact affecting the amount or validity of the lien of tax bills, but the proceeding to foreclose the lien of any tax bills shall not be stayed by such appeal. The trial shall be conducted by the court without the aid of a jury and the suit shall be in equity. This action shall take precedence over and shall be triable before any other action in equity affecting the title to such real estate, upon motion of any interested party.

141.500. 1. After the trial of the issues, the court shall, as promptly as circumstances permit, render judgment. If the court finds that no tax bill upon the land collectible by the collector or the relator was delinquent when the suit was instituted or tried, then the judgment of the court shall be that the cause be dismissed as to the parcels of real estate described in the tax bill; or, if the evidence warrant, the judgment may be for the principal amount of the

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delinquent tax bills upon the real estate upon which suit was brought, together with interest, penalties, attorney's and appraiser's fees and costs computed as of the date of the judgment. The judgment may recite the amount of each tax bill, the date when it began to bear interest, and the rate of such interest, together with the rate and amount of penalties, attorney's and appraiser's fees [not to exceed fifteen dollars]. It may decree that the lien upon the parcels of real estate described in the tax bill be foreclosed and such real estate sold by the sheriff, and the cause shall be continued for further proceedings, as herein provided.

2. The collector may, at his option, cause to be prepared and sent by restricted, registered [or], certified, or first class mail with postage prepaid, within thirty days after the rendering of such judgment, a brief notice of such judgment and the availability of a written redemption contract pursuant to section 141.530 to the persons named in the judgment as being the last known persons in whose names tax bills affecting the respective parcels of real estate described in such judgment were last billed or charged on the books of the collector, or the last known owner of record, if different, and to the addresses of such persons upon the records of the collector. [The terms "restricted", "registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement, "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail.] If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive [and receipt for] the notice [as shown by the return receipt], then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any person who, from such records, appears as a successor to the person to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such person. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk prior to confirmation hearings an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract of real estate affected of any such notices of judgment that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive [and receipt for] the same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, or in the event that any name or address does not appear on the records of the collector, then of that fact. The affidavit in addition to the recitals set forth above shall also state reason for the nondelivery of such notice.

141.530. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 141.520, during such waiting period and at any time prior to the time of foreclosure sale by the sheriff, any interested party may redeem any parcel of real estate as provided by this chapter. During such waiting period and at any time prior to the time of foreclosure sale by the sheriff, the collector may, at the option of the party entitled to redeem, enter into a written redemption contract with any such party

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- interested in any parcel of real estate, providing for payment in installments, monthly or bimonthly, of the delinquent tax bills, including interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs charged against such parcel of real estate, provided, however, that in no instance shall such installments exceed twelve in number or extend more than twenty-four months next after any agreement for such installment payments shall have been entered into; provided further, that 10 11 upon good cause being shown by the owner of any parcel of real estate occupied as a homestead, 12 or in the case of improved real estate with an assessed valuation of not more than three thousand five hundred dollars, owned by an individual, the income from such property being a major 14 factor in the total income of such individual, or by anyone on his behalf, the court may, in its 15 discretion, fix the time and terms of payment in such contract to permit all of such installments to be paid within not longer than forty-eight months after any order or agreement as to 16 17 installment payments shall have been made.
 - 2. So long as such installments be paid according to the terms of the contract, the said six months waiting period shall be extended, but if any installment be not paid when due, the extension of said waiting period shall be ended without notice, and the real estate shall forthwith be advertised for sale or included in the next notice of sheriff's foreclosure sale.
 - [3. No redemption contracts may be used under this section for residential property which has been vacant for at least six months in any municipality contained wholly or partially within a county with a population of over six hundred thousand and less than nine hundred thousand.]

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- 19 discretion, fix the time and terms of payment in such contract to permit all of such installments to be paid within not longer than forty-eight months after any 20 21 order or agreement as to installment payments being made. 22 2. So long as such installments are paid according to the terms of the 23 contract, the six-month waiting period shall be extended, but if any installment is not paid when due, the extension of such waiting period shall be ended without 24 notice, and the real estate shall forthwith be advertised for sale or included in the 25 next notice of sheriff's foreclosure sale.l 26 141.540. 1. In any county at a certain front door of whose courthouse sales of real estate are customarily made by the sheriff under execution, the sheriff shall advertise for sale and sell 2 3 the respective parcels of real estate ordered sold by him or her pursuant to any judgment of foreclosure by any court pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810 at any of such courthouses, but 4 the sale of such parcels of real estate shall be held at the same front door as sales of real estate are customarily made by the sheriff under execution. 7 2. Such advertisements may include more than one parcel of real estate, and shall be in 8 substantially the following form: 9 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES 10 11 No. 12 In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for Delinquent Land Taxes 14 Collector of Revenue of County, Missouri, 15 Plaintiff. 16 vs. Parcels of Land encumbered with Delinquent Tax Liens, 18 Defendants. 19 WHEREAS, judgment has been rendered against parcels of real estate for taxes, interest, 20 penalties, attorney's fees and costs with the serial numbers of each parcel of real estate, the description thereof, the name of the person appearing in the petition in the suit, and the total 21 22 amount of the judgment against each such parcel for taxes, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs, all as set out in said judgment and described in each case, respectively, as follows: (Here 23
 - WHEREAS, such judgment orders such real estate sold by the undersigned sheriff, to satisfy the total amount of such judgment, including interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs, NOW, THEREFORE,

set out the respective serial numbers, descriptions, names and total amounts of each judgment,

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30	Missouri, will sell such real estate, parcel by parcel, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for		
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32	the County Courthouse in , Missouri, on , the day of , 20.		
33	and continuing from day to day thereafter, to satisfy the judgment as to each respective parce		
34	of real estate sold. If no acceptable bids are received as to any parcel of real estate, said parcel		
35	shall be sold to the Land Trust of (insert name of County), Missouri or Land Bank of		
36	the City of (insert name of municipality), Missouri.		
37	Any bid received shall be subject to confirmation by the court.		
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41	Delinquent Land Tax Attorney		
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45	3. Such advertisement shall be published four times, once a week, upon the same day of		

- 3. Such advertisement shall be published four times, once a week, upon the same day of each week during successive weeks prior to the date of such sale, in a daily newspaper of general circulation regularly published in the county, qualified according to law for the publication of public notices and advertisements.
- 4. In addition to the provisions herein for notice and advertisement of sale, the county collector shall enter upon the property subject to foreclosure of these tax liens and post a written informational notice in any conspicuous location thereon. This notice shall describe the property and advise that it is the subject of delinquent land tax collection proceedings before the circuit court brought pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810 and that it may be sold for the payment of delinquent taxes at a sale to be held at ten o'clock a.m., date and place, and shall also contain a file number and the address and phone number of the collector. If the collector chooses to post such notices as authorized by this subsection, such posting must be made not later than the fourteenth day prior to the date of the sale.
- 58 5. The collector shall, concurrently with the beginning of the publication of sale, cause to be prepared and sent by restricted, registered [or], certified, or first class mail with postage 60 prepaid, a brief notice of the date, location, and time of sale of property in foreclosure of tax liens pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810, to the persons named in the petition as being the last known persons in whose names tax bills affecting the respective parcels of real estate described 62 in said petition were last billed or charged on the books of the collector, or the last known owner

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of record, if different, and to the addresses of said persons upon said records of the collector. [The terms "restricted", "registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement, "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail.] If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive [and receipt for] the notice [as shown by the return receipt], then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any person who, from such records, appears as a successor to the person to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such person. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk prior to confirmation hearings an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract of real estate affected of any such notices of sale that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive [and receipt for] the same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, or in the event that any name or address does not appear on the records of the collector, then of that fact. The affidavit in addition to the recitals set forth above shall also state reason for the nondelivery of such notice.

6. The collector may, at his or her option, concurrently with the beginning of the publication of sale, cause to be prepared and sent by restricted, registered [or], certified, or first class mail with postage prepaid, a brief notice of the date, location, and time of sale of property in foreclosure of tax liens pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810, to the mortgagee or security holder, if known, of the respective parcels of real estate described in said petition, and to the addressee of such mortgagee or security holder according to the records of the collector. [The terms "restricted", "registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement, "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail.] If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive [and receipt for] the notice [as shown by the return receipt], then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any security holder who, from such records, appears as a successor to the security holder to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such security holder. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk prior to confirmation hearings an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract of real estate affected by any such notices

99 of sale that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive [and receipt for] the 100 same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, and stating the reason for the 101 nondelivery of such notice.

- 141.550. 1. The sale shall be conducted, the sheriff's return thereof made, and the sheriff's deed pursuant to the sale executed, all as provided in the case of sales of real estate taken under execution except as otherwise provided in sections 141.210 to 141.810, and provided that such sale need not occur during the term of court or while the court is in session.
- 2. The following provisions shall apply to any sale pursuant to this section of property located within any municipality contained wholly or partially within a county with a population of over six hundred thousand and less than nine hundred thousand:
- (1) The sale shall be held on the day for which it is advertised, between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. and continued day to day thereafter to satisfy the judgment as to each respective parcel of real estate sold;
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of section 141.984, the sale shall be conducted publicly, by auction, for ready money. The highest bidder shall be the purchaser unless the highest bid is less than the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due thereon. No person shall be eligible to bid at the time of the sale unless such person has, no later than ten days before the sale date, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the official charged by law with conducting the sale that he or she is not the owner of any parcel of real estate in the county which is affected by a tax bill which has been delinquent for more than six months and is not the owner of any parcel of real property with two or more violations of the municipality's building or housing codes. A prospective bidder may make such a demonstration by presenting statements from the appropriate collection and code enforcement officials of the municipality. Notwithstanding this provision, any taxing authority or land bank agency shall be eligible to bid at any sale conducted under this section without making such a demonstration.
- 3. Such sale shall convey the whole interest of every person having or claiming any right, title or interest in or lien upon such real estate, whether such person has answered or not, subject to rights-of-way thereon of public utilities upon which tax has been otherwise paid, and subject to the lien thereon, if any, of the United States of America.
- 4. The collector shall advance the sums necessary to pay for the publication of all advertisements required by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and shall be allowed credit therefor in his or her accounts with the county. The collector shall give credit in such accounts for all such advances recovered by him or her. Such expenses of publication shall be apportioned pro rata among and taxed as costs against the respective parcels of real estate described in the judgment;

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provided, however, that none of the costs herein enumerated, including the costs of publication, shall constitute any lien upon the real estate after such sale.

141.560. 1. If, when the sheriff offers the respective parcels of real estate for sale, there be no bidders for any parcel, or there be insufficient time or opportunity to sell all of the parcels of real estate so advertised, the sheriff shall adjourn such sale from day to day at the same place and commencing at the same hour as when first offered and shall announce that such real estate will be offered or reoffered for sale at such time and place.

- 2. With respect to any parcel of real estate not located within a municipality that is an appointing authority under section 141.981, in the event no bid equal to the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due thereon shall be received at such sale after any parcel of real estate has been offered for sale on three different days, which need not be successive, the land trustees shall be deemed to have bid the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due, and if no other bid be then received by the sheriff in excess of the bid of the trustees, and the sheriff shall so announce at the sale, then the bid of the trustees shall be announced as accepted. The sheriff shall report any such bid or bids so made by the land trustees in the same way as his report of other bids is made. The land trust shall pay any penalties, attorney's fees or costs included in the judgment of foreclosure of such parcel of real estate, when such parcel is sold or otherwise disposed of by the land trustees, as herein provided. Upon confirmation by the court of such bid at such sale by such land trustees, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by the land trustees as "canceled by sale to the land trust" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on the collector's books and in the collector's statements with any other taxing authorities.
- 3. [The land trustees shall pay any penalties, attorney's fees or costs included in the judgment of foreclosure of such parcel of real estate, when such parcel is sold or otherwise disposed of by the land trustees, as herein provided. Upon confirmation by the court of such bid at such sale by such land trustees, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by the land trustees as "canceled by sale to the land trust" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on his books and in his statements with any other taxing authorities.] With respect to any parcel of real estate located within a municipality that is an appointing authority under section 141.981, in the event no bid equal to the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due thereon shall be received at such sale after such parcel of real estate has been offered for sale on three different days, which need not be

successive, the land bank agency for which such municipality is an appointing authority 35 shall be deemed to have bid the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, 36 interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due, and the sheriff shall so announce at 37 the sale, then the bid of the land bank agency shall be announced as accepted. The sheriff 38 shall report any such bid or bids so made by such land bank agency in the same way as the 39 sheriff's report of other bids is made. Upon confirmation by the court of such bid at such 40 sale by such land bank agency, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by such land 41 bank agency as "canceled by sale to the land bank" and shall take credit for the full 42 amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, 43 and costs, on the collector's books and in the collector's statements with any other taxing 44 authorities.

141.570. 1. The title to any real estate which shall vest in the land trust under the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 shall be held by the land trust of such county in trust for the tax bill owners and taxing authorities having an interest in any tax liens which were foreclosed, as their interests may appear in the judgment of foreclosure. The title to any real estate acquired by a land bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560, by deed from land trust under subsection 1 of section 141.984, or pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550 shall be held in trust for the tax bill owners and taxing authorities having an interest in any tax liens which were foreclosed, as their interests may appear in the judgment of foreclosure.

11 2. The title to any real estate which shall vest in any purchaser, upon confirmation of 12 such sale by the court, shall be an absolute estate in fee simple, subject to rights-of-way thereon 13 of public utilities on which tax has been otherwise paid, and subject to any lien thereon of the 14 United States of America, if any, and all persons, including the state of Missouri, infants, incapacitated and disabled persons as defined in chapter 475, and nonresidents who may have 15 16 had any right, title, interest, claim, or equity of redemption in or to, or lien upon, such lands, shall be barred and forever foreclosed of all such right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of 17 18 redemption, and the court shall order immediate possession of such real estate be given to such 19 purchaser; provided, however, that such title shall also be subject to the liens of any tax bills which may have attached to such parcel of real estate prior to the time of the filing of the petition 21 affecting such parcel of real estate not then delinquent, or which may have attached after the 22 filing of the petition and prior to sheriff's sale and not included in any answer to such petition, 23 but if such parcel of real estate is deemed sold to the land trust under subsection 2 of section 24 141.560, deemed sold to a land bank agency under subsection 3 of section 141.560, or sold

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to a land bank agency under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550, the title thereto shall be free of any such liens to the extent of the interest of any taxing authority in such real estate; provided further, that such title shall not be subject to the lien of special tax bills which have attached to the parcel of real estate prior to November 22, 1943, but the lien of such special tax bills shall attach to the proceeds of the sheriff's sale or to the proceeds of the ultimate sale of such parcel by the land trust.

141.580. 1. After the sheriff sells any parcel of real estate, the court shall, upon its own motion or upon motion of any interested party, set the cause down for hearing to confirm the foreclosure sale thereof, even though such parcels are not all of the parcels of real estate described in the notice of sheriff's foreclosure sale. At the time of such hearing, the sheriff shall make report of the sale, and the court shall hear evidence of the value of the property offered on behalf of any interested party to the suit, and shall forthwith determine whether an adequate consideration has been paid for each such parcel.

- 2. For this purpose the court shall have power to summon any city or county official or any private person to testify as to the reasonable value of the property, and if the court finds that adequate consideration has been paid, he or she shall confirm the sale and order the sheriff to issue a deed to the purchaser. If the court finds that the consideration paid is inadequate, the court shall confirm the sale if the purchaser [may increase] increases his or her bid to such amount as the court [may deem] deems to be adequate], whereupon the court may confirm the sale. If, however, and makes such additional payment, or if all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due thereon are not paid in full by one or more interested parties to the suit. If the court finds that the consideration is inadequate, but the purchaser declines to increase his or her bid to such an amount as the **court deems adequate** and make such additional payment, then the sale shall be disapproved if all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due thereon are paid in full by one or more interested parties to the suit, the lien of the judgment continued, and such parcel of real estate shall be again advertised and offered for sale by the sheriff to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at any subsequent sheriff's foreclosure sale. Unless the court requires evidence of the value of the property conveyed to land trust or land bank agency, none shall be required, and the amount bid by the land trustees or such land bank agency shall be deemed adequate consideration.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of section 141.984, if the sale is confirmed, the court shall order the proceeds of the sale applied in the following order:
- (1) To the payment of the costs of the publication of the notice of foreclosure and of the sheriff's foreclosure sale;

- 30 (2) To the payment of all costs including appraiser's [fee not to exceed fifteen dollars] 31 **fees** and attorney's fees;
 - (3) To the payment of all tax bills adjudged to be due in the order of their priority, including principal, interest and penalties thereon.
 - If, after such payment, there is any sum remaining of the proceeds of the sheriff's foreclosure sale, the court shall thereupon try and determine the other issues in the suit in accordance with section 141.480. If any answering parties have specially appealed as provided in section 141.570, the court shall retain the custody of such funds pending disposition of such appeal, and upon disposition of such appeal shall make such distribution. If there are not sufficient proceeds of the sale to pay all claims in any class described, the court shall order the same to be paid pro rata in accordance with the priorities.
 - 4. If there are any funds remaining of the proceeds after the sheriff's sale and after the distribution of such funds as herein set out and no person entitled to any such funds, whether or not a party to the suit, shall, within two years after such sale, appear and claim the funds, they shall [escheat to the state as provided by law] be distributed to the appropriate taxing authorities.
 - 141.720. 1. The land trust shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the county, as directed by the county executive, or if the county does not have a county executive, as directed by the county commission of the county, one of whom shall be appointed by [the city council of that city] that municipality in the county which is not an appointing authority under section 141.980 and then has the largest population according to the last preceding federal decennial census, and one of whom shall be appointed by [the board of directors of the] that school district in the county which is not an appointing authority under section 141.981 and then has the largest population according to such census in the county. If any such appointing authority fails to make any appointment of a land trustee after any term expires, then the appointment shall be made by the county.
 - 2. The terms of office of the land trustees shall be for four years each, except the terms of the first land trustees who shall be appointed by the foregoing appointing authorities, respectively, not sooner than twelve months and not later than eighteen months after sections 141.210 to 141.810 take effect; provided, however, that the term of any land trustee appointed by a municipality or school district that becomes an appointing authority of a land bank agency under section 141.981 shall terminate and such municipality and such school district shall cease to be appointing authorities for such land trust under this section upon the completion of all transfers to the land bank agency from the land trust required

under subsection 1 of section 141.984 or one year after the effective date of the ordinance or resolution establishing the land bank agency, whichever is the first to occur.

- 3. Each land trustee shall have been a resident of the county for at least five years next prior to appointment, shall not hold other salaried or compensated public office by election or appointment during service as land trustee, the duties of which would in any way conflict with his duties as land trustee, and shall have had at least ten years experience in the management or sale of real estate.
- 4. Of the first land trustees appointed under sections 141.210 to 141.810, the land trustee appointed by the county commission shall serve for a term ending February 1, 1946, the land trustee appointed by the board of directors of the school district then having the largest population in the county shall serve for a term expiring February 1, 1947, and the land trustee appointed by the city council of the city then having the largest population in the county shall serve for a term expiring February 1, 1948. Each land trustee shall serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified.
- 5. Any vacancy in the office of land trustee shall be filled for the unexpired term by the same appointing authority which made the original appointment. If any appointing authority fails to make any appointment of a land trustee within the time the first appointments are required by sections 141.210 to 141.810 to be made, or within thirty days after any term expires or vacancy occurs, then the appointment shall be made by the [mayor of that city in the] county [then having the largest population, according to the last preceding federal decennial census].
- 6. The members shall receive for their services as land trustees a salary of two thousand four hundred dollars per year.
- 7. Each land trustee may be removed for cause by the respective appointing authority, after public hearing, if requested by the land trustee, and an opportunity to be represented by counsel and to present evidence is afforded the trustee.
- purposes of expenditure, prepared not later than [December tenth] October first of each year with copies delivered to the [county and city that appointed trustee members] appointing authorities of such land trust under section 141.720, and shall include therein only such appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to meet the reasonable expenses of the land trust during the forthcoming fiscal year. That budget shall not become the required annual budget of the land trust unless and until it has been approved by the governing bodies of the [county or city that appointed trustee members] appointing authorities of such land trust under section 141.720. If [either] any of the governing bodies of the [county and city that appointed trustee members] appointing authorities of such land trust under section 141.720 fail to notify the

requirements of the forthcoming year.

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- land trust in writing of any objections to the proposed annual budget on or before [December]

 November twentieth, then such failure or failures to object shall be deemed approval. In the
 event objections have been made and a budget for the fiscal year beginning January first has not
 been approved by the governing bodies of the [county and city] appointing authorities of such
 land trust under section 141.720 on or before January first, then the budget for the previous
 fiscal year shall become the approved budget for that fiscal year. Any unexpended funds from
 the preceding fiscal year shall be deducted from the amounts needed to meet the budget
 - 2. Copies of the budget shall be made available to the public on or before [December] **October** tenth, and a public hearing shall be had thereon prior to [December] **October** twentieth, in each year. The approved and adopted budget may be amended by the trustee members only with the approval of the governing bodies of the [county and city that appointed trustee members] **appointing authorities of such land trust under section 1411.720**.
 - 3. If at any time there are not sufficient funds available to pay the salaries and other expenses of such land trust and of its employees, incident to the administration of sections 141.210 to 141.810, including any expenditures authorized by section 141.760, funds sufficient to pay such expenses shall be advanced and paid to the land trust upon its requisition therefor, [fifty] seven percent thereof by the county commission of [such] the county in which the land trust operates, and the other [fifty] ninety-three percent by all of the [municipalities in such county as defined in section 141.220] taxing authorities in such county that are not appointing authorities for a land bank agency under section 141.981 and all municipalities and school districts in such county that are appointing authorities for such land trust under section 141.720, in proportion to their assessed valuations [at the time of their last completed assessment for state and county purposes] of the properties then in the land trust inventory located within their respective taxing jurisdictions. The land trust shall have power to requisition such funds in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the total annual budget of the land trust from such sources for that fiscal year of the land trust for which there are not sufficient funds otherwise available to pay the salaries and other expenses of the land trust, but any amount in excess of twenty-five percent of the total annual budget in any fiscal year may be requisitioned by and paid to the land trust only if such additional sums are agreed to and approved by the county [commission and the respective municipalities in such county so desiring to make such payment] and such other taxing authorities. requisitioned shall be paid in a lump sum within thirty days after such requisition or the commencement of the fiscal year of the land trust for which such requisition is made, whichever is later, [and] by the county paying seven percent thereof due from the county under this

section and advancing the remaining ninety-three percent due from other taxing authorities under this section on behalf of such other taxing authorities, and such amounts so paid shall be deposited to the credit of the land trust in some bank or trust company, subject to withdrawal by warrant as herein provided. Amounts advanced by the county on behalf of any taxing authority under this section shall be reimbursed to the county upon demand by the county or by the county withholding such amounts from distributions of tax moneys to such taxing authority.

- 4. The fiscal year of the land trust shall commence on January first of each year. Such land trust shall audit all claims for the expenditure of money, and shall, acting by the chairman or vice chairman thereof, draw warrants therefor from time to time.
- 5. No warrant for the payment of any claim shall be drawn by such land trust until such claim shall have been approved by the land commissioner and shall bear the commissioner's certificate that there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in the proper appropriation and sufficient unexpended cash available for the payment thereof. For any certification contrary thereto, such land commissioner shall be liable personally and on the commissioner's official bond for the amounts so certified, and shall thereupon be promptly removed from office by the land trustees.
- 6. In addition to the annual audit provided for in section 141.760, the land trust may be performance audited at any time by the state auditor or by the auditor of any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county that is a member of the land trust. The cost of such audit shall be paid by the land trust, and copies shall be made available to the public within thirty days of the completion of the audit.
- 141.785. 1. The land trust shall be authorized to file an action to quiet title under section 527.150 as to any real property in which the land trust has an interest. For purposes of any and all such actions the land trust shall be deemed to be the holder of sufficient legal and equitable interests, and possessory rights, so as to qualify the land trust as adequate complainant in such action.
- 2. Prior to the filing of an action to quiet title the land trust shall conduct an examination of title to determine the identity of any and all persons and entities possessing a claim or interest in or to the real property. Service of the complaint to quiet title shall be provided to all such interested parties by the following methods:
- (1) First class mail to such identity and address as reasonably ascertainable by an inspection of public records;
- 12 (2) In the case of occupied real property by first class mail, addressed to 13 "Occupant";

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- 14 (3) By posting a copy of the notice on the real property;
- 15 (4) By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality in which the property is located; and 16
 - (5) Such other methods as the court may order.
 - 3. As part of the complaint to quiet title the land trust shall file an affidavit identifying all parties potentially having an interest in the real property, and the form of notice provided.
 - 4. The court shall schedule a hearing on the complaint within ninety days following filing of the complaint, and as to all matters upon which an answer was not filed by an interested party the court shall issue its final judgment within one hundred twenty days of the filing of the complaint.
- 25 5. The land trust shall be authorized to join in a single complaint to quiet title to 26 one or more parcels of real property.
 - 141.790. When any parcel of real estate is sold or otherwise disposed of by the land trust, the proceeds therefrom shall be applied and distributed in the following order:
 - (1) To the payment of amounts due from the land trust under subsection 2 of section 141.560 on the sale or other disposition of such parcel;
 - (2) To the payment of the expenses of sale;
 - [(2)] (3) The balance to be retained by the land trust to pay the salaries and other expenses of such land trust and of its employees, incident to the administration of sections 141.210 to 141.810, including any expenditures authorized by section 141.760, as provided for in its annual budget;
- [(3)] (4) Any funds in excess of those necessary to meet the expenses of the annual budget of the land trust in any fiscal year, and including a reasonable sum to carry over into the next fiscal year to assure that sufficient funds will be available to meet initial expenses for that next fiscal year, [may] shall be paid to the respective taxing authorities which, at the time of the 13 14 distribution, are taxing the real property from which the proceeds are being distributed. The 15 distributions shall be in proportion to the amounts of the taxes levied on the properties by the 16 taxing authorities; distribution shall be made on January first and July first of each year, and at such other times as the land trustees in their discretion may determine.
- 141.980. 1. Any municipality located wholly or partially within a county in which 2 a land trust created under section 141.700 was operating on January 1, 2012, may establish a land bank agency for the management, sale, transfer, and other disposition of interests 4 in real estate owned by such land bank agency. Any such land bank agency created shall be created to foster the public purpose of returning land, including land that is in a

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- nonrevenue-generating nontax-producing status, to effective use in order to provide housing, new industry, and jobs for citizens of the establishing municipality, and to create new revenues for such municipality. Such land bank agency shall be established by ordinance or resolution as applicable. Such land bank agency may not own any interest in 9 real estate that is located wholly or partially outside such establishing municipality. 10
 - 2. The beneficiaries of the land bank agency shall be the taxing authorities that held or owned tax bills against the respective parcels of real estate acquired by such land bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560, by deed from land trust under subsection 1 of section 141.984, or pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550 included in the judgment of the court, and their respective interests in each parcel of real estate shall be to the extent and in the proportion and according to the priorities determined by the court on the basis that the principal amount of their respective tax bills bore to the total principal amount of all of the tax bills described in the judgment.
 - 3. Each land bank agency created under this chapter shall be a public body corporate and politic, and shall have permanent and perpetual duration until terminated and dissolved in accordance with the provisions of section 141.1012.
- 141.981. 1. A land bank agency shall be composed of a board of commissioners which shall consist of an odd number of members, and shall be not less than five members nor more than seven members, one of whom shall be appointed by the county, as directed by the county executive, or if the county does not have a county executive, as directed by the county commission of the county, one of whom shall be appointed by the school district that is wholly located within such municipality and county and then has the largest population according to the last preceding federal decennial census, and the remainder shall be appointed by the municipality that established the land bank agency. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority, may be employees of the appointing authority, and shall serve without compensation. Any vacancy in the office of land bank commissioner shall be filled by the same appointing authority that made the 12 original appointment. If any appointing authority fails to make any appointment of a land bank commissioner within the time the first appointments are required, or within sixty days after any term expires, then the appointment shall be made by the other appointing authorities. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of section 141.720, any municipality or school district that is an appointing authority under this section 141.981 shall not be an appointing authority under section 141.720.

- 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any public officer shall be eligible to serve as a board member and the acceptance of the appointment shall neither terminate nor impair such public office. For purposes of this section, "public officer" shall mean a person who is elected to a political subdivision office. Any political subdivision employee shall be eligible to serve as a board member.
 - 3. The members of the board shall select annually from among themselves a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer, and such other officers as such board may determine, and shall establish their duties as may be regulated by rules adopted by such board.
 - 4. The board shall have the power to organize and reorganize the executive, administrative, clerical, and other departments of the land bank agency and to fix the duties, powers, and compensation of all employees, agents, and consultants of the land bank agency. The board may cause the land bank agency to reimburse any member for expenses actually incurred in the performance of duties on behalf of the land bank agency.
 - 5. The board shall meet in regular session according to a schedule adopted by such board, and also shall meet in special session as convened by the chairman or upon written notice signed by a majority of the members. The presence of a majority of the board's total membership shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.
 - 6. All actions of the board shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board present and voting; provided, however, that no action of the board shall be authorized on the following matters unless approved by a majority of the entire board membership:
 - (1) Adoption of bylaws and other rules and regulations for conduct of the land bank agency's business;
 - (2) Hiring or firing of any employee or contractor of the land bank agency. This function may, by majority vote, be delegated by the board to a specified officer or committee of the land bank agency, under such terms and conditions, and to the extent, that the board may specify;
 - (3) The incurring of debt, including, without limitation, borrowing of money and the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations;
 - (4) Adoption or amendment of the annual budget;
 - (5) Sale of real property for a selling price that represents a consideration less than two-thirds of the appraised value of such property; and
- 50 (6) Lease, encumbrance, or alienation of real property, improvements, or personal property with a value of more than fifty thousand dollars.

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- 7. The board members shall each furnish a surety bond, if such bond is not already covered by governmental surety bond, in a penal sum not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars to be approved by the comptroller or director of finance of the municipality that established the land bank agency, issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the state of Missouri, which bond shall be deposited with the county clerk of such county, and shall guarantee the faithful performance of such member's duties under sections 141.980 to 141.1015, and shall be written to cover all the commissioners.
 - 8. Before entering upon the duties of office, each board member shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

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I,..., do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Missouri; that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as a member of the Land Bank of..., Missouri; that I will according to my best knowledge and judgment, administer such tax delinquent and other lands held by the land bank according to the laws of the state of Missouri and for the benefit of the public bodies and the tax bill owners which I represent, so help me God.

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Subscribed and sworn to this ... day of ..., 20...

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- 9. Members of a board shall not be liable personally on the bonds or other obligations of the land bank agency, and the rights of creditors of the land bank agency shall be solely against the assets of such land bank agency.
- 10. Vote by proxy shall not be permitted. Any member may request a recorded vote on any resolution or action of the land bank agency.

141.982. A land bank agency may employ a secretary, an executive director, its own counsel and legal staff, and such technical experts, and such other agents and employees, permanent or temporary, as it may require, and may determine the qualifications and fix the compensation and benefits of such persons. A land bank agency may also enter into contracts and agreements with political subdivisions for staffing services to be provided to the land bank agency by political subdivisions or agencies or departments thereof, or for

a land bank agency to provide such staffing services to political subdivisions or agencies or departments thereof.

141.983. Subject to the other provisions of this chapter and all other applicable laws, a land bank agency established under this chapter shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter as they relate to a land bank agency, including the following powers in addition to those herein otherwise granted:

- (1) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;
- (2) To sue and be sued in its own name and plead and be impleaded in all civil actions, including, but not limited to, actions to clear title to property of the land bank agency;
 - (3) To adopt a seal and to alter the same at pleasure;
- (4) To receive funds as grants from or to borrow from political subdivisions, the state of Missouri, the federal government, or any other public or private sources;
 - (5) To issue notes and other obligations according to the provisions of this chapter;
- (6) To procure insurance or guarantees from political subdivisions, the state of Missouri, the federal government, or any other public or private sources, of the payment of any bond, note, loan, or other obligation, or portion thereof, incurred by the land bank agency, and to pay any fees or premiums in connection therewith;
- (7) To enter into contracts and other instruments necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers, including, but not limited to, agreements with other land bank agencies and with political subdivisions for the joint exercise of powers under this chapter;
- (8) To enter into contracts and other instruments necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of functions by the land bank agency on behalf of political subdivisions, or agencies or departments of political subdivisions, or the performance by political subdivisions, or agencies or departments of political subdivisions of functions on behalf of the land bank agency;
- (9) To make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers of the land bank agency; and any contract or instrument when signed by the chair or vice chair of the land bank agency, or by an authorized use of their facsimile signatures, and by the secretary or assistant secretary, or, treasurer or assistant treasurer of the land bank agency, or by an authorized use of their facsimile signatures, shall be held to have been properly executed for and on its behalf;

- (10) To procure insurance against losses in connection with the property, assets, or
 activities of the land bank agency;
 - (11) To invest the money of the land bank agency, including amounts deposited in reserve or sinking funds, at the discretion of the board, in instruments, obligations, securities, or property determined proper by the board, and name and use depositories for its money;
 - (12) To enter into contracts for the management of, the collection of rent from, or the sale of the property of the land bank agency;
 - (13) To design, develop, construct, demolish, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, relocate, equip, furnish, and otherwise improve real property or rights or interests in real property held by the land bank agency;
 - (14) To fix, charge, and collect rents, fees, and charges for the use of the property of the land bank agency and for services provided by the land bank agency;
 - (15) Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1 of section 141.980, to acquire property, whether by purchase, exchange, gift, lease, or otherwise, to grant or acquire licenses and easements, and to sell, lease, grant an option with respect to, or otherwise dispose of any property of the land bank agency;
 - (16) Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1 of section 141.980, to enter into partnership, joint ventures, and other collaborative relationships with political subdivisions and other public and private entities for the ownership, management, development, and disposition of real property; and
 - (17) Subject to the other provisions of this chapter and all other applicable laws, to do all other things necessary or convenient to achieve the objectives and purposes of the land bank agency or other laws that relate to the purposes and responsibility of the land bank agency.
 - 141.984. 1. Within one year of the effective date of the ordinance or resolution passed establishing a land bank agency under this chapter, title to any real property held by a land trust created under section 141.700 that is located wholly within the municipality that created the land bank agency shall be transferred by deed to such land bank agency.
 - 2. The income of a land bank agency shall be exempt from all taxation by the state of Missouri and by any of its political subdivisions. Upon acquiring title to any real estate, a land bank agency shall immediately notify the county assessor and the collector of such ownership, and such real estate shall be exempt from all taxation during the land bank agency's ownership thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent as any other publicly owned real estate, and upon the sale or other disposition of any real estate held by

- it, such land bank agency shall immediately notify the county assessor and the collector of such change of ownership; provided however, that such tax exemption for improved and occupied real property held by such land bank agency as lessor pursuant to a ground lease shall terminate upon the first such occupancy, and such land bank agency shall immediately notify the county assessor and the collector of such occupancy.
 - 3. Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1 of section 141.980, a land bank agency may acquire real property or interests in property by gift, devise, transfer, exchange, foreclosure, lease, purchase, or otherwise on terms and conditions and in a manner the land bank agency considers proper.
 - 4. Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1 of section 141.980, a land bank agency may acquire property by purchase contracts, lease purchase agreements, installment sales contracts, and land contacts, and may accept transfers from political subdivisions upon such terms and conditions as agreed to by the land bank agency and the political subdivision. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, but subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1 of section 141.980, any political subdivision may transfer to the land bank agency real property and interests in real property of the political subdivision on such terms and conditions and according to such procedures as determined by the political subdivision.
 - 5. A land bank agency shall maintain all of its real property in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the jurisdictions in which the real property is located.
 - 6. Upon confirmation under section 141.580 of a sheriff's foreclosure sale of a parcel of real estate to a land bank agency under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550, such land bank agency shall pay the amount of the land bank agency's bid that exceeds the amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due thereon. Such excess shall be applied and distributed in accordance with subsections 3 and 4 of section 141.580, exclusive of subdivision (3) of subsection 3 thereof. Upon such confirmation by the court, the collector shall mark the tax bills included in the judgment as "canceled by sale to the land bank" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on his books and in his statements with any other taxing authorities.
 - 141.985. 1. A land bank agency shall hold in its own name all real property acquired by such land bank agency irrespective of the identity of the transferor of such property.
- 4 2. A land bank agency shall maintain and make available for public review and 5 inspection an inventory of all real property held by the land bank agency.

- 3. The land bank agency shall determine and set forth in policies and procedures of the board the general terms and conditions for consideration to be received by the land bank agency for the transfer of real property and interests in real property, which consideration may take the form of monetary payments and secured financial obligations, covenants and conditions related to the present and future use of the property, contractual commitments of the transferee, and such other forms of consideration as determined by the board to be in the best interest of the land bank agency.
 - 4. Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1 of section 141.980, a land bank agency may convey, exchange, sell, transfer, lease, grant, release and demise, pledge and hypothecate any and all interests in, upon or to property of the land bank agency.
 - 5. A municipality may, in its resolution or ordinance creating a land bank agency establish a hierarchical ranking of priorities for the use of real property conveyed by such land bank agency, subject to subsection 7 of this section, including but not limited to:
 - (1) Use for purely public spaces and places;
 - (2) Use for affordable housing;
 - (3) Use for retail, commercial, and industrial activities;
 - (4) Use as wildlife conservation areas, and such other uses and in such hierarchical order as determined by the land bank jurisdiction.
 - 6. A municipality may, in its resolution or ordinance creating a land bank agency, require that any particular form of disposition of real property, or any disposition of real property located within specified geographical areas, be subject to specified voting and approval requirements of the board that are not inconsistent with section 141.981 or section 141.983. Except and unless restricted or constrained in this manner, the board may delegate to officers and employees the authority to enter into and execute agreements, instruments of conveyance and all other related documents pertaining to the conveyance of property by the land bank agency.
 - 7. A land bank agency shall act expeditiously to return the real property acquired by it to the tax rolls and shall market and sell such real property using an open, public method that ensures the best possible price is realized while ensuring such real property is returned to a suitable, productive use for the betterment of the neighborhoods in which such real property is located.
 - 8. When any parcel of real estate acquired by a land bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560, by deed from land trust under subsection 1 of section 141.984, or pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection

- 40 2 of section 141.550 is sold or otherwise disposed of by such land bank agency, the proceeds 41 therefrom shall be applied and distributed in the following order:
 - (1) To the payment of the expenses of sale;
 - (2) To fulfill the requirements of the resolution, indenture or other financing documents adopted or entered into in connection with bonds, notes or other obligations of the land bank agency, to the extent that such requirements may apply with respect to such parcel of real estate;
 - (3) The balance to be retained by the land bank agency to pay the salaries and other expenses of such land bank agency and of its employees as provided for in its annual budget;
 - (4) Any funds in excess of those necessary to meet the expenses of the annual budget of the land bank agency in any fiscal year and a reasonable sum to carry over into the next fiscal year to assure that sufficient funds will be available to meet initial expenses for that next fiscal year, exclusive of net profit from the sale of ancillary parcels, shall be paid to the respective taxing authorities that, at the time of the distribution, are taxing the real property from which the proceeds are being distributed. The distributions shall be in proportion to the amounts of the taxes levied on the properties by the taxing authorities. Distribution shall be made on January first and July first of each year, and at such other times as the board may determine.
 - 9. When any ancillary parcel is sold or otherwise disposed of by such land bank agency, the proceeds therefrom shall be applied and distributed in the following order:
 - (1) To the payment of all land taxes and related charges then due on such parcel;
 - (2) To the payment of the expenses of sale:
 - (3) To fulfill the requirements of the resolution, indenture or other financing documents adopted or entered into in connection with bonds, notes or other obligations of the land bank agency, to the extent that such requirements may apply with respect to such parcel of real estate;
 - (4) The balance to be retained by the land bank agency to pay the salaries and other expenses of such land bank agency and of its employees as provided for in its annual budget;
 - (5) Any funds in excess of those necessary to meet the expenses of the annual budget of the land bank agency in any fiscal year and a reasonable sum to carry over into the next fiscal year to assure that sufficient funds will be available to meet initial expenses for that next fiscal year, may be paid in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection 8 of this section.

- 141.988. 1. A land bank agency may receive funding through grants and loans from political subdivisions, from the state of Missouri, from the federal government, and from other public and private sources.
 - 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 8 and 9 of section 141.985, a land bank agency may receive and retain payments for services rendered, for rents and leasehold payments received, for consideration for disposition of real and personal property, for proceeds of insurance coverage for losses incurred, for income from investments, and for any other asset and activity lawfully permitted to a land bank agency under this chapter.
 - 3. If a land bank agency sells or otherwise disposes of a parcel of real estate held by it, any land taxes assessed against such parcel for the three tax years following such sale or disposition by such land bank agency that are collected by the collector in a calendar year and not refunded, less the fees provided under section 52.260 and subsection 4 of section 141.988 and less the amounts to be deducted under section 137.720, shall be distributed by the collector to such land bank agency no later than March first of the following calendar year; provided that land taxes impounded under section 139.031 or otherwise paid under protest shall not be subject to distribution under this subsection. Any amount required to be distributed to a land bank agency under this subsection shall be subject to offset for amounts previously distributed to such land bank agency that were assessed, collected or distributed in error.
 - 4. In addition to any other provisions of law related to collection fees, the collector shall collect on behalf of the county a fee of four percent of reserve period taxes collected and such fees collected shall be deposited in the county general fund.
- 141.991. There shall be an annual audit of the affairs, accounts, expenses, and financial transactions of a land bank agency by certified public accountants as of April thirtieth of each year, which accountants shall be employed by the commissioners on or before March first of each year, and certified copies thereof shall be furnished to the appointing authorities described in section 141.981, and shall be available for public inspection at the office of the land bank agency. In addition to the annual audit provided for in this subdivision, the land bank agency may be performance audited at any time by the state auditor or by the auditor of the municipality that established the land bank agency. The cost of such audit shall be paid by the land bank agency, and copies shall be made available to the public within thirty days of the completion of the audit.
- 141.994. 1. A land bank agency shall have power to issue bonds for any of its 2 corporate purposes, which bonds shall be special, limited obligations of the land bank

- agency, the principal of and interest on which shall be payable solely from the income and revenue derived from the sale, lease, or other disposition of the assets of the land bank agency, or such portion thereof as may be designated in the resolution, indenture or other financing documents relating to the issuance of the bonds. In the discretion of the land bank agency, any of such bonds may be secured by a pledge of additional revenues, including grants, contributions or guarantees from the state of Missouri, the federal government, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or by a mortgage or other security device covering all or part of the property from which the revenues so pledged may be derived.
 - 2. Bonds issued by a land bank agency shall not be deemed to be an indebtedness within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness. The bonds shall not constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the state or of any political subdivision thereof, except in accordance with subsection 4 of this section, or a pledge of the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the state or of any such political subdivision, and the bonds shall contain a recital to that effect. Neither the members of the board nor any person executing the bonds shall be liable personally on the bonds by reason of the issuance thereof.
 - 3. Bonds issued by a land bank agency shall be authorized by resolution of the board and shall be issued in such form, shall be in such denominations, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature on such dates and in such manner, shall be subject to redemption at such times and on such terms, and shall be executed by one or more members of the board, as provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance thereof or as set out in the indenture or other financing document authorized and approved by such resolution. The board may sell such bonds in such manner, either at public or at private sale, and for such price as it may determine to be in the best interests of the land bank agency.
 - 4. Any political subdivision may elect to guarantee, insure, or otherwise become primarily or secondarily obligated with respect to the bonds issued by a land bank agency subject, however, to the provisions of Missouri law applicable to the incurrence of indebtedness by such political subdivision. No political subdivision shall have any such obligation if it does not so elect.
 - 5. A land bank agency may from time to time, as authorized by resolution of the board, issue refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding, extending and unifying all or any part of its valid outstanding bonds. Such refunding bonds may be payable from any

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- of the sources identified in subsections 1 and 4 of this section, and from the investment of any of the proceeds of the refunding bonds.
- 6. The bonds issued by a land bank agency shall be negotiable instruments under the provisions of the uniform commercial code of the state of Missouri.
 - 7. Bonds issued under this section and all income or interest thereon shall be exempt from all state taxes, except estate and transfer taxes.
 - 8. A land bank agency shall have the power to issue temporary notes upon the same terms and subject to all provisions and restrictions applicable to bonds under this section. Such notes issued by a land bank agency may be refunded by notes or bonds authorized under this section.

141.997. Except as otherwise provided under Missouri law, all board meetings shall be open to the public and the board shall cause minutes and a record to be kept of all its proceedings. The land bank agency shall be subject to the provisions of chapters 109 and 610, and any other applicable provisions of Missouri law governing public records and public meetings.

141.1000. Neither the members of the board nor any salaried employee of a land bank agency shall receive any compensation, emolument, or other profit directly or indirectly from the rental, management, acquisition, sale, demolition, repair, rehabilitation, 4 use, operation, ownership, or disposition of any lands held by such land bank agency other than the salaries, expenses, and emoluments provided for in sections 141.980 to 141.1015. 5 6 Neither the members of the board nor any salaried employee of a land bank agency shall own, directly or indirectly, any legal or equitable interest in or to any lands held by such land bank agency other than the salaries, expenses, and emoluments provided for in sections 141.980 to 141.1015. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to serve not less 10 11 than two nor more than five years in the state penitentiary. The board of a land bank 12 agency may adopt supplemental rules and regulations addressing potential conflicts of interest and ethical guidelines for members of the board and land bank agency employees, 13 14 provided that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with this chapter or any other 15 applicable law.

141.1003. Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this chapter, in the exercise of its powers and duties under this chapter and its powers relating to property held by the land bank agency, the land bank agency shall have complete control of such property as fully and completely as if it were a private property owner.

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- 141.1006. 1. Whenever any ancillary parcel is acquired by a land bank agency and 2 is encumbered by a lien or claim for real property taxes owed to a taxing authority, such taxing authority may elect to contribute to the land bank agency all or any portion of such 4 taxes that are distributed to and received by such taxing authority.
- 2. To the extent that a land bank agency receives payments or credits of any kind 6 attributable to liens or claims for real property taxes owed to a taxing authority, the land bank agency shall remit the full amount of the payments to the collector for distribution to the appropriate taxing authority.
 - 141.1009. 1. A land bank agency shall be authorized to file an action to quiet title under section 527.150 as to any real property in which the land bank agency has an interest. For purposes of any and all such actions the land bank agency shall be deemed to be the holder of sufficient legal and equitable interests, and possessory rights, so as to qualify the land bank agency as adequate complainant in such action.
 - 2. Prior to the filing of an action to quiet title the land bank agency shall conduct an examination of title to determine the identity of any and all persons and entities possessing a claim or interest in or to the real property. Service of the complaint to quiet title shall be provided to all such interested parties by the following methods:
- 10 (1) First class mail to such identity and address as reasonably ascertainable by an 11 inspection of public records;
 - (2) In the case of occupied real property by first class mail, addressed to "Occupant";
 - (3) By posting a copy of the notice on the real property;
- 15 (4) By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality in which the property is located; and 16
 - (5) Such other methods as the court may order.
 - 3. As part of the complaint to quiet title, the land bank agency shall file an affidavit identifying all parties potentially having an interest in the real property, and the form of notice provided.
 - 4. The court shall schedule a hearing on the complaint within ninety days following filing of the complaint, and as to all matters upon which an answer was not filed by an interested party the court shall issue its final judgment within one hundred twenty days of the filing of the complaint.
- 25 5. A land bank agency shall be authorized to join in a single complaint to quiet title 26 to one or more parcels of real property.

141.1012. A land bank agency may be dissolved as a public body corporate and politic not less than sixty calendar days after an ordinance or resolution for such dissolution is passed by the municipality that established the land bank agency. Not less 4 than sixty calendar days advance written notice of consideration of such an ordinance or resolution of dissolution shall be given to the members of the board of the land bank agency, shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation within such municipality, and shall be sent certified mail to each trustee of any outstanding bonds of the land bank agency. No land bank agency shall be dissolved while there remains outstanding any bonds, notes or other obligations of the land bank agency unless such bonds, notes or other obligations are paid or defeased pursuant to the resolution, indenture or other financing document under which such bonds, notes or other obligations were 11 12 issued prior to or simultaneously with such dissolution. Upon dissolution of a land bank 13 agency under this section, all real property, personal property, and other assets of the land 14 bank agency shall be transferred by appropriate written instrument to and shall become the assets of the municipality that established the land bank agency. Such municipality 15 shall act expeditiously to return such real property to the tax rolls and shall market and 16 17 sell such real property using an open, public method that ensures the best possible prices are realized while ensuring such real property is returned to a suitable, productive use for 18 the betterment of the neighborhoods in which such real property is located. Any such real 19 20 property that was acquired by the dissolved land bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560, by deed from land trust under subsection 1 of section 21 141.984, or pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550 shall 22 23 be held by such municipality in trust for the tax bill owners and taxing authorities having 24 an interest in any tax liens which were foreclosed, as their interests may appear in the judgment of foreclosure, and upon the sale or other disposition of any such property by 25 26 such municipality, the proceeds therefrom shall be applied and distributed in the following 27 order: 28

- (1) To the payment of the expenses of sale;
- 29 (2) To the reasonable costs incurred by such municipality in maintaining and 30 marketing such property; and
- 31 (3) The balance shall be paid to the respective taxing authorities that, at the time 32 of the distribution, are taxing the real property from which the proceeds are being 33 distributed.
- 141.1015. A land bank agency shall neither possess nor exercise the power of 2 eminent domain. A land bank agency shall not have the power to tax.

- 162.485. 1. The provisions of this section shall apply to any school district containing any home rule city with a population of more than one hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants which is located within a county of the first classification that adjoins no other county of the first classification.
 - 2. Notwithstanding any other law, elected members of the board in office on August 28, 2012, shall hold office for the length of term for which they were elected, and any members appointed under section 162.471 to fill vacancies left by elected members in office on August 28, 2012, shall serve for the remainder of the term to which the replaced member was elected.
 - 3. Notwithstanding any other law, no director shall serve more than four three-year terms after August 28, 2012.
- 190.335. 1. In lieu of the tax levy authorized under section 190.305 for emergency telephone services, the county commission of any county may impose a county sales tax for the provision of central dispatching of fire protection, including law enforcement agencies, emergency ambulance service or any other emergency services, including emergency telephone services, which shall be collectively referred to herein as "emergency services", and which may also include the purchase and maintenance of communications and emergency equipment, including the operational costs associated therein, in accordance with the Oprovisions of this section.
 - 2. Such county commission may, by a majority vote of its members, submit to the voters of the county, at a public election, a proposal to authorize the county commission to impose a tax under the provisions of this section. If the residents of the county present a petition signed by a number of residents equal to ten percent of those in the county who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election, then the commission shall submit such a proposal to the voters of the county.

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- 22 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor
- 23 of the proposal, then the ordinance shall be in effect as provided herein. If a majority of the votes
- 24 cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the county commission shall

- have no power to impose the tax authorized by this section unless and until the county commission shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the county commission to impose the tax under the provisions of this section, and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.
 - 4. The sales tax may be imposed at a rate not to exceed one percent on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail within any county adopting such tax, if such property and services are subject to taxation by the state of Missouri under the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525. The sales tax shall not be collected prior to thirty-six months before operation of the central dispatching of emergency services.
 - 5. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.
 - 6. Any tax imposed pursuant to section 190.305 shall terminate at the end of the tax year in which the tax imposed pursuant to this section for emergency services is certified by the board to be fully operational. Any revenues collected from the tax authorized under section 190.305 shall be credited for the purposes for which they were intended.
 - 7. At least once each calendar year, the board shall establish a tax rate, not to exceed the amount authorized, that together with any surplus revenues carried forward will produce sufficient revenues to fund the expenditures authorized by this act. Amounts collected in excess of that necessary within a given year shall be carried forward to subsequent years. The board shall make its determination of such tax rate each year no later than September first and shall fix the new rate which shall be collected as provided in this act. Immediately upon making its determination and fixing the rate, the board shall publish in its minutes the new rate, and it shall notify every retailer by mail of the new rate.
 - 8. Immediately upon the affirmative vote of voters of such a county on the ballot proposal to establish a county sales tax pursuant to the provisions of this section, the county commission shall appoint the initial members of a board to administer the funds and oversee the provision of emergency services in the county. Beginning with the general election in 1994, all board members shall be elected according to this section and other applicable laws of this state. At the time of the appointment of the initial members of the board, the commission shall relinquish and no longer exercise the duties prescribed in this chapter with regard to the provision of emergency services and such duties shall be exercised by the board.
 - 9. The initial board shall consist of seven members appointed without regard to political affiliation, who shall be selected from, and who shall represent, the fire protection districts, ambulance districts, sheriff's department, municipalities, any other emergency services and the general public. This initial board shall serve until its successor board is duly elected and

60 installed in office. The commission shall ensure geographic representation of the county by appointing no more than four members from each district of the county commission.

- 10. Beginning in 1994, three members shall be elected from each district of the county commission and one member shall be elected at large, such member to be the chairman of the board. Of those first elected, four members from districts of the county commission shall be elected for terms of two years and two members from districts of the county commission and the member at large shall be elected for terms of four years. In 1996, and thereafter, all terms of office shall be four years.
- 11. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 8 to 10 of this section to the contrary, in any county of the first classification with more than two hundred forty thousand three hundred but fewer than two hundred forty thousand four hundred inhabitants, any emergency telephone service 911 board appointed by the county under section 190.309 which is in existence on the date the voters approve a sales tax under this section shall continue to exist and shall have the powers set forth under section 190.339.
- 12. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 8 to 10 of this section to the contrary, in any county **that has approved a sales tax under this section and is** of the second classification with more than fifty-four thousand two hundred but fewer than fifty-four thousand three hundred inhabitants [that has approved a sales tax under this section] **or is of the first classification with more than fifty thousand but fewer than seventy thousand inhabitants**, the county commission shall appoint the members of the board to administer the funds and oversee the provision of emergency services in the county.
- (2) The board shall consist of seven members appointed without regard to political affiliation. **Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection,** each member shall be one of the following:
 - (a) The head of any of the county's fire protection districts, or a designee;
 - (b) The head of any of the county's ambulance districts, or a designee;
 - (c) The county sheriff, or a designee;
 - (d) The head of any of the police departments in the county, or a designee; and
 - (e) The head of any of the county's emergency management organizations, or a designee.
- (3) Upon the appointment of the board under this subsection, the board shall have the power provided in section 190.339 and shall exercise all powers and duties exercised by the county commission under this chapter, and the commission shall relinquish all powers and duties relating to the provision of emergency services under this chapter to the board.

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- (4) In any county of the first classification with more than fifty thousand but fewer than seventy thousand inhabitants, each of the entities listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be represented on the board by at least one member.
- 238.415. 1. A road and bridge revitalization district may be established in the portion of a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county that is located in a county of the first classification with more than two hundred thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants, after voter approval under this section. A road and bridge revitalization district shall exist to 6 revitalize, repair, replace, and construct new roads, bridges, and related public infrastructure, including storm water control systems. The boundaries of the district may be of any dimensions within the portion of the city within such county that may be deemed necessary or advisable. The governing body of the municipality may establish such district by ordinance and authorize the imposition of a tax to support the district. The ordinance 10 11 shall require the ad valorem tax to be submitted to the voters for reauthorization and shall specify the period of time before such reauthorization shall be required, which time period 13 shall not be more than ten years. No such ordinance shall become effective unless the governing body of the municipality submits to the voters residing within the district at a state general, primary, or special election a proposal to authorize the creation of the district 15 and the imposition of the tax. The municipality shall include in the ballot a provision for 16 a tax to support the district in an amount not to exceed ten cents per one hundred dollars 17 18 assessed valuation of all taxable property within the district pursuant to available statutory 19 authority.
 - 2. The ballot for the proposition in the district shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall there be established a Road and Bridge Revitalization District with a tax rate of not more than (insert amount) cents per hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the district for years, unless reauthorized by the voters?

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3. In the event that a majority of the voters voting on such proposition in the proposed district at such election cast votes for the proposition, then the district shall be established and the tax rate shall be in full force and effect as of the first day of the year following the year of the election. The results of the election shall be certified by the election officials of the city not less than thirty days after the day of election. In the event the proposition fails to receive a majority of the votes in the proposed district, then such

proposition shall not be resubmitted at any election held within one year of the date of the election the proposition was rejected.

321.228. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Residential construction", new construction and erection of detached singlefamily or two-family dwellings or the development of land to be used for detached singlefamily or two-family dwellings;
- (2) "Residential construction regulatory system", any bylaw, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation adopted, implemented, or enforced by any city, town, village, or county that pertains to residential construction, to any permitting system, or program relating to residential construction, including but not limited to the use or occupancy by the initial occupant thereof, or to any system or program for the inspection of residential construction. Residential construction regulatory system also includes the whole or any part of a nationally recognized model code, with or without amendments specific to such city, town, village, or county.
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, if a city, town, village, or county adopts or has adopted, implements, and enforces a residential construction regulatory system applicable to residential construction within its jurisdiction, any fire protection districts wholly or partly located within such city, town, village, or county shall be without power, authority, or privilege to enforce or implement a residential construction regulatory system purporting to be applicable to any residential construction within such city, town, village, or county. Any such residential construction regulatory system adopted by a fire protection district or its board shall be treated as advisory only and shall not be enforced by such fire protection district or its board.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, fire protection districts:
- (1) Shall have final regulatory authority regarding the location and specifications of fire hydrants, fire hydrant flow rates, and fire lanes, all as it relates to residential construction. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require any political subdivision supplying water to incur any costs to modify its water supply infrastructure; and
- (2) May inspect the alteration, enlargement, replacement or repair of a detached single-family or two-family dwelling; and
- 31 (3) Shall not collect a fee for the services described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.

339.098. Any person who has an appraisal ordered, directly or indirectly, with respect to property they own or have a contract to purchase shall have standing to file a complaint with the Real Estate Appraiser Commission.

- 479.011. 1. (1) The following cities may establish an administrative adjudication system under this section:
 - (a) Any city not within a county;
- (b) Any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county; [and]
- (c) Any home rule city with more than seventy-three thousand but fewer than seventy-five thousand inhabitants; and

(d) Any home rule city with more than one hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants.

- (2) The cities listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection may establish, by order or ordinance, an administrative system for adjudicating housing, property maintenance, nuisance, parking, and other civil, nonmoving municipal code violations consistent with applicable state law. Such administrative adjudication system shall be subject to practice, procedure, and pleading rules established by the state supreme court, circuit court, or municipal court. This section shall not be construed to affect the validity of other administrative adjudication systems authorized by state law and created before August 28, 2004.
- 2. The order or ordinance creating the administrative adjudication system shall designate the administrative tribunal and its jurisdiction, including the code violations to be reviewed. The administrative tribunal may operate under the supervision of the municipal court, parking commission, or other entity designated by order or ordinance and in a manner consistent with state law. The administrative tribunal shall adopt policies and procedures for administrative hearings, and filing and notification requirements for appeals to the municipal or circuit court, subject to the approval of the municipal or circuit court.
- 3. The administrative adjudication process authorized in this section shall ensure a fair and impartial review of contested municipal code violations, and shall afford the parties due process of law. The formal rules of evidence shall not apply in any administrative review or hearing authorized in this section. Evidence, including hearsay, may be admitted only if it is the type of evidence commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs. The code violation notice, property record, and related documentation in the proper form, or a copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the municipal code violation. The officer who issued the code violation citation need not be present.

- 4. An administrative tribunal may not impose incarceration or any fine in excess of the amount allowed by law. Any sanction, fine or costs, or part of any fine, other sanction, or costs, remaining unpaid after the exhaustion of, or the failure to exhaust, judicial review procedures under chapter 536 shall be a debt due and owing the city, and may be collected in accordance with applicable law.
- 5. Any final decision or disposition of a code violation by an administrative tribunal shall constitute a final determination for purposes of judicial review. Such determination is subject to review under chapter 536 or, at the request of the defendant made within ten days, a trial de novo in the circuit court. After expiration of the judicial review period under chapter 536, unless stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction, the administrative tribunal's decisions, findings, rules, and orders may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Upon being recorded in the manner required by state law or the uniform commercial code, a lien may be imposed on the real or personal property of any defendant entering a plea of nolo contendere, pleading guilty to, or found guilty of a municipal code violation in the amount of any debt due the city under this section and enforced in the same manner as a judgment lien under a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. The city may also issue a special tax bill to collect fines issued for housing, property maintenance, and nuisance code violations.
- 479.085. Any home rule city with more than one hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants which owns and operates a municipal court building is authorized to impose a surcharge of ten dollars on all municipal code violations for the purpose of funding the construction, remodel, repair, and maintenance of the municipal court building.
- 544.455. 1. Any person charged with a bailable offense, at his or her appearance before an associate circuit judge or judge may be ordered released pending trial, appeal, or other stage of the proceedings against him on his personal recognizance, unless the associate circuit judge or judge determines, in the exercise of his discretion, that such a release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required. When such a determination is made, the associate circuit judge or judge may either in lieu of or in addition to the above methods of release, impose any or any combination of the following conditions of release which will reasonably assure the appearance of the person for trial:
- 9 (1) Place the person in the custody of a designated person or organization agreeing to supervise him;
- 11 (2) Place restriction on the travel, association, or place of abode of the person during the 12 period of release;

- 13 (3) Require the execution of a bail bond with sufficient solvent sureties, or the deposit 14 of cash in lieu thereof;
 - (4) Require the person to report regularly to some officer of the court, or peace officer, in such manner as the associate circuit judge or judge directs;
 - (5) Require the execution of a bond in a given sum and the deposit in the registry of the court of ten percent, or such lesser percent as the judge directs, of the sum in cash or negotiable bonds of the United States or of the state of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof;
 - (6) Place the person on house arrest with electronic monitoring[,] except that all costs associated with the electronic monitoring shall be charged to the person on house arrest. If the judge finds the person unable to afford the costs associated with electronic monitoring, [then] the judge [shall not] may order that the person be placed on house arrest with electronic monitoring if the county commission agrees to pay from the general revenue of the county the costs of such monitoring. If the person on house arrest is unable to afford the costs associated with electronic monitoring and the county commission does not agree to pay the costs of such electronic monitoring, the judge shall not order that the person be placed on house arrest with electronic monitoring;
 - (7) Impose any other condition deemed reasonably necessary to assure appearance as required, including a condition requiring that the person return to custody after specified hours.
 - 2. In determining which conditions of release will reasonably assure appearance, the associate circuit judge or judge shall, on the basis of available information, take into account the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, the weight of the evidence against the accused, the accused's family ties, employment, financial resources, character and mental condition, the length of his residence in the community, his record of convictions, and his record of appearance at court proceedings or flight to avoid prosecution or failure to appear at court proceedings.
 - 3. An associate circuit judge or judge authorizing the release of a person under this section shall issue an appropriate order containing a statement of the conditions imposed, if any, shall inform such person of the penalties applicable to violations of the conditions of his release and shall advise him that a warrant for his arrest will be issued immediately upon any such violation.
 - 4. A person for whom conditions of release are imposed and who after twenty-four hours from the time of the release hearing continues to be detained as a result of his inability to meet the conditions of release, shall, upon application, be entitled to have the condition reviewed by the associate circuit judge or judge who imposed them. The motion shall be determined promptly.

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- 5. An associate circuit judge or judge ordering the release of a person on any condition specified in this section may at any time amend his order to impose additional or different conditions of release; except that, if the imposition of such additional or different conditions results in the detention of the person as a result of his inability to meet such conditions or in the release of the person on a condition requiring him to return to custody after specified hours, the provisions of subsection 4 of this section shall apply.
 - 6. Information stated in, or offered in connection with, any order entered pursuant to this section need not conform to the rules pertaining to the admissibility of evidence in a court of law.
 - 7. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent the disposition of any case or class of cases by forfeiture of collateral security where such disposition is authorized by the court.
 - 8. Persons charged with violations of municipal ordinances may be released by a municipal judge or other judge who hears and determines municipal ordinance violation cases of the municipality involved under the same conditions and in the same manner as provided in this section for release by an associate circuit judge.
 - 9. A circuit court may adopt a local rule authorizing the pretrial release on electronic monitoring pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section in lieu of incarceration of individuals charged with offenses specifically identified therein.
 - 557.011. 1. Every person found guilty of an offense shall be dealt with by the court in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, except that for offenses defined outside this code and not repealed, the term of imprisonment or the fine that may be imposed is that provided in the statute defining the offense; however, the conditional release term of any sentence of a term of years shall be determined as provided in subsection 4 of section 558.011.
 - 2. Whenever any person has been found guilty of a felony or a misdemeanor the court shall make one or more of the following dispositions of the offender in any appropriate combination. The court may:
 - (1) Sentence the person to a term of imprisonment as authorized by chapter 558;
 - (2) Sentence the person to pay a fine as authorized by chapter 560;
 - (3) Suspend the imposition of sentence, with or without placing the person on probation;
- 12 (4) Pronounce sentence and suspend its execution, placing the person on probation;
- 13 (5) Impose a period of detention as a condition of probation, as authorized by section 14 559.026.
- 3. Whenever any person has been found guilty of an infraction, the court shall make one or more of the following dispositions of the offender in any appropriate combination. The court may:

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- 18 (1) Sentence the person to pay a fine as authorized by chapter 560;
- 19 (2) Suspend the imposition of sentence, with or without placing the person on probation;
- 20 (3) Pronounce sentence and suspend its execution, placing the person on probation.
- 4. Whenever any organization has been found guilty of an offense, the court shall make one or more of the following dispositions of the organization in any appropriate combination.

 The court may:
- 24 (1) Sentence the organization to pay a fine as authorized by chapter 560;
- 25 (2) Suspend the imposition of sentence, with or without placing the organization on 26 probation;
 - (3) Pronounce sentence and suspend its execution, placing the organization on probation;
 - (4) Impose any special sentence or sanction authorized by law.
 - 5. This chapter shall not be construed to deprive the court of any authority conferred by law to decree a forfeiture of property, suspend or cancel a license, remove a person from office, or impose any other civil penalty. An appropriate order exercising such authority may be included as part of any sentence.
 - 6. In the event a sentence of confinement is ordered executed, a court may order that an individual serve all or any portion of such sentence on electronic monitoring[,]; except that all costs associated with the electronic monitoring shall be charged to the person on house arrest. If the judge finds the person unable to afford the costs associated with electronic monitoring, [then] the judge [shall not] may order that the person be placed on house arrest with electronic monitoring if the county commission agrees to pay the costs of such monitoring. If the person on house arrest is unable to afford the costs associated with electronic monitoring and the county commission does not agree to pay from the general revenue of the county the costs of such electronic monitoring, the judge shall not order that the person be placed on house arrest with electronic monitoring.
 - 610.021. Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, a public governmental body is authorized to close meetings, records and votes, to the extent they relate to the following:
 - (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. However, any minutes, vote or settlement agreement relating to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body or any agent or entity representing its interests or acting on its behalf or with its authority, including any insurance company acting on behalf of a public government body as its insured, shall be made public upon final disposition of the matter voted upon or upon the signing by the parties of the

settlement agreement, unless, prior to final disposition, the settlement agreement is ordered closed by a court after a written finding that the adverse impact to a plaintiff or plaintiffs to the action clearly outweighs the public policy considerations of section 610.011, however, the amount of any moneys paid by, or on behalf of, the public governmental body shall be disclosed; provided, however, in matters involving the exercise of the power of eminent domain, the vote shall be announced or become public immediately following the action on the motion to authorize institution of such a legal action. Legal work product shall be considered a closed record;

- (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor. However, any minutes, vote or public record approving a contract relating to the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body shall be made public upon execution of the lease, purchase or sale of the real estate;
- (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. However, any vote on a final decision, when taken by a public governmental body, to hire, fire, promote or discipline an employee of a public governmental body shall be made available with a record of how each member voted to the public within seventy-two hours of the close of the meeting where such action occurs; provided, however, that any employee so affected shall be entitled to prompt notice of such decision during the seventy-two-hour period before such decision is made available to the public.
- As used in this subdivision, the term "personal information" means information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees;
 - (4) The state militia or national guard or any part thereof;
 - (5) Nonjudicial mental or physical health proceedings involving identifiable persons, including medical, psychiatric, psychological, or alcoholism or drug dependency diagnosis or treatment;
 - (6) Scholastic probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individuals, including records of individual test or examination scores; however, personally identifiable student records maintained by public educational institutions shall be open for inspection by the parents, guardian or other custodian of students under the age of eighteen years and by the parents, guardian or other custodian and the student if the student is over the age of eighteen years;
 - (7) Testing and examination materials, before the test or examination is given or, if it is to be given again, before so given again;
 - (8) Welfare cases of identifiable individuals;

- 46 (9) Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups;
 - (10) Software codes for electronic data processing and documentation thereof;
 - (11) Specifications for competitive bidding, until either the specifications are officially approved by the public governmental body or the specifications are published for bid;
 - (12) Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected;
 - (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except that this exemption shall not apply to the names, positions, salaries and lengths of service of officers and employees of public agencies once they are employed as such, and the names of private sources donating or contributing money to the salary of a chancellor or president at all public colleges and universities in the state of Missouri and the amount of money contributed by the source;
 - (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law;
 - (15) Meetings and public records relating to scientific and technological innovations in which the owner has a proprietary interest;
 - (16) Records relating to municipal hotlines established for the reporting of abuse and wrongdoing;
 - (17) Confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its auditor, including all auditor work product; however, all final audit reports issued by the auditor are to be considered open records pursuant to this chapter;
 - (18) Operational guidelines and policies developed, adopted, or maintained by any public agency responsible for law enforcement, public safety, first response, or public health for use in responding to or preventing any critical incident which is or appears to be terrorist in nature and which has the potential to endanger individual or public safety or health. Nothing in this exception shall be deemed to close information regarding expenditures, purchases, or contracts made by an agency in implementing these guidelines or policies. When seeking to close information pursuant to this exception, the agency shall affirmatively state in writing that disclosure would impair its ability to protect the safety or health of persons, and shall in the same writing state that the public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the records. This exception shall sunset on December 31, [2012] **2016**;
 - (19) Existing or proposed security systems and structural plans of real property owned or leased by a public governmental body, and information that is voluntarily submitted by a nonpublic entity owning or operating an infrastructure to any public governmental body for use

by that body to devise plans for protection of that infrastructure, the public disclosure of which would threaten public safety:

- (a) Records related to the procurement of or expenditures relating to security systems purchased with public funds shall be open;
- (b) When seeking to close information pursuant to this exception, the public governmental body shall affirmatively state in writing that disclosure would impair the public governmental body's ability to protect the security or safety of persons or real property, and shall in the same writing state that the public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the records;
- (c) Records that are voluntarily submitted by a nonpublic entity shall be reviewed by the receiving agency within ninety days of submission to determine if retention of the document is necessary in furtherance of a state security interest. If retention is not necessary, the documents shall be returned to the nonpublic governmental body or destroyed;
 - (d) This exception shall sunset on December 31, [2012] 2016;
- (20) Records that identify the configuration of components or the operation of a computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network, and would allow unauthorized access to or unlawful disruption of a computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network of a public governmental body. This exception shall not be used to limit or deny access to otherwise public records in a file, document, data file or database containing public records. Records related to the procurement of or expenditures relating to such computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network, including the amount of moneys paid by, or on behalf of, a public governmental body for such computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network shall be open;
- (21) Credit card numbers, personal identification numbers, digital certificates, physical and virtual keys, access codes or authorization codes that are used to protect the security of electronic transactions between a public governmental body and a person or entity doing business with a public governmental body. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to close the record of a person or entity using a credit card held in the name of a public governmental body or any record of a transaction made by a person using a credit card or other method of payment for which reimbursement is made by a public governmental body; and
- (22) Records submitted by an individual, corporation, or other business entity to a public institution of higher education in connection with a proposal to license intellectual property or perform sponsored research and which contains sales projections or other business plan information the disclosure of which may endanger the competitiveness of a business.

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- Section 1. 1. The provisions of this section shall apply to any school district containing any home rule city with a population of more than one hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants which is located within a county of the first classification that adjoins no other county of the first classification.
- 2. Beginning with the April 2013 municipal election, candidates for school board election in which more than one seat on the school board is open shall declare their candidacy for a particular seat on the school board. When more than one seat is open, the election authority shall designate the open seats by letter so that the candidates for the school board are required to run for a particular seat that is so designated. The declaration of candidacy for a particular seat shall be made in accordance with the procedures of section 162.281. Candidates shall also be nominated for a designated seat by petition in accordance with section 162.491.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other law, no director shall serve more than four three-year terms after August 28, 2012.
 - Section 2. If new lateral sewer pipes or water service lines are installed or connected from or to an underground facility, as defined in section 219.015, or if such infrastructure is repaired, replaced, or rehabilitiated, the contractor, utility, or person conducting the installation, connection, repair, replacement, or rehabilitation shall be required to use trace wire, or a similar device capable of being located by an above surface detection system designed to give approximate locations of the underground lateral sewer pipe or water service line, to mark the location of such pipes and lines in those areas that are located within a public right-of-way, easement, or street.
- Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to allow counties to amend budgets in fiscal years in which counties experience a decline of funds, the repeal and reenactment of section 50.622 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 repeal and reenactment of section 50.622 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.