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AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 23, Page 48,

Section 184.865, Line 7, by inserting after all of said line the

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"249.424. 1. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the proposal, and upon the adoption of a resolution by a majority of the sewer district's board of trustees, any sewer district established and organized under this chapter, may levy and impose annually a fee not to exceed fifty dollars per year within its boundaries for the repair of lateral sewer service lines on or connecting residential property having six or less dwelling units, except that the fee shall not be imposed on property in the sewer district that is located within any city, town, village, or unincorporated areas of a county that already imposes a fee under section 249.422. Any sewer district that establishes or increases the fee used to repair any portion of the lateral sewer service line shall include all defective portions of the lateral sewer service line from the residential structure to its connection with the public sewer system line. Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 448, the fee imposed under this chapter shall be imposed upon condominiums that have six or fewer condominium units per building and each condominium unit shall be responsible for its proportionate share of any fee charged under this chapter, and in addition, any condominium unit shall, if determined to be responsible for and served by its own individual lateral sewer line, be treated as an individual residence regardless of the number of units in the development. It shall be the responsibility of the condominium owner or condominium association who are of the opinion that they are not properly classified as provided in this section to notify the

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sewer district.

2. The question shall be submitted to the registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the sewer district, excluding any voters who live within the boundaries of any city, town, village, or unincorporated areas of a county that already imposes a fee under section 249.422. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

Shall a maximum charge not to exceed fifty dollars be assessed annually on residential property for each lateral sewer service line serving six or less dwelling units on that property and condominiums that have six or less condominium units per building and any condominium responsible for its own individual lateral sewer line to provide funds to pay the cost of certain repairs of those lateral sewer service lines which may be billed quarterly or annually?

- 3. If a majority of the voters voting thereon approve the proposal provided for in subsection 2 of this section, any sewer district established and organized under this chapter may, upon the adoption of a resolution by a majority of the sewer district's board of trustees, collect and administer such fee in order to protect the public health, welfare, peace, and safety. The funds collected shall be deposited in a special account to be used solely for the purpose of paying for all or a portion of the costs reasonably associated with and necessary to administer and carry out the defective lateral sewer service line repairs. All interest generated on deposited funds shall be accrued to the special account established for the repair of lateral sewer service lines.
- 4. The collector in any county containing a sewer district that adopts a resolution under this section to collect a fee for the repair of lateral sewer service lines may add such fee to the general tax levy bills of property owners within the boundaries of the sewer district, excluding property located in any city, town, village, or unincorporated areas of the county that already imposes a fee under section 249.422. All revenues received on such combined bill for the purpose of providing for the repair of lateral sewer service lines shall be separated from all other

revenues so collected and credited to the special account established by the sewer district under subsection 3 of this section.

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5. If a city, town, village, or county, which is within the sewer district and imposed a fee under section 249.422, later rescinds such fee after voters authorized the fee provided under this section, the sewer district may submit the question provided under subsection 2 of this section to the registered voters of such city, town, village, or county that have property within the boundaries of the sewer district. If a majority of votes voting on the proposal approve, the sewer district may levy and impose the fee as provided under this section on property within such city, town, village, or county.

249.645. 1. Any public sewer district created under the provisions of sections 249.430 to 249.660 or established pursuant to article VI, section 30(a) of the Missouri Constitution may establish, make and collect charges for sewage services, including tap-on fees. The charges may be set as a flat fee or based upon the amount of water supplied to the premises and shall be in addition to those charges which may be levied and collected for maintenance, repair and administration expenses as provided for in section 249.640. Any private water company, public water supply district, or municipality supplying water to the premises located within a sewer district shall, upon reasonable request, make available to such sewer district its records and books so that such sewer district may obtain therefrom such data as may be necessary to calculate the charges for sewer service. Prior to establishing any such sewer charges, public hearings shall be held thereon and at least thirty days' notice shall be given thereof.

2. Any charges made under this section shall be due at such time or times as specified by the county commission, and shall, if not paid by the due date, become delinquent and shall bear interest from the date of delinquency until paid. If such charges become delinquent, they shall be a lien upon the land charged, upon the county commission filing with the recorder of deeds in the county where the land is situated a notice of

delinquency. The county commission shall file with the recorder of deeds a similar notice when the delinquent amounts, plus interest and any recording fees or attorney's fees, have been paid in full. The lien hereby created may be enforced by suit or foreclosure.

- 3. Should a lien be placed upon a customer's property by a public sewer district for unpaid sewer charges, the lien shall have priority as and be enforced in the same manner as taxes levied for state and county purposes.
- 4. Should the sewer charges remain unpaid for a period in excess of three months, the district, after notice to the customer [by certified mail], shall have the authority at its discretion to disconnect the customer's sewer line from the district's line or request any private water company, public water supply district, or any municipality supplying water to the premises to discontinue service to the customer until such time as the sewer charges and all related costs of this section are paid."; and

Further amend said title, enacting clause and intersectional references accordingly.