

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2187

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the sale of certain lands acquired through legal settlements.

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

Section A. Chapter 640, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 640.780, to read as follows:

**640.780. 1. The department of natural resources and all other state departments,
2 agencies, or entities shall sell at public auction any and all property interest to land situated
3 in a county of the third classification without a township form of government and with
4 more than ten thousand but fewer than twelve thousand inhabitants and with a city of the
5 fourth classification with more than eight hundred but fewer than nine hundred
6 inhabitants as the county seat purchased on or before August 28, 2016, through legal
7 settlement funds administered in whole or in part by the department of natural resources.
8 If there is no purchaser, the property shall revert to the ownership of the county
9 government.**

**10 2. After August 28, 2016, the department of natural resources and all other state
11 departments, agencies, or entities shall not purchase any property interest in a county of
12 the third classification without a township form of government and with more than ten
13 thousand but fewer than twelve thousand inhabitants and with a city of the fourth
14 classification with more than eight hundred but fewer than nine hundred inhabitants as
15 the county seat.**

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.

16 **3. Any taxpayer of the state shall have standing to enforce the provisions of this**
17 **section and, in addition to specific performance, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's**
18 **fees.**

19 **4. The provisions of this section shall be construed to include any leasehold, option**
20 **contracts, or easement rights acquired by any state department, agency, or entity.**

21 **5. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2017.**

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