

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2187
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections 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 two new sections, to be
2 known as sections 640.780 and 1, 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.**

**2. Any agreement, condition, restriction, dedication, covenant, or other
10 encumbrance included in the conveyance of land required in subsection 1 of this section
11 shall be considered null, void, and unenforceable upon the effective date of this section.**

**3. As a condition of the sale of this property, the purchaser shall agree to the
13 following covenant appurtenant, which shall be included in the conveyance following the
14 property description and shall remain in effect on this property for a specifically limited
15 amount of time as any agency of the state of Missouri exists to permit, restrict, regulate,
16 and otherwise harass Missouri citizens and businesses, for the purported purpose of
17 environmental restoration, preservation, and protection:
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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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20 **"Provided that this property shall never be sold to, leased, or otherwise controlled by a**
21 **state or federal agency.".**

22 **4. Any proceeds from the sale of property required under subsection 1 of this**
23 **section shall immediately be distributed as a grant through the department of economic**
24 **development to the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development**
25 **Commission. The Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development**
26 **Commission shall work in conjunction with the Meramec Regional Planning Commission**
27 **to develop and implement a plan for primary restoration of areas affected by lead mining**
28 **in southeast Missouri which lead to the legal settlement between ASARCO, L.L.C., the**
29 **United States, the state of Missouri, and the Doe Run Company in 2008. The grant money**
30 **shall be used for restoration activities and administrative costs shall not exceed five percent**
31 **of the total grant amount.**

32 **5. After August 28, 2016, the department of natural resources and all other state**
33 **departments, agencies, or entities shall not purchase any property interest in a county of**
34 **the third classification without a township form of government and with more than ten**
35 **thousand but fewer than twelve thousand inhabitants and with a city of the fourth**
36 **classification with more than eight hundred but fewer than nine hundred inhabitants as**
37 **the county seat through legal settlement funds administered in whole or in part by the**
38 **department of natural resources.**

39 **6. Any taxpayer of the state shall have standing to enforce the provisions of this**
40 **section and, in addition to specific performance, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's**
41 **fees.**

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

44 **8. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2017.**

Section 1. The state of Missouri, or any state department, agency, or entity, shall
2 **not acquire or receive property which has any restrictions, covenants, or encumbrances**
3 **which have not been approved by the Missouri general assembly.**

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