SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOFANELLI.

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 67.1431 and 99.825, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to tax increment financing districts.

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

Section A. Sections 67.1431 and 99.825, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.1431 and 99.825, to read as follows:

67.1431. 1. Within a reasonable time, not to exceed forty-five days, after the receipt of
the verified petition from the municipal clerk, the governing body shall hold or cause to be held
a public hearing on the establishment of the proposed district and shall give notice of the public
hearing in the manner provided in subsection 3 of this section. All reasonable protests,
objections and endorsements shall be heard at the public hearing.

6 2. The public hearing may be continued to another date without further notice other than
7 a motion to be entered on the minutes fixing the date, time and place of the continuance of the
8 public hearing.

9 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be given by publication and mailing. Notice by 10 publication shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the 11 municipality once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the week of the public hearing. 12 Notice by mail shall be given not less than fifteen days prior to the public hearing by sending the 13 notice via registered or certified United States mail with a return receipt attached to the address 14 of record of each owner of record of real property within the boundaries of the proposed district. 15 The published and mailed notices shall include the following:

16 (1) The date, time and place of the public hearing;

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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17 (2) A statement that a petition for the establishment of a district has been filed with the 18 municipal clerk;

(3) The boundaries of the proposed district by street location, or other readily identifiable
means if no street location exists; and a map illustrating the proposed boundaries;

(4) A statement that a copy of the petition is available for review at the office of themunicipal clerk during regular business hours; and

(5) A statement that all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard atthe public hearing.

4. In addition to a public hearing, the governing body of a city, town, or village shall, for a thirty-day period, establish a forum for the public to comment on the proposed district. The forum may be digital, physical, or both. Comments shall be recorded and delivered to the governing body before the governing body votes on the proposed district.

5. A city, town, or village shall post the following information on its official internet
website accessible by the public:

(1) The boundaries of the proposed district by street location, or other readily
 identifiable means if no street location exists, and a map illustrating the proposed
 boundaries;

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(2) The date, time, and place of the public hearing;

(3) A statement that a copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the
 municipal clerk during regular business hours; and

(4) A statement that all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard
 at the public hearing.

99.825. 1. (1) Prior to the adoption of an ordinance proposing the designation of a
redevelopment area, or approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, the
commission shall fix a time and place for a public hearing as required in subsection 4 of section
99.820 and notify each taxing district located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the
proposed redevelopment area, plan or project.

6 (2) At the public hearing any interested person or affected taxing district may file with the commission written objections to, or comments on, and may be heard orally in respect to, any 7 issues embodied in the notice. The commission shall hear and consider all protests, objections, 8 comments and other evidence presented at the hearing. The hearing may be continued to another 9 date without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing the time 10 and place of the subsequent hearing; provided, if the commission is created under subsection 3 11 of section 99.820, the hearing shall not be continued for more than thirty days beyond the date 12 13 on which it is originally opened unless such longer period is requested by the chief elected official of the municipality creating the commission and approved by a majority of the 14 15 commission.

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16 (3) Prior to the conclusion of the hearing, changes may be made in the redevelopment plan, redevelopment project, or redevelopment area, provided that each affected taxing district 17 18 is given written notice of such changes at least seven days prior to the conclusion of the hearing. 19 After the public hearing but prior to the adoption of an ordinance approving a redevelopment 20 plan or redevelopment project, or designating a redevelopment area, changes may be made to the redevelopment plan, redevelopment projects or redevelopment areas without a further hearing, 21 22 if such changes do not enlarge the exterior boundaries of the redevelopment area or areas, and 23 do not substantially affect the general land uses established in the redevelopment plan or 24 substantially change the nature of the redevelopment projects, provided that notice of such changes shall be given by mail to each affected taxing district and by publication in a newspaper 25 of general circulation in the area of the proposed redevelopment not less than ten days prior to 26 the adoption of the changes by ordinance. 27

(4) After the adoption of an ordinance approving a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, or designating a redevelopment area, no ordinance shall be adopted altering the exterior boundaries, affecting the general land uses established pursuant to the redevelopment plan or changing the nature of the redevelopment project without complying with the procedures provided in this section pertaining to the initial approval of a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project and designation of a redevelopment area.

34 **(5)** Hearings with regard to a redevelopment project, redevelopment area, or 35 redevelopment plan may be held simultaneously.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in addition to a
public hearing, the governing body of a city, town, or village shall, for a thirty-day period,
establish a forum for the public to comment on the proposed district. The forum may be
digital, physical, or both. Comments shall be recorded and delivered to the governing body
before the governing body votes on the proposed district.

41 (7) A city, town, or village shall post the following information on its official 42 internet website accessible by the public:

43 (a) The boundaries of the proposed district by street location, or other readily
44 identifiable means if no street location exists, and a map illustrating the proposed
45 boundaries;

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(b) The date, time, and place of the public hearing;

47 (c) A statement that a copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the
 48 municipal clerk during regular business hours; and

49 (d) A statement that all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard
 50 at the public hearing.

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51 2. If, after concluding the hearing required under this section, the commission makes a 52 recommendation under section 99.820 in opposition to a proposed redevelopment plan, redevelopment project, or designation of a redevelopment area, or any amendments thereto, a 53 municipality desiring to approve such project, plan, designation, or amendments shall do so only 54 55 upon a two-thirds majority vote of the governing body of such municipality. For plans, projects, 56 designations, or amendments approved by a municipality over the recommendation in opposition 57 by the commission formed under subsection 3 of section 99.820, the economic activity taxes and 58 payments in lieu of taxes generated by such plan, project, designation, or amendment shall be 59 restricted to paying only those redevelopment project costs contained in subparagraphs b. and c. of paragraph (c) of subdivision (15) of section 99.805 per redevelopment project. 60 61 3. Tax incremental financing projects within an economic development area shall apply to and fund only the following infrastructure projects: highways, roads, streets, bridges, sewers, 62

63 traffic control systems and devices, water distribution and supply systems, curbing, sidewalks

64 and any other similar public improvements, but in no case shall it include buildings.

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