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1 2 3 4	AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 133, Page 1, Section A, Line 5, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:
5	"92.114. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a city not within a county
6	shall not continue to impose or levy an earnings tax pursuant to sections 92.105 to 92.200 without
7	complying with the provisions of this section.
8	2. Beginning on September 30, 2023, the city shall prepare a quarterly report stating the
9	following:
10	(1) The total receipts from the earnings tax for the quarter and for the calendar year-to-date;
11	(2) The receipts from the earnings tax, sorted by zip code of the residence of the individual
12	paying the tax, for the quarter and the year-to-date;
13	(3) All refunds paid, sorted by zip code of the residence of the individual paying the tax for
14	the quarter and the year-to-date; and
15	(4) All earnings tax payments remitted for work performed or rendered through
16	telecommuting or otherwise performed or rendered remotely unless the location where such remote
17	work or services are performed is located in the city.
18	3. The reports required by this section shall be open records pursuant to chapter 610. The
19	city shall post each report required by this section on the main pages of the website of the city and
20	its collector of revenue, and the reports posted shall be clearly identified in a manner designed to
21	make them easily accessible to the public. The city shall submit each report required by this section
22	to the state auditor, to the secretary of the Missouri senate, to the chair of the senate appropriations
23	committee, to the clerk of the house of representatives, and to the chair of the house of
24	representatives budget committee.
25	4. For all tax returns filed on or after January 1, 2024, the term "work done or services
26	performed or rendered in the city", as used in sections 92.105 to 92.200, shall not include any work
27	or services performed or rendered through telecommuting or otherwise performed or rendered
28	remotely unless the location where such remote work or services are performed is located in the city.
29	Any taxpayer denied a refund for taxes paid for such work or services not performed or rendered in
30	the city may bring a cause of action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount of the

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1	refund owed, and such taxpayer shall recover reasonable attorney's fees resulting from such cause of
2	action. The cause of action permitted by this section may be brought as a class action, as provided
3	for by rule 52.08 of the Missouri supreme court rules, notwithstanding any prior decision of a
4	Missouri appellate court. Paying the earnings tax under protest shall not be a prerequisite to
5	maintaining the cause of action permitted by this subsection.
6	5. By no later than September 30, 2023, any city not within a county that levies an earnings
7	tax pursuant to sections 92.105 to 92.200 shall establish a process for taxpayers to request a refund
8	for any earnings tax levied on work or services performed or rendered through telecommuting or
9	otherwise performed or rendered remotely, unless the location where such remote work or services
10	were performed is located in the city, which shall include a sample reimbursement form that is
11	accessible to taxpayers on the city's website.
12	115.240. The election authority for any political subdivision or special district shall label
13	ballot measures relating to taxation that are submitted by such political subdivision or special
14	district to a vote of the people numerically or alphabetically in the order in which they are
15	submitted. No such ballot measure shall be labeled in a descriptive manner aside from its numerical
16	or alphabetical designation. Election authorities may coordinate with each other, or with the
17	secretary of state, to maintain a database or other record to facilitate numerical or alphabetical
18	assignment."; and
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20	Further amend said bill, Page 6, Section 135.030, Line 64, by inserting after all of said section and
21	line the following:
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23	"137.067. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any ballot measure seeking
24	approval to add, change, or modify a tax on real property shall express the effect of the proposed
25	change within the ballot language in terms of the change in real dollars owed per one hundred
26	thousand dollars of a property's market valuation.
27	137.073. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
28	(1) "General reassessment", changes in value, entered in the assessor's books, of a
29	substantial portion of the parcels of real property within a county resulting wholly or partly from
30	reappraisal of value or other actions of the assessor or county equalization body or ordered by the
31	state tax commission or any court;
32	(2) "Tax rate", "rate", or "rate of levy", singular or plural, includes the tax rate for each
33	purpose of taxation of property a taxing authority is authorized to levy without a vote and any tax
34	rate authorized by election, including bond interest and sinking fund;
35	(3) "Tax rate ceiling", a tax rate as revised by the taxing authority to comply with the
36	provisions of this section or when a court has determined the tax rate; except that, other provisions
37	of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a school district may levy the operating levy for school
38	purposes required for the current year pursuant to subsection 2 of section 163.021, less all
39	adjustments required pursuant to Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution, if such tax rate

does not exceed the highest tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980 tax year. This is the maximum
 tax rate that may be levied, unless a higher tax rate ceiling is approved by voters of the political

3 subdivision as provided in this section;

4 (4) "Tax revenue", when referring to the previous year, means the actual receipts from ad 5 valorem levies on all classes of property, including state-assessed property, in the immediately preceding fiscal year of the political subdivision, plus an allowance for taxes billed but not collected 6 7 in the fiscal year and plus an additional allowance for the revenue which would have been collected 8 from property which was annexed by such political subdivision but which was not previously used 9 in determining tax revenue pursuant to this section. The term "tax revenue" shall not include any 10 receipts from ad valorem levies on any property of a railroad corporation or a public utility, as these 11 terms are defined in section 386.020, which were assessed by the assessor of a county or city in the 12 previous year but are assessed by the state tax commission in the current year. All school districts 13 and those counties levying sales taxes pursuant to chapter 67 shall include in the calculation of tax 14 revenue an amount equivalent to that by which they reduced property tax levies as a result of sales 15 tax pursuant to section 67.505 and section 164.013 or as excess home dock city or county fees as 16 provided in subsection 4 of section 313.820 in the immediately preceding fiscal year but not 17 including any amount calculated to adjust for prior years. For purposes of political subdivisions 18 which were authorized to levy a tax in the prior year but which did not levy such tax or levied a 19 reduced rate, the term "tax revenue", as used in relation to the revision of tax levies mandated by 20 law, shall mean the revenues equal to the amount that would have been available if the voluntary 21 rate reduction had not been made.

22 2. Whenever changes in assessed valuation are entered in the assessor's books for any 23 personal property, in the aggregate, or for any subclass of real property as such subclasses are established in Section 4(b) of Article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016, 24 25 the county clerk in all counties and the assessor of St. Louis City shall notify each political 26 subdivision wholly or partially within the county or St. Louis City of the change in valuation of each 27 subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, exclusive of new 28 construction and improvements. All political subdivisions shall immediately revise the applicable 29 rates of levy for each purpose for each subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, 30 in the aggregate, for which taxes are levied to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable 31 property, exclusive of new construction and improvements, substantially the same amount of tax 32 revenue as was produced in the previous year for each subclass of real property, individually, and 33 personal property, in the aggregate, except that the rate shall not exceed the greater of the most 34 recent voter-approved rate or the most recent voter-approved rate as adjusted under subdivision (2) 35 of subsection 5 of this section. Any political subdivision that has received approval from voters for 36 a tax increase after August 27, 2008, may levy a rate to collect substantially the same amount of tax 37 revenue as the amount of revenue that would have been derived by applying the voter-approved 38 increased tax rate ceiling to the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision as most recently 39 certified by the city or county clerk on or before the date of the election in which such increase is

approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law, 1 2 except that the rate shall not exceed the greater of the most recent voter-approved rate or the most 3 recent voter-approved rate as adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section. Such 4 tax revenue shall not include any receipts from ad valorem levies on any real property which was 5 assessed by the assessor of a county or city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property. Where the taxing authority 6 7 is a school district for the purposes of revising the applicable rates of levy for each subclass of real 8 property, the tax revenues from state-assessed railroad and utility property shall be apportioned and 9 attributed to each subclass of real property based on the percentage of the total assessed valuation of 10 the county that each subclass of real property represents in the current taxable year. As provided in 11 Section 22 of Article X of the constitution, a political subdivision may also revise each levy to allow 12 for inflationary assessment growth occurring within the political subdivision. The inflationary 13 growth factor for any such subclass of real property or personal property shall be limited to the 14 actual assessment growth in such subclass or class, exclusive of new construction and 15 improvements, and exclusive of the assessed value on any real property which was assessed by the 16 assessor of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property, but not to 17 exceed the consumer price index or five percent, whichever is lower. Should the tax revenue of a 18 political subdivision from the various tax rates determined in this subsection be different than the 19 tax revenue that would have been determined from a single tax rate as calculated pursuant to the 20 method of calculation in this subsection prior to January 1, 2003, then the political subdivision shall 21 revise the tax rates of those subclasses of real property, individually, and/or personal property, in the aggregate, in which there is a tax rate reduction, pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. Such 22 23 revision shall yield an amount equal to such difference and shall be apportioned among such 24 subclasses of real property, individually, and/or personal property, in the aggregate, based on the 25 relative assessed valuation of the class or subclasses of property experiencing a tax rate reduction. 26 Such revision in the tax rates of each class or subclass shall be made by computing the percentage of 27 current year adjusted assessed valuation of each class or subclass with a tax rate reduction to the 28 total current year adjusted assessed valuation of the class or subclasses with a tax rate reduction, 29 multiplying the resulting percentages by the revenue difference between the single rate calculation 30 and the calculations pursuant to this subsection and dividing by the respective adjusted current year 31 assessed valuation of each class or subclass to determine the adjustment to the rate to be levied upon 32 each class or subclass of property. The adjustment computed herein shall be multiplied by one 33 hundred, rounded to four decimals in the manner provided in this subsection, and added to the initial 34 rate computed for each class or subclass of property. For school districts that levy separate tax rates 35 on each subclass of real property and personal property in the aggregate, if voters approved a ballot 36 before January 1, 2011, that presented separate stated tax rates to be applied to the different 37 subclasses of real property and personal property in the aggregate, or increases the separate rates 38 that may be levied on the different subclasses of real property and personal property in the aggregate 39 by different amounts, the tax rate that shall be used for the single tax rate calculation shall be a

blended rate, calculated in the manner provided under subdivision (1) of subsection 6 of this section.
Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, no revision to the rate of levy for
personal property shall cause such levy to increase over the levy for personal property from the prior

4 year.

5 3. (1) Where the taxing authority is a school district, it shall be required to revise the rates 6 of levy to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable property, including state-assessed railroad 7 and utility property, which shall be separately estimated in addition to other data required in 8 complying with section 164.011, substantially the amount of tax revenue permitted in this section. 9 In the year following tax rate reduction, the tax rate ceiling may be adjusted to offset such district's 10 reduction in the apportionment of state school moneys due to its reduced tax rate. However, in the 11 event any school district, in calculating a tax rate ceiling pursuant to this section, requiring the 12 estimating of effects of state-assessed railroad and utility valuation or loss of state aid, discovers that 13 the estimates used result in receipt of excess revenues, which would have required a lower rate if the 14 actual information had been known, the school district shall reduce the tax rate ceiling in the 15 following year to compensate for the excess receipts, and the recalculated rate shall become the tax 16 rate ceiling for purposes of this section.

(2) For any political subdivision which experiences a reduction in the amount of assessed
valuation relating to a prior year, due to decisions of the state tax commission or a court pursuant to
sections 138.430 to 138.433, or due to clerical errors or corrections in the calculation or recordation
of any assessed valuation:

21 (a) Such political subdivision may revise the tax rate ceiling for each purpose it levies taxes 22 to compensate for the reduction in assessed value occurring after the political subdivision calculated 23 the tax rate ceiling for the particular subclass of real property or for personal property, in the 24 aggregate, in a prior year. Such revision by the political subdivision shall be made at the time of the 25 next calculation of the tax rate for the particular subclass of real property or for personal property, in 26 the aggregate, after the reduction in assessed valuation has been determined and shall be calculated 27 in a manner that results in the revised tax rate ceiling being the same as it would have been had the 28 corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation;

(b) In addition, for up to three years following the determination of the reduction in assessed valuation as a result of circumstances defined in this subdivision, such political subdivision may levy a tax rate for each purpose it levies taxes above the revised tax rate ceiling provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision to recoup any revenues it was entitled to receive had the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation.

4. (1) In order to implement the provisions of this section and Section 22 of Article X of the
Constitution of Missouri, the term improvements shall apply to both real and personal property. In
order to determine the value of new construction and improvements, each county assessor shall
maintain a record of real property valuations in such a manner as to identify each year the increase
in valuation for each political subdivision in the county as a result of new construction and
improvements. The value of new construction and improvements shall include the additional

assessed value of all improvements or additions to real property which were begun after and were 1 2 not part of the prior year's assessment, except that the additional assessed value of all improvements 3 or additions to real property which had been totally or partially exempt from ad valorem taxes 4 pursuant to sections 99.800 to 99.865, sections 135.200 to 135.255, and section 353.110 shall be included in the value of new construction and improvements when the property becomes totally or 5 partially subject to assessment and payment of all ad valorem taxes. The aggregate increase in 6 7 valuation of personal property for the current year over that of the previous year is the equivalent of 8 the new construction and improvements factor for personal property. Notwithstanding any opt-out implemented pursuant to subsection 14 of section 137.115, the assessor shall certify the amount of 9 10 new construction and improvements and the amount of assessed value on any real property which 11 was assessed by the assessor of a county or city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor 12 of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property separately for each of 13 the three subclasses of real property for each political subdivision to the county clerk in order that 14 political subdivisions shall have this information for the purpose of calculating tax rates pursuant to 15 this section and Section 22, Article X, Constitution of Missouri. In addition, the state tax 16 commission shall certify each year to each county clerk the increase in the general price level as 17 measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its 18 successor publications, as defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, 19 or its successor agency. The state tax commission shall certify the increase in such index on the 20 latest twelve-month basis available on February first of each year over the immediately preceding 21 prior twelve-month period in order that political subdivisions shall have this information available in 22 setting their tax rates according to law and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri. 23 For purposes of implementing the provisions of this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Missouri Constitution, the term "property" means all taxable property, including state-assessed 24 25 property.

26 (2) Each political subdivision required to revise rates of levy pursuant to this section or 27 Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri shall calculate each tax rate it is authorized 28 to levy and, in establishing each tax rate, shall consider each provision for tax rate revision provided 29 in this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, separately and without regard to annual tax rate reductions provided in section 67.505 and section 164.013. Each political 30 31 subdivision shall set each tax rate it is authorized to levy using the calculation that produces the 32 lowest tax rate ceiling. It is further the intent of the general assembly, pursuant to the authority of 33 Section 10(c) of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, that the provisions of such section be applicable to tax rate revisions mandated pursuant to Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of 34 35 Missouri as to reestablishing tax rates as revised in subsequent years, enforcement provisions, and 36 other provisions not in conflict with Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri. Annual 37 tax rate reductions provided in section 67.505 and section 164.013 shall be applied to the tax rate as 38 established pursuant to this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, 39 unless otherwise provided by law.

5. (1) In all political subdivisions, the tax rate ceiling established pursuant to this section shall not be increased unless approved by a vote of the people. Approval of the higher tax rate shall be by at least a majority of votes cast. When a proposed higher tax rate requires approval by more than a simple majority pursuant to any provision of law or the constitution, the tax rate increase must receive approval by at least the majority required.

- 6 (2) When voters approve an increase in the tax rate, the amount of the increase shall be 7 added to the tax rate ceiling as calculated pursuant to this section to the extent the total rate does not 8 exceed any maximum rate prescribed by law. If a ballot question presents a stated tax rate for 9 approval rather than describing the amount of increase in the question, the stated tax rate approved 10 shall be adjusted as provided in this section and, so adjusted, shall be the current tax rate ceiling. 11 The increased tax rate ceiling as approved shall be adjusted such that when applied to the current 12 total assessed valuation of the political subdivision, excluding new construction and improvements 13 since the date of the election approving such increase, the revenue derived from the adjusted tax rate 14 ceiling is equal to the sum of: the amount of revenue which would have been derived by applying 15 the voter-approved increased tax rate ceiling to total assessed valuation of the political subdivision, 16 as most recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before the date of the election in which 17 such increase is approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as 18 provided by law. Such adjusted tax rate ceiling may be applied to the total assessed valuation of the 19 political subdivision at the setting of the next tax rate. If a ballot question presents a phased-in tax 20 rate increase, upon voter approval, each tax rate increase shall be adjusted in the manner prescribed 21 in this section to yield the sum of: the amount of revenue that would be derived by applying such 22 voter-approved increased rate to the total assessed valuation, as most recently certified by the city or 23 county clerk on or before the date of the election in which such increase was approved, increased by 24 the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law, from the date of the 25 election to the time of such increase and, so adjusted, shall be the current tax rate ceiling.
- 26 (3) The provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection notwithstanding, if, prior to the 27 expiration of a temporary levy increase, voters approve a subsequent levy increase, the new tax rate 28 ceiling shall remain in effect only until such time as the temporary levy expires under the terms originally approved by a vote of the people, at which time the tax rate ceiling shall be decreased by 29 30 the amount of the temporary levy increase. If, prior to the expiration of a temporary levy increase, voters of a political subdivision are asked to approve an additional, permanent increase to the 31 32 political subdivision's tax rate ceiling, voters shall be submitted ballot language that clearly indicates 33 that if the permanent levy increase is approved, the temporary levy shall be made permanent. 34 (4) The governing body of any political subdivision may levy a tax rate lower than its tax
- 35 rate ceiling and may, in a nonreassessment year, increase that lowered tax rate to a level not 36 exceeding the tax rate ceiling without voter approval in the manner provided under subdivision [(4)] 37 (5) of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a political 38 subdivision from voluntarily levying a tax rate lower than that which is required under the 39 provisions of this section or from seeking voter approval of a reduction to such political

1 subdivision's tax rate ceiling.

2 [(4)] (5) In a year of general reassessment, a governing body whose tax rate is lower than its 3 tax rate ceiling shall revise its tax rate pursuant to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section as if 4 its tax rate was at the tax rate ceiling. In a year following general reassessment, if such governing 5 body intends to increase its tax rate, the governing body shall conduct a public hearing, and in a 6 public meeting it shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or policy statement justifying its action prior 7 to setting and certifying its tax rate. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any 8 political subdivision which levies a tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling solely due to a reduction 9 required by law resulting from sales tax collections. The provisions of this subdivision shall not 10 apply to any political subdivision which has received voter approval for an increase to its tax rate ceiling subsequent to setting its most recent tax rate. 11

12 6. (1) For the purposes of calculating state aid for public schools pursuant to section 13 163.031, each taxing authority which is a school district shall determine its proposed tax rate as a blended rate of the classes or subclasses of property. Such blended rate shall be calculated by first 14 15 determining the total tax revenue of the property within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority, 16 which amount shall be equal to the sum of the products of multiplying the assessed valuation of 17 each class and subclass of property by the corresponding tax rate for such class or subclass, then 18 dividing the total tax revenue by the total assessed valuation of the same jurisdiction, and then 19 multiplying the resulting quotient by a factor of one hundred. Where the taxing authority is a school 20 district, such blended rate shall also be used by such school district for calculating revenue from 21 state-assessed railroad and utility property as defined in chapter 151 and for apportioning the tax 22 rate by purpose.

23 (2) Each taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate in any year shall notify the clerk of the 24 county commission in the county or counties where the tax rate applies of its tax rate ceiling and its 25 proposed tax rate. Each taxing authority shall express its proposed tax rate in a fraction equal to the 26 nearest one-tenth of a cent, unless its proposed tax rate is in excess of one dollar, then one/one-27 hundredth of a cent. If a taxing authority shall round to one/one-hundredth of a cent, it shall round 28 up a fraction greater than or equal to five/one-thousandth of one cent to the next higher one/one-29 hundredth of a cent; if a taxing authority shall round to one-tenth of a cent, it shall round up a 30 fraction greater than or equal to five/one-hundredths of a cent to the next higher one-tenth of a cent. 31 Any taxing authority levying a property tax rate shall provide data, in such form as shall be 32 prescribed by the state auditor by rule, substantiating such tax rate complies with Missouri law. All 33 forms for the calculation of rates pursuant to this section shall be promulgated as a rule and shall not 34 be incorporated by reference. The state auditor shall promulgate rules for any and all forms for the 35 calculation of rates pursuant to this section which do not currently exist in rule form or that have 36 been incorporated by reference. In addition, each taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate for 37 debt service shall provide data, in such form as shall be prescribed by the state auditor by rule, 38 substantiating the tax rate for debt service complies with Missouri law. A tax rate proposed for 39 annual debt service requirements will be prima facie valid if, after making the payment for which

the tax was levied, bonds remain outstanding and the debt fund reserves do not exceed the following 1 2 year's payments. The county clerk shall keep on file and available for public inspection all such 3 information for a period of three years. The clerk shall, within three days of receipt, forward a copy 4 of the notice of a taxing authority's tax rate ceiling and proposed tax rate and any substantiating data 5 to the state auditor. The state auditor shall, within fifteen days of the date of receipt, examine such 6 information and return to the county clerk his or her findings as to compliance of the tax rate ceiling 7 with this section and as to compliance of any proposed tax rate for debt service with Missouri law. 8 If the state auditor believes that a taxing authority's proposed tax rate does not comply with Missouri 9 law, then the state auditor's findings shall include a recalculated tax rate, and the state auditor may 10 request a taxing authority to submit documentation supporting such taxing authority's proposed tax 11 rate. The county clerk shall immediately forward a copy of the auditor's findings to the taxing 12 authority and shall file a copy of the findings with the information received from the taxing 13 authority. The taxing authority shall have fifteen days from the date of receipt from the county clerk 14 of the state auditor's findings and any request for supporting documentation to accept or reject in writing the rate change certified by the state auditor and to submit all requested information to the 15 state auditor. A copy of the taxing authority's acceptance or rejection and any information submitted 16 17 to the state auditor shall also be mailed to the county clerk. If a taxing authority rejects a rate 18 change certified by the state auditor and the state auditor does not receive supporting information 19 which justifies the taxing authority's original or any subsequent proposed tax rate, then the state auditor shall refer the perceived violations of such taxing authority to the attorney general's office 20 21 and the attorney general is authorized to obtain injunctive relief to prevent the taxing authority from 22 levying a violative tax rate.

- (3) In the event that the taxing authority incorrectly completes the forms created and
 promulgated under subdivision (2) of this subsection, or makes a clerical error, the taxing authority
 may submit amended forms with an explanation for the needed changes. If such amended forms are
 filed under regulations prescribed by the state auditor, the state auditor shall take into consideration
 such amended forms for the purposes of this subsection.
- 7. No tax rate shall be extended on the tax rolls by the county clerk unless the politicalsubdivision has complied with the foregoing provisions of this section.
- 30 8. Whenever a taxpayer has cause to believe that a taxing authority has not complied with 31 the provisions of this section, the taxpayer may make a formal complaint with the prosecuting 32 attorney of the county. Where the prosecuting attorney fails to bring an action within ten days of the 33 filing of the complaint, the taxpayer may bring a civil action pursuant to this section and institute an 34 action as representative of a class of all taxpayers within a taxing authority if the class is so 35 numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable, if there are questions of law or fact common 36 to the class, if the claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or 37 defenses of the class, and if the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests 38 of the class. In any class action maintained pursuant to this section, the court may direct to the 39 members of the class a notice to be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks in
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a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the civil action is commenced and 1 2 in other counties within the jurisdiction of a taxing authority. The notice shall advise each member 3 that the court will exclude him or her from the class if he or she so requests by a specified date, that 4 the judgment, whether favorable or not, will include all members who do not request exclusion, and 5 that any member who does not request exclusion may, if he or she desires, enter an appearance. In 6 any class action brought pursuant to this section, the court, in addition to the relief requested, shall 7 assess against the taxing authority found to be in violation of this section the reasonable costs of 8 bringing the action, including reasonable attorney's fees, provided no attorney's fees shall be 9 awarded any attorney or association of attorneys who receive public funds from any source for their 10 services. Any action brought pursuant to this section shall be set for hearing as soon as practicable after the cause is at issue. 11

12 9. If in any action, including a class action, the court issues an order requiring a taxing 13 authority to revise the tax rates as provided in this section or enjoins a taxing authority from the 14 collection of a tax because of its failure to revise the rate of levy as provided in this section, any taxpayer paying his or her taxes when an improper rate is applied has erroneously paid his or her 15 taxes in part, whether or not the taxes are paid under protest as provided in section 139.031 or 16 17 otherwise contested. The part of the taxes paid erroneously is the difference in the amount produced 18 by the original levy and the amount produced by the revised levy. The township or county collector 19 of taxes or the collector of taxes in any city shall refund the amount of the tax erroneously paid. The 20 taxing authority refusing to revise the rate of levy as provided in this section shall make available to 21 the collector all funds necessary to make refunds pursuant to this subsection. No taxpayer shall 22 receive any interest on any money erroneously paid by him or her pursuant to this subsection. 23 Effective in the 1994 tax year, nothing in this section shall be construed to require a taxing authority 24 to refund any tax erroneously paid prior to or during the third tax year preceding the current tax 25 year.

26 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created 27 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is 28 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to 29 30 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently 31 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 32 August 28, 2004, shall be invalid and void."; and 33 34 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references

35 accordingly.