## FIRST REGULAR SESSION HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 589**

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 92, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to earnings tax.

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

Section A. Chapter 92, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 92.114, to read as follows:

- 92.114. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a city not within a county shall not continue to impose or levy an earnings tax pursuant to sections 92.105 to 92.200 without complying with the provisions of this section.
- 2. Beginning on September 30, 2023, the city shall prepare a quarterly report stating the following:
- (1) The total receipts from the earnings tax for the quarter and for the calendar year-to-date;
- (2) The receipts from the earnings tax, sorted by zip code of the residence of the individual paying the tax, for the quarter and the year-to-date;
- (3) All refunds paid, sorted by zip code of the residence of the individual paying the tax for the quarter and the year-to-date; and
- (4) All earnings tax payments remitted for work performed or rendered through telecommuting or otherwise performed or rendered remotely unless the location where such remote work or services are performed is located in the city.
- 3. The reports required by this section shall be open records pursuant to chapter 610. The city shall post each report required by this section on the main pages of the website of the city and its collector of revenue, and the reports posted shall be clearly identified in a manner designed to make them easily accessible to the public. The city shall submit each report required by this section to the state auditor, to the secretary of

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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the Missouri senate, to the chair of the senate appropriations committee, to the clerk of the house of representatives, and to the chair of the house of representatives budget committee.

- 4. For all tax returns filed on or after January 1, 2024, the term "work done or services performed or rendered in the city", as used in sections 92.105 to 92.200, shall not include any work or services performed or rendered through telecommuting or otherwise performed or rendered remotely unless the location where such remote work or services are performed is located in the city. Any taxpayer denied a refund for taxes paid for such work or services not performed or rendered in the city may bring a cause of action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount of the refund owed, and such taxpayer shall recover reasonable attorney's fees resulting from such cause of action. The cause of action permitted by this section may be brought as a class action, as provided for by rule 52.08 of the Missouri supreme court rules, notwithstanding any prior decision of a Missouri appellate court. Paying the earnings tax under protest shall not be a prerequisite to maintaining the cause of action permitted by this subsection.
- 5. By no later than September 30, 2023, any city not within a county that levies an earnings tax pursuant to sections 92.105 to 92.200 shall establish a process for taxpayers to request a refund for any earnings tax levied on work or services performed or rendered through telecommuting or otherwise performed or rendered remotely, unless the location where such remote work or services were performed is located in the city, which shall include a sample reimbursement form that is accessible to taxpayers on the city's website.

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