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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1261

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 71.012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to annexation.

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

Section A. Section 71.012, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 71.012, to read as follows:

71.012. 1. **(1)** Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 71.015 and 71.860 to 71.920, the governing body of any city, town, or village may annex unincorporated areas which are contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits of the city, town, or village pursuant to this section. The term "contiguous and compact" does not include a situation whereby the unincorporated area proposed to be annexed is contiguous to the annexing city, town, or village only by a railroad line, trail, pipeline or other strip of real property less than one-quarter mile in width within the city, town, or village so that the boundaries of the city, town, or village after annexation would leave unincorporated areas between the annexed area and the prior boundaries of the city, town, or village connected only by such railroad line, trail, pipeline or other such strip of real property. The term "contiguous and compact" shall include a situation whereby the unincorporated area proposed to be annexed would be contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits of the city, town, or village but for an intervening state highway or interstate highway as defined in section 304.001, or railroad right-of-way, regardless of whether any other city, town, or village has annexed such state or interstate highway or railroad right-of-way or otherwise has an easement in such state or interstate highway or railroad right-of-way. The term "contiguous and compact" does not prohibit voluntary annexations pursuant to this section merely because such voluntary

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.

18 annexation would create an island of unincorporated area within the city, town, or village, so  
19 long as the owners of the unincorporated island were also given the opportunity to voluntarily  
20 annex into the city, town, or village.

21 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section[5]:

22 (a) The governing body of any city, town, or village in any county of the third  
23 classification which borders a county of the fourth classification, a county of the second  
24 classification, and the Mississippi River may annex areas along a road or highway up to two  
25 miles from existing boundaries of the city, town, or village [ø];

26 (b) **The governing body of any city with more than sixteen thousand but fewer**  
27 **than eighteen thousand inhabitants and partially located in a county with more than**  
28 **nine thousand nine hundred but fewer than eleven thousand inhabitants and with a**  
29 **county seat with more than six hundred but fewer than one thousand inhabitants may**  
30 **annex areas along a road or highway up to four miles from the existing boundaries of**  
31 **the city; and**

32 (c) The governing body in any city, town, or village in any county of the third  
33 classification without a township form of government with a population of at least twenty-  
34 four thousand inhabitants but not more than thirty thousand inhabitants and such county  
35 contains a state correctional center may voluntarily annex such correctional center pursuant to  
36 the provisions of this section if the correctional center is along a road or highway within two  
37 miles from the existing boundaries of the city, town, or village.

38 2. (1) When a notarized petition, requesting annexation and signed by the owners of  
39 all fee interests of record in all tracts of real property located within the area proposed to be  
40 annexed, or a request for annexation signed under the authority of the governing body of any  
41 common interest community and approved by a majority vote of unit owners located within  
42 the area proposed to be annexed is presented to the governing body of the city, town, or  
43 village, the governing body shall hold a public hearing concerning the matter not less than  
44 fourteen nor more than sixty days after the petition is received, and the hearing shall be held  
45 not less than seven days after notice of the hearing is published in a newspaper of general  
46 circulation qualified to publish legal matters and located within the boundary of the petitioned  
47 city, town, or village. If no such newspaper exists within the boundary of such city, town, or  
48 village, then the notice shall be published in the qualified newspaper nearest the petitioned  
49 city, town, or village. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "common-interest  
50 community" shall mean a condominium as said term is used in chapter 448, or a common-  
51 interest community, a cooperative, or a planned community.

52 (a) A "common-interest community" shall be defined as real property with respect to  
53 which a person, by virtue of such person's ownership of a unit, is obliged to pay for real  
54 property taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance or improvement of other real property

55 described in a declaration. "Ownership of a unit" does not include a leasehold interest of less  
56 than twenty years in a unit, including renewal options;

57 (b) A "cooperative" shall be defined as a common-interest community in which the  
58 real property is owned by an association, each of whose members is entitled by virtue of such  
59 member's ownership interest in the association to exclusive possession of a unit;

60 (c) A "planned community" shall be defined as a common-interest community that is  
61 not a condominium or a cooperative. A condominium or cooperative may be part of a  
62 planned community.

63 (2) At the public hearing any interested person, corporation or political subdivision  
64 may present evidence regarding the proposed annexation. If, after holding the hearing, the  
65 governing body of the city, town, or village determines that the annexation is reasonable and  
66 necessary to the proper development of the city, town, or village, and the city, town, or village  
67 has the ability to furnish normal municipal services to the area to be annexed within a  
68 reasonable time, it may, subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, annex  
69 the territory by ordinance without further action.

70 (3) If a written objection to the proposed annexation is filed with the governing body  
71 of the city, town, or village not later than fourteen days after the public hearing by at least five  
72 percent of the qualified voters of the city, town, or village, or two qualified voters of the area  
73 sought to be annexed if the same contains two qualified voters, the provisions of sections  
74 71.015 and 71.860 to 71.920, shall be followed.

75 3. If no objection is filed, the city, town, or village shall extend its limits by ordinance  
76 to include such territory, specifying with accuracy the new boundary lines to which the city's,  
77 town's, or village's limits are extended. Upon duly enacting such annexation ordinance, the  
78 city, town, or village shall cause three certified copies of the same to be filed with the county  
79 assessor and the clerk of the county wherein the city, town, or village is located, and one  
80 certified copy to be filed with the election authority, if different from the clerk of the county  
81 which has jurisdiction over the area being annexed, whereupon the annexation shall be  
82 complete and final and thereafter all courts of this state shall take judicial notice of the limits  
83 of that city, town, or village as so extended.

84 4. That a petition requesting annexation is not or was not verified or notarized shall  
85 not affect the validity of an annexation heretofore or hereafter undertaken in accordance with  
86 this section.

87 5. Any action of any kind seeking to deannex from any city, town, or village any area  
88 annexed under this section, or seeking in any way to reverse, invalidate, set aside, or  
89 otherwise challenge such annexation or oust such city, town, or village from jurisdiction over

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90 such annexed area shall be brought within five years of the date of adoption of the annexation  
91 ordinance.

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