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HOUSE BILL NO. 1491

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to sports complex authorities.

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

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 67.646, to read as follows:

67.646. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Authority", a county sports complex authority created pursuant to this section;

(2) "Convention and sports complex fund", the fund established by a county pursuant to the provisions of this section for the purposes of developing, maintaining, or operating within its jurisdiction sports, convention, exhibition, or trade facilities;

(3) "County", any county with more than two hundred thirty thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants;

(4) "Governing body", the county commission or other governing body charged with governing the county.

2. (1) There is hereby authorized to be created in any county a special authority to be known as the "_____ County Sports Complex Authority". Such authority shall be created by order of the governing body and certified copies of such order shall be filed in the offices of the governor and secretary of state. The authority shall be a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the state of Missouri.

(2) (a) The authority shall consist of five commissioners who shall be qualified voters of the state of Missouri and residents of the county. The governing body shall by

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 a majority vote submit a panel of nine names to the governor, who shall select, with the
19 advice and consent of the senate, five commissioners from such panel, no more than
20 three of whom shall be of any one political party, who shall constitute the members of
21 such authority, provided that no elective or appointed official of any political
22 subdivision of the state of Missouri shall be a member of the authority.

23 (b) The authority shall elect from its number a chair and may appoint such
24 officers and employees as it may require for the performance of its duties and fix and
25 determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. No action of the authority
26 shall be binding unless taken at a meeting at which at least three members are present
27 and unless a majority of the members present at such meeting shall vote in favor
28 thereof.

29 (c) Commissioners shall serve in the following manner: one for two years, one
30 for three years, one for four years, one for five years, and one for six years. Successors
31 shall hold office for terms of five years or for the unexpired terms of their predecessors.

32 (d) In the event a vacancy exists a new panel of three names shall be submitted
33 by majority vote of the governing body to the governor for appointment. All such
34 vacancies shall be filled within thirty days from the date thereof. If the governing body
35 has not submitted a panel of three names to the governor within thirty days of the
36 expiration of a commissioner's term, the governor shall immediately make an
37 appointment to the authority with the advice and consent of the senate. In the event
38 the governor does not appoint a replacement, no commissioner shall continue to serve
39 beyond the expiration of that commissioner's term.

40 (3) The authority shall have the same powers as a sports complex authority
41 created pursuant to sections 64.920 to 64.950.

42 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the powers of any county,
43 municipality, or other political subdivision to acquire, own, operate, develop, or improve
44 any facility that an authority is given the right and power to own, operate, develop, or
45 improve.

46 3. (1) A county establishing an authority pursuant to this section shall be
47 authorized to establish, by ordinance or order of the county, a "Convention and Sports
48 Complex Fund" for the purposes of developing, maintaining, or operating within its
49 jurisdiction sports, convention, exhibition, or trade facilities. Such fund shall be
50 separate from the general funds of the county.

51 (2) The general assembly may annually appropriate up to three million dollars
52 from the state general revenue fund to the convention and sports complex fund created
53 pursuant to this subsection, provided that the county or authority has entered into a
54 contract or lease with a professional sports team affiliated with or franchised by the

55 National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey
56 League, or the American League or the National League of Major League Baseball on
57 or after January 1, 2026. The convention and sports complex fund shall be
58 administered by the county and shall be used to carry out the provisions of this section.

59 (3) Any county that has a convention and sports complex fund established
60 pursuant to this section shall, prior to receipt of any appropriations pursuant to this
61 subsection, enact or promulgate ordinances, rules, or regulations that provide, pursuant
62 to the terms and provisions of section 70.859, for the purchase of goods and services and
63 for construction of capital improvements for facilities administered by the authority. In
64 no event shall more than three million dollars be transferred from the state to any one
65 such convention and sports complex fund in any fiscal year pursuant to this subsection.

66 (4) No appropriation of state moneys shall be made pursuant to this subsection
67 until the county that has created a convention and sports complex fund has commenced
68 paying into the convention and sports complex fund amounts at a rate sufficient for the
69 county to contribute the sum of three million dollars per calendar year. Appropriations
70 made pursuant to this subsection to any convention and sports complex fund shall not
71 exceed the amounts contributed by the county to the fund. The county's proportional
72 amount specified in this subdivision may come from any source. Once the county has
73 commenced paying such appropriate proportional amounts into its convention and
74 sports complex fund, the county shall so notify the state treasurer and the director of
75 revenue and, thereafter, subject to annual appropriation, transfers shall commence and
76 continue each month pursuant to this subsection until such monthly transfers are made
77 for forty years. Moneys appropriated from general revenue shall not be expended until
78 the county has paid three million dollars into its fund.

79 4. The county shall make an annual report to the general assembly stating the
80 condition of its convention and sports complex fund and the various sums of money
81 received by the county into that fund and distributed by the county from that fund
82 during the preceding calendar year. The county shall employ a certified public
83 accountant to conduct a biennial audit of all accounts and transactions of the convention
84 and sports complex fund and may compensate such accountants out of the funds.

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