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AN ACT

To repeal sections 67.601, 67.604, 67.607, 67.651, 67.652, 67.653, 67.657, and 99.585, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to the governance and funding of the regional convention and visitors commission and the regional convention and sports complex authority, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 67.601, 67.604, 67.607, 67.651, 67.652, 67.653, 67.657, and 99.585, RSMo, are repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.601, 67.604, 67.607, 67.618, 67.651, 67.652, 67.653, 67.657, and 99.585, to read as follows:

67.601. 1. In each constitutional charter city not within a county and each constitutional charter county adjoining such city there is hereby established a "Regional Convention and Visitors Commission", to consist of eleven members, five of whom shall be appointed by the chief executive of the city and six of whom shall be appointed by the chief executive of the county. Of the members so appointed, two members appointed by the county executive and only two members and one member appointed by the city executive and only one member shall be representatives of the hotel and motel industry, one member appointed by the city executive shall be a representative of the restaurant industry, and one member appointed by the city executive shall be a representative from a major tourist attraction. Of the members first appointed, two members and only two members appointed by the city executive and two members appointed by the county executive shall be appointed for a term of three years, two members appointed by the city executive and two members appointed by the county executive shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one member appointed

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.

14 by the city executive and two members appointed by the county executive shall be appointed
15 for a term of one year. Thereafter, each member appointed shall serve a four-year term. The
16 chief executive of the city and the chief executive of the county shall designate, in alternate
17 years, one of the members appointed by him to be chairman. All members shall serve without
18 compensation. Any vacancy shall be filled by the respective chief executive officer. The
19 commission shall elect its own treasurer, secretary and such other officers as it deems
20 necessary and expedient, and it may make such rules, regulations, and bylaws consistent with
21 sections 67.601 to 67.626 to effectuate its purposes as it deems necessary.

22 2. Any provision of subsection 1 of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the
23 terms of all members of the regional convention and visitors commission established by
24 subsection 1 of this section shall terminate August 28, 1991. Thereafter, **but ending August**
25 **28, 2026**, such regional convention and visitors commission shall consist of eleven members,
26 five of whom shall be appointed by the chief executive of the city with the approval of the
27 governing body of the city, five of whom shall be appointed by the chief executive of the
28 county, and one of whom shall be appointed by the governor from a panel of three nominees
29 submitted jointly by the city executive and the county executive and who shall serve as
30 chairman. Of the members so appointed not less than three members appointed by the county
31 executive and not less than three members appointed by the city executive shall be individuals
32 actively engaged in the hotel and motel industry and one member appointed by the city
33 executive shall be a representative of the restaurant industry. Of the members first appointed,
34 two members appointed by the city executive and two members appointed by the county
35 executive shall be appointed for a term of three years, two members appointed by the city
36 executive and two members appointed by the county executive shall be appointed for a term
37 of two years, and one member appointed by the city executive and one member appointed by
38 the county executive shall be appointed for a term of one year. Thereafter, each member
39 appointed by the city executive or the county executive shall serve a four-year term. The
40 member appointed by the governor shall serve a two-year term. All members shall serve
41 without compensation. Any vacancy shall be filled by the respective chief executive officer.
42 The commission shall elect its own treasurer, secretary and such other officers as it deems
43 necessary and expedient, and it may make such rules, regulations and bylaws consistent with
44 sections 67.601 to 67.626 to effectuate its purposes as it deems necessary.

45 3. ~~In the event the state of Missouri or the city or the county fails to make any~~
46 ~~appropriation or to pay any rents, fees or charges provided in any lease among the regional~~
47 ~~convention and sports complex authority established by section 67.650 and the state of~~
48 ~~Missouri, the city and the county, of a facility of such authority with respect to which the~~
49 ~~regional convention and visitors commission has contracted to provide operations or~~
50 ~~management services, the member of the regional convention and visitors commission~~

51 ~~appointed by the governor, if the state of Missouri has failed to make such appropriation or to~~
52 ~~pay such rents, fees or charges, and the members of such commission appointed by the chief~~
53 ~~executive of the city or county, if the city or county, as applicable, has failed to make such~~
54 ~~appropriation or to pay such rents, fees or charges, shall be disqualified from voting on any~~
55 ~~matter, action or resolution to come before such commission, and from participating in any of~~
56 ~~the business of such commission, so long as any such failure continues. If less than a~~
57 ~~majority of the members then appointed are thereby qualified to vote, the members that~~
58 ~~remain qualified to vote shall constitute a quorum and any action of the commission which is~~
59 ~~approved by a majority of such qualified members shall be binding upon the commission.] (1)~~
60 **Beginning August 28, 2026, membership of the regional convention and visitors**
61 **commission shall be increased by four members who shall be appointed by the governor.**
62 **The commission thereafter shall consist of fifteen total members, with specific members**
63 **appointed as follows:**

64 **(a) Of the members appointed by the governor:**

65 **a. One shall be designated by the governor to serve as the chair of the**
66 **commission;**

67 **b. Three shall be representatives of the hotel and motel industry;**

68 **(b) Of the members appointed by the chief executive of the city:**

69 **a. One shall be a representative of the restaurant industry;**

70 **b. One shall be a representative of a major tourist attraction; and**

71 **c. Three shall be representatives of the hotel and motel industry;**

72 **(c) Of the members appointed by the chief executive of the county, three shall be**
73 **representatives of the hotel and motel industry.**

74 **(2) Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2 of this section, all members of the**
75 **regional convention and visitors commission serving as of August 28, 2026, shall remain**
76 **as members of the commission and shall continue to serve until the expiration of the**
77 **term for which they were appointed, or until their successors are duly appointed and**
78 **qualified. The four additional members of the regional convention and visitors**
79 **commission appointed by the governor under subdivision (1) of this subsection on**
80 **August 28, 2026, shall be selected from persons appointed by the governor who were on**
81 **August 27, 2026, serving as commissioners of the regional convention and sports**
82 **complex authority established under section 67.650. Of the members so appointed to**
83 **the regional convention and visitors commission on August 28, 2026, two members shall**
84 **be appointed for a term of four years, one member shall be appointed for a term of two**
85 **years, and one member shall be appointed for a term of one year. Thereafter, all such**
86 **appointments or reappointments shall be for a period of four years.**

87 **(3) All members shall serve without compensation. Any vacancy shall be filled**
88 **by the respective chief executive officer or governor, as applicable. The commission**
89 **shall elect its own treasurer, secretary, and such other officers as it deems necessary and**
90 **expedient, and it may make such rules, regulations, and bylaws consistent with sections**
91 **67.601 to 67.626 and sections 67.650 to 67.658 as it deems necessary to effectuate its**
92 **purposes. The commission shall be a body corporate and a political subdivision of the**
93 **state of Missouri.**

67.604. For purposes of sections 67.601 to 67.626, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Business", any activity engaged in by any person, or caused to be engaged in by
3 him, with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either direct or indirect, and the
4 classification of which business is of such a character as to be subject to the terms of sections
5 67.601 to 67.626;

6 (2) "City", a constitutional charter city not within a county;

7 (3) "Commission", the regional convention and visitors commission created in
8 section 67.601;

9 (4) "**Convention district**", the real property located in the city or the county that
10 **contains an existing convention center; sports stadium; sports practice facility and field**
11 **houses; playing fields; outdoor convention, recreational, and entertainment facilities**
12 **and centers; and parking facilities; that is leased, owned, maintained, or operated by or**
13 **on behalf of the commission, including any expansion thereof or acquisition that shall**
14 **immediately become part of the convention district;**

15 (5) "County", a constitutional charter county adjoining a constitutional charter city
16 not within a county;

17 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "District", the regional cultural and performing arts development district
18 created in section 67.627;

19 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "**Election authority**", the **election authority having jurisdiction over the**
20 **area in which the boundaries of the convention district are located under chapter 115;**

21 (8) "Hotel and motel industry", the group of enterprises actively engaged in the
22 business of operating lodging facilities for transient guests;

23 ~~[(7)]~~ (9) "Person", any individual, firm, copartnership, joint venture, association,
24 corporation whether municipal or private and whether organized for profit or not, estate, trust,
25 business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by any state or federal court, syndicate, or any
26 other group or combination acting as a unit;

27 (10) "**Qualified voters**", for purposes of elections for approval of sales taxes:

28 (a) **Registered voters; or**

29 (b) **If no registered voters reside within the convention district, the owners of one**
30 **or more parcels of real property located within the convention district based on the tax**

31 **records of real property for the county clerk as of the thirtieth day before the date of the**
32 **applicable election;**

33 **(11) "Registered voters", persons who reside within the convention district and**
34 **who are qualified and registered to vote under chapter 115, pursuant to the records of**
35 **the election authority as of the thirtieth day before the date of the applicable election;**

36 ~~[(8)]~~ **(12) "Transient guest", a person who occupies a room or rooms in a hotel or**
37 **motel for thirty-one days or less during any calendar quarter.**

67.607. Each regional convention and visitors commission is empowered to:

2 (1) Develop and execute plans, policies, and programs exclusively to promote
3 convention and tourist business within the area of the city and county involved;

4 (2) Cooperate and act jointly with other agencies, bureaus, boards, and associations to
5 promote conventions and tourist business within the area of the city and county involved;

6 (3) Contract with any public or private agency, individual, partnership, association,
7 corporation or other legal entity for the furnishing of services and supplies for promotion of
8 convention and tourist business within the city and county involved;

9 (4) Lease and sublease ~~[, for a period not to exceed forty years, contract to bear the~~
10 ~~cost of operating]~~ an existing convention center, including any ~~[adjoining southern or~~
11 ~~eastward]~~ expansion thereof, and to operate such facilities; and to provide services to visitors
12 to the area of the city and county involved;

13 (5) Develop, devise, promote, fund or contribute to the support of advertising and
14 public relations campaigns designed or intended to promote conventions and tourism in the
15 area of the city and county involved, or parts thereof;

16 (6) Contract for, or exact, a charge from any person in connection with the use,
17 enjoyment, purchase, license, or lease of any property or facility operated under lease by the
18 commission, or any activity, exhibit, function, or personnel of the commission;

19 (7) Appoint a director and necessary assistants, to fix their compensation and to
20 remove such appointees;

21 (8) Execute contracts and sue and be sued;

22 (9) Contract with the county and city, or any convention and visitors bureau thereof,
23 involved to allow such county or city, or any convention and visitors bureau thereof, to pay
24 over to the commission the proceeds of any convention and tourism tax or gross receipts tax
25 on hotels and motels imposed by such county or city for the purpose of promoting
26 conventions and tourism, or providing and maintaining facilities therefor or sales tax on the
27 amount of sales or charges for rooms paid by transient guests of hotels and motels imposed by
28 such county or city pursuant to section 67.657;

29 (10) Contract with any public or private agency, individual, partnership, association,
30 corporation or other legal entity to provide for limitations on marketing or use or both of the

31 facilities referred to in subdivision (4) of this section or other special purpose civic facilities
32 for assembly, display and entertainment which are owned, leased or operated, in whole or in
33 part, by the city or the county;

34 **(11) Exercise all powers, duties, rights, authority, and obligations on behalf of**
35 **the regional convention and sports complex authority created under section 67.650 and**
36 **as set forth in sections 67.650 to 67.658 including, but not limited to, those powers and**
37 **duties under section 67.653;**

38 **(12) Develop, devise, promote, fund, or contribute to the support and**
39 **development of sports and entertainment attractions including, but not limited to,**
40 **collegiate, amateur, and professional sports;**

41 **(13) Levy and collect special assessments and taxes as provided in sections 67.601**
42 **to 67.626; and**

43 **(14) Levy sales taxes under sections 67.601 to 67.626.**

67.618. 1. The commission may levy by resolution one or more special
2 **assessments against real property within the boundaries of the convention district upon**
3 **receipt of and in accordance with a petition signed by:**

4 **(1) Owners of real property collectively owning more than fifty percent by**
5 **assessed value of real property within the boundaries of the convention district; and**

6 **(2) More than fifty percent per capita of the owners of all real property within**
7 **the boundaries of the convention district.**

8 **2. The special assessment petition shall be in substantially the following form:**
9 **The commission shall be authorized to levy special assessments against real**
10 **property within the convention district (the "District") for the purpose of**
11 **providing revenue for maintenance, construction, reconstruction, operations,**
12 **rehabilitation, installations, and financing of improvements located within the**
13 **District and entering into one or more contracts related thereto for any of the**
14 **foregoing or any other necessary or desirable improvement to be made within**
15 **such District, such special assessments to be levied against each tract, lot, or**
16 **parcel of real property listed below within the District which receives special**
17 **benefit as a result of such use of the assessment, the cost of which shall be**
18 **allocated by [insert method of allocation, which shall be any reasonable method**
19 **including, but not limited to, the imposition of an assessment upon the gross**
20 **revenue generated from charges for tickets, passes, entrance fees, admission fees,**
21 **or other similar charges or impositions permitting the attendance of events**
22 **within the District, as allocated and imposed on a reasonable basis], with such**
23 **special assessment to be in the maximum amount of [insert unit of measurement,**
24 **which may include but not be limited to, basing such measurement on gross**

25 revenues generated from charges for tickets, passes, entrance fees, admission
26 tickets, or similar charges]. Such authorization to levy the special assessment
27 shall expire on [insert date]. The tracts of land located in the District which will
28 receive special benefits from such services, projects, or improvements are [insert
29 list of properties by common addresses and legal descriptions].

30 3. The method for allocating such special assessments shall be set forth in the
31 petition and may be any reasonable method which results in imposing assessments upon
32 real property benefited in relation to the benefit conferred upon each respective tract,
33 lot, or parcel of real property and the cost to provide such benefit. The commission may
34 establish different classes, based on classification of real property or any other
35 reasonable basis, within the district for purposes of special assessments. The levy rate
36 for special assessments may vary for each class or subclass.

37 4. By resolution, the commission may levy a special assessment rate lower than
38 the rate ceiling set forth in the petition authorizing the special assessment and may
39 increase such lowered special assessment rate to a level not exceeding the special
40 assessment rate ceiling set forth in the petition without further approval of the real
41 property owners.

42 5. Each special assessment that is due and owing shall constitute a perpetual lien
43 against each tract, lot, or parcel of property from which it is derived. Such lien may be
44 foreclosed in the same manner as any other special assessment lien as provided in
45 section 88.861. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and section 67.1541 to
46 the contrary, the county collector may, upon certification by the commission, add each
47 special assessment to the annual real estate tax bill for the property and collect the
48 assessment in the same manner the collector uses for real estate taxes. Any special
49 assessment remaining unpaid on the first day of January annually is delinquent and
50 enforcement of collection of the delinquent bill by the county collector shall be governed
51 by the laws concerning delinquent and back taxes. The lien may be foreclosed in the
52 same manner as a tax upon real property by land sale under chapter 140 or, if
53 applicable to that county, chapter 141.

54 6. A separate fund or account shall be created by the commission for each
55 special assessment levied and each fund or account shall be identifiable by a suitable
56 title. The proceeds of such assessment shall be credited to such fund or account. Such
57 fund or account shall be used solely to pay the costs incurred in undertaking the
58 specified service project.

59 7. Upon completion of the service or project or both as set forth in the petition,
60 the balance remaining in the fund or account established for such service or project or
61 both shall be returned or credited against the amount of the original assessment of each

62 parcel of property pro rata based on the method of assessment of such special
 63 assessment.

64 **8. Any funds in a fund or account created under this section that are not needed**
 65 **for current expenditures may be invested by the commission in accordance with**
 66 **applicable laws relating to the investment of funds of the city in which the convention**
 67 **district is located.**

68 **9. The authority of the district to levy special assessments shall be independent**
 69 **of the limitations and authorities of the municipality in which it is located; specifically,**
 70 **the provisions of section 88.812 shall not apply to the commission.**

71 **10. In addition to the sales tax authorized in subsection 2 of section 67.619, the**
 72 **commission may impose by resolution a convention district sales and use tax on all retail**
 73 **sales made in such district that are subject to taxation under sections 144.010 to 144.525,**
 74 **except sales of motor vehicles, trailers, boats or outboard motors, and sales to or by**
 75 **public utilities and providers of communications, cable, or video services. Any sales and**
 76 **use tax imposed under this section may be imposed in increments of one-eighth of one**
 77 **percent, up to a maximum of two percent. Such convention district sales and use tax**
 78 **may be imposed for the purposes designated by the commissioners of the commission in**
 79 **the convention district's ballot of submission to its qualified voters, except that no**
 80 **resolution adopted under this section shall become effective unless the commission**
 81 **submits to the qualified voters of the convention district, by mail-in ballot, a proposal to**
 82 **authorize a sales and use tax under this section. If a majority of the votes cast by the**
 83 **qualified voters on the proposed sales tax are in favor of the sales tax, the resolution is**
 84 **adopted. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters are opposed to the sales**
 85 **tax, the resolution is void.**

86 **11. The ballot for the sales and use tax contemplated in subsection 10 of this**
 87 **section shall be in substantially the following form:**

88 **Shall the regional convention and visitors commission impose a convention**
 89 **district sales and use tax at the maximum rate of ____ (insert amount) for the**
 90 **purpose of providing revenue for the promotion of regional conventions and**
 91 **tourism and to support the ongoing upkeep, maintenance, and operations of the**
 92 **commission and its facilities, and any other lawful purpose under sections 67.601**
 93 **to 67.626?**

94 YES NO

95 **If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If**
 96 **you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".**

97 **12. Within ten days after the qualified voters have approved the imposition of**
 98 **the sales and use tax, the commission shall, in accordance with section 32.087, notify the**

99 **director of the department of revenue. The sales and use tax authorized by this section**
100 **shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter after the director**
101 **of the department of revenue receives notice of the adoption of such tax.**

102 **13. For any sales and use tax imposed under subsection 10 of this section, every**
103 **retailer shall add such additional tax imposed by the commission to such retailer's sale**
104 **price, and when so added such tax shall constitute a part of the purchase price, shall be**
105 **a debt of the purchaser to the retailer until paid, and shall be recoverable at law in the**
106 **same manner as the purchase price.**

107 **14. In order to allow retailers to collect and report the sales and use tax**
108 **authorized by subsection 10 of this section, as well as all other sales and use taxes**
109 **required by law in the simplest and most efficient manner practicable, the commission**
110 **may establish appropriate brackets to be used in the district imposing a tax under this**
111 **section in lieu of the brackets provided in section 144.285.**

112 **15. The penalties provided in sections 144.010 to 144.525 shall apply to violations**
113 **of this section.**

114 **16. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 115, an election for the convention**
115 **district sales and use tax under subsection 10 of this section shall be conducted in**
116 **accordance with the provisions of this section.**

67.651. As used in sections 67.650 to 67.658, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Authority", the regional convention and sports complex authority created in
3 section 67.650;

4 (2) "Bond", any bond, including refunding bonds, notes, interim certificates,
5 debentures, or other obligations issued by an authority pursuant to section 67.653;

6 (3) "Chief executive", the mayor of the city and the county executive of the county;

7 (4) "City", a constitutional charter city not within a county;

8 (5) **"Commission", the regional convention and visitors commission created**
9 **under section 67.601;**

10 (6) "County", a constitutional charter county adjoining a constitutional charter city
11 not within a county;

12 [~~6~~] (7) "Governing body", the board of aldermen charged with governing the city
13 and the county council charged with governing the county;

14 [~~7~~] (8) "Multiple purposes", all purposes for which a building operated by the
15 authority can legally be used, including multiple sports;

16 [~~8~~] (9) "Transient guest", a person who occupies a room or rooms in a hotel or motel
17 for thirty-one days or less during any calendar quarter.

67.652. 1. The authority shall consist of up to eleven commissioners who shall be qualified voters of the state of Missouri and residents of either the city or the county. The commissioners first appointed shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Up to three commissioners who shall be residents of the city may be appointed by the chief executive of the city with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen;

(2) Up to three commissioners who shall be residents of the county may be appointed by the chief executive of the county with the advice and consent of the county council; and

(3) Up to five commissioners one of whom shall be the chairman, two of whom shall be a resident of the city, two of whom shall be a resident of the county and one of whom shall be a resident of the city, the county or a county contiguous to the county, may be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall appoint one of the commissioners to be the chairman of the authority. Of the commissioners appointed by the chief executive of the city, no more than two shall be of the same political party, of the commissioners appointed by the chief executive of the county, no more than two shall be of the same political party and of the commissioners appointed by the governor, no more than three shall be of the same political party. In addition, no elective or appointed official of the state of Missouri or of any political subdivision thereof shall be a commissioner of the authority. Upon the appointment of eight commissioners as above provided, the authority shall be deemed to be duly constituted and shall be authorized to commence operations as provided in sections 67.650 to 67.658; but, after the authority is duly constituted nothing herein shall prohibit the appointment of additional commissioners up to the limits and in the manner provided in this section.

2. The commissioners shall serve for terms of six years, except that of the first such commissioners appointed, the first person, if any, appointed by the governor, the chief executive of the city and the chief executive of the county, respectively, shall serve for terms of two years, the next two persons, if any, appointed by the governor, and the next person, if any, appointed by the chief executive of the city and the chief executive of the county, respectively, shall serve for terms of four years, and the final persons, if any, appointed by the governor, the chief executive of the city and the chief executive of the county, respectively, shall serve for terms of six years. Each commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and qualified. No more than six commissioners of the authority shall be of the same political party.

3. In the event a vacancy exists or in the event a commissioner's term expires, a successor commissioner shall be appointed by whomever appointed the commissioner who initially held the vacant position and if no person is so selected within sixty days of the creation of the vacancy, the unexpired term of such commissioner may be filled by a majority vote of the remainder of the commissioners, provided that such successor commissioner shall

38 meet the requirements set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection 1 above. Commissioners
39 appointed to fill unexpired terms shall only serve until such unexpired term expires. Pending
40 any such appointment to fill any vacancy, the remaining commissioners may conduct
41 authority business.

42 4. The authority shall elect from its number a chairman and may appoint such officers
43 and employ such employees as it may require for the performance of its duties, and may fix
44 and determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. No action of the authority shall
45 be binding unless taken at a meeting at which at least a majority of the commissioners then
46 appointed vote in favor of such action. The commissioners shall be reimbursed by the
47 authority for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

48 5. In the event any of the state of Missouri, the city or the county fails to make any
49 appropriation or to pay any rents, fees or charges provided in any contract, agreement lease or
50 sublease between the authority and one or more of the state of Missouri, the city and the
51 county, the commissioners, if any, appointed by the governor, if the state of Missouri has
52 failed to make such appropriation or to pay such rents, fees or charges, and the
53 commissioners, if any, appointed by the chief executive of the city or county, if the city or
54 county, as applicable, has failed to make such appropriation or to pay such rents, fees or
55 charges, shall be disqualified from voting on any matter, action or resolution to come before
56 the authority, and from participating in any of the business of the authority, so long as any
57 such failure continues. If less than a majority of the commissioners then appointed are
58 thereby qualified to vote, the commissioners that remain qualified to vote shall constitute a
59 quorum and any action of the authority which is approved by a majority of such qualified
60 commissioners, shall be binding upon the authority.

61 **6. (1) Notwithstanding provisions of subsections 1 to 5 of this section to the**
62 **contrary, beginning August 28, 2026, the terms of the existing commissioners for the**
63 **authority shall expire and terminate and the members serving on the regional**
64 **convention and visitors commission created in section 67.601 shall serve as the new**
65 **commissioners of the authority. Any commissioner serving for the authority prior to**
66 **August 28, 2026, shall be replaced by members of the regional convention and visitors**
67 **commission regardless of whether the terms of such commissioners have expired. Each**
68 **member serving on the regional convention and visitors commission shall serve as a**
69 **commissioner for the authority, with such terms, vacancies, and appointments handled**
70 **in the same manner as set forth under sections 67.601 to 67.626.**

71 **(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, four commissioners of the**
72 **authority, selected by the governor, who were previously appointed by the governor and**
73 **servng as of August 27, 2026, shall be reappointed on August 28, 2026, to serve as**

74 **members of the newly constituted regional convention and visitors commission in**
75 **accordance with the terms of subsection 3 of section 67.601.**

67.653. 1. The authority shall have the following powers:

2 (1) To acquire by gift, bequest, purchase, lease or sublease from public or private
3 sources and to plan, construct, operate and maintain, or to lease or sublease to or from others
4 for construction, operation and maintenance, convention centers, sports stadiums, field
5 houses, indoor and outdoor convention, recreational, and entertainment facilities and centers,
6 playing fields, parking facilities and other suitable concessions, and all things incidental or
7 necessary to a complex suitable for all types of convention, entertainment and meeting
8 activities and for all types of sports and recreation, either professional or amateur, commercial
9 or private, either upon, above or below the ground, except that no such stadium, complex or
10 facility shall be used, in any fashion, for the purpose of horse racing or dog racing, and any
11 stadium, complex or facility newly constructed by the authority shall be suitable for multiple
12 purposes ~~[and designed and constructed to meet National Football League franchise standards~~
13 ~~and shall be located adjacent to an existing convention facility];~~

14 (2) To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

15 (3) To maintain an office, and to conduct its meetings at such place or places in the
16 city or in the county as it may designate;

17 (4) To charge and collect fees and rents for use of the facilities owned or operated by
18 it or leased or subleased from or to others and to deposit any funds received under the
19 provisions of sections 67.650 to 67.658 in a savings or checking account in a bank, credit
20 union, or savings and loan association in this state;

21 (5) To adopt a common seal;

22 (6) To contract and to be contracted with, including, but without limitation, the
23 authority to enter into contracts with cities, counties and other political subdivisions and
24 public agencies under sections 70.210 to 70.325, and otherwise, and to enter into contracts
25 with other entities, in connection with the acquisition by gift, bequest, purchase, lease or
26 sublease and in connection with the planning, construction, financing, leasing, subleasing,
27 operation and maintenance of any convention or sports facility and for any other lawful
28 purpose, and to sue and to be sued;

29 (7) To receive for its lawful activities any rentals, contributions or moneys
30 appropriated or otherwise designated for payment to the authority by municipalities, counties,
31 state or other political subdivisions or public agencies or by the federal government or any
32 agency or officer thereof or from any other source;

33 (8) To disburse funds for its lawful activities and fix salaries and wages of its officers
34 and employees;

35 (9) To invest any of the authority's funds in such types of investments as shall be
36 determined by a resolution adopted by the commissioners of the authority;

37 (10) To borrow money for the acquisition, planning, construction, equipping,
38 operation, maintenance, repair, extension and improvement of any facility, or any part or parts
39 thereof, which it has the power to own, lease or operate, and for any other proper corporate
40 purpose, and to issue negotiable notes, bonds, or other instruments in writing as evidence of
41 sums borrowed, as hereinafter provided in this section:

42 (a) Bonds issued hereunder shall be issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the
43 commissioners of the authority which shall set out the estimated cost to the authority of the
44 proposed facility or facilities, and shall further set out the amount of bonds to be issued, their
45 purpose or purposes, their date or dates, denomination or denominations, rate or rates of
46 interest, time or times of payment, both of principal and of interest, place or places of
47 payment and all other details in connection therewith. Any such bonds may be subject to
48 such provision for redemption prior to maturity, with or without premium, and at such times
49 and upon such conditions as may be provided by the resolution;

50 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 108.170, such bonds shall bear interest
51 at such rate or rates determined by the authority and shall mature within a period not
52 exceeding fifty years and may be sold at public or private sale for not less than ninety-five
53 percent of the principal amount thereof. Bonds issued by the authority shall possess all of the
54 qualities of negotiable instruments under the laws of this state;

55 (c) Such bonds may be payable to bearer, may be registered or coupon bonds and if
56 payable to bearer, may contain such registration provisions as to either principal and interest,
57 or principal only, as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the same, which resolution
58 may also provide for the exchange of registered and coupon bonds. Such bonds and any
59 coupons attached thereto shall be signed in such manner and by such officers of the authority
60 as may be provided for by the resolution authorizing the same. The authority may provide for
61 the replacement of any bond which shall become mutilated, destroyed or lost;

62 (d) Bonds issued by the authority shall be payable as to principal, interest and
63 redemption premium, if any, out of all or any part of the general funds of the authority,
64 including rents, revenues, receipts and income derived and to be derived for the use of any
65 facility or combination of facilities, or any part or parts thereof, acquired, constructed,
66 improved or extended in whole or in part from the proceeds of such bonds, including but not
67 limited to convention center and stadium rentals, concessions, parking facilities and from
68 funds derived from any other facilities or part or parts thereof, owned or operated by the
69 authority, all or any part of which rents, revenues, receipts and income the authority is
70 authorized to pledge for the payment of said principal, interest, and redemption premium, if
71 any, except that direct appropriations of tax revenues received by the authority pursuant to

72 sections 67.656 and 67.657 or otherwise, other than appropriations for the payment of rent,
73 shall not be pledged for the payment of such bonds. Neither the commissioners of the
74 authority nor any person executing its bonds shall be personally liable on such bonds by
75 reason of the issuance thereof. Bonds issued under the provisions of sections 67.653 to
76 67.655 shall not constitute a debt, liability, or obligation of this state, or any political
77 subdivision of this state, nor shall any such obligations be a pledge of the faith and credit of
78 this state, but shall be payable solely from the revenues and assets held by the authority. The
79 issuance of bonds under sections 67.653 to 67.655 shall not, directly, indirectly, or
80 contingently, obligate the state of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, or the
81 authority, to levy any form of taxation therefor or to make any appropriation for their
82 payment. Each obligation or bond issued under sections 67.653 to 67.655 shall contain on the
83 face thereof a statement to the effect that the authority shall not be obligated to pay the same
84 nor the interest on such bond, except from the revenues received by the authority or assets of
85 the authority lawfully pledged therefor, and that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing
86 power of this state or of any political subdivision of this state is pledged to the payment of the
87 principal of or the interest on such obligation or bond. Bonds issued pursuant to this section
88 may be further secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, trust agreement, pledge agreement,
89 assignment or security agreement upon the rents, revenues, receipts and income herein
90 referred to or any part thereof, or upon any leasehold interest or other property owned by the
91 authority, or any part thereof, whether then owned or thereafter acquired, except that direct
92 appropriations of tax revenues received by the authority pursuant to sections 67.656 and
93 67.657 or otherwise, other than appropriations for the payment of rent, shall not secure such
94 bonds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed in such manner and under such
95 restrictions as the authority may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance of such
96 bonds or in any such mortgage, deed of trust, trust agreement, pledge agreement or security
97 agreement;

98 (e) The authority shall fix and maintain rates and rentals and make and collect charges
99 for the use and services of its interest in the facility or facilities or any part thereof owned or
100 operated by the authority which shall be sufficient to pay the cost of operation and
101 maintenance thereof, to pay the principal of and interest on any such bonds payable from such
102 rates, rentals and charges and to provide funds sufficient to meet all requirements of the
103 resolution by which such bonds have been issued;

104 (f) The resolution authorizing the issuance of any such bonds may provide for the
105 allocation of rents, revenues, receipts and income derived and to be derived by the authority
106 from the use of any facility or part thereof, and of the proceeds received pursuant to sections
107 67.656 and 67.657, into such separate accounts as shall be deemed to be advisable to assure
108 the proper operation and maintenance of any facility or part thereof and the prompt payment

109 of any bonds issued to finance all or any part of the costs thereof. Such accounts may include
110 reserve accounts necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of any such facility or
111 any part thereof, and for the payment of any such bonds. Such resolution may include such
112 other covenants and agreements by the authority as in its judgment are advisable or necessary
113 properly to secure the payment of such bonds;

114 (g) The authority may issue negotiable refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding,
115 extending or unifying the whole or any part of such bonds then outstanding, or any bonds,
116 notes or other obligations issued by any other public agency, public body or political
117 subdivision in connection with any facilities to be acquired, leased or subleased by the
118 authority, which refunding bonds shall not exceed the amount necessary to refund the
119 principal of the outstanding bonds to be refunded and the accrued interest thereon to the date
120 of such refunding, together with any redemption premium, amounts necessary to establish
121 reserve and escrow funds and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the
122 refunding. The authority may provide for the payment of interest on such refunding bonds at
123 a rate in excess of the bonds to be refunded;

124 (h) In case any of the commissioners or officers of the authority whose signatures
125 appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such commissioners or officers before the
126 delivery of such bonds, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all
127 purposes, the same as if such commissioners or officers had remained in office until such
128 delivery;

129 (i) The authority is hereby declared to be performing a public function and bonds of
130 the authority are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and,
131 accordingly, interest thereon and income therefrom shall be exempt from income taxation by
132 the state of Missouri;

133 (11) To condemn any and all rights or property of any kind or character, necessary for
134 the purposes of the authority, in the manner provided in chapter 523, except that no property
135 now or hereafter vested in or held by the state, the county or the city shall be taken by the
136 authority without the authorization or consent of such party; provided however, that the
137 authority shall provide relocation benefits to all individuals and businesses, occupying said
138 property, in the same manner as such relocation benefits are provided pursuant to the federal
139 Relocation Assistance Act;

140 (12) To perform all other necessary and incidental functions, and to exercise such
141 additional powers as shall be conferred by the general assembly or by act of Congress.

142 2. The authority shall proceed to carry out its duties, functions and powers in
143 accordance with sections 67.650 to 67.658, and the authority is vested with all necessary and
144 appropriate powers not inconsistent with the constitution or the laws of the United States to

145 effectuate the same, except the power to levy taxes or assessments. In no event shall the state
146 be liable for any deficiency or indebtedness incurred by the authority.

147 3. The authority shall grant or award at least fifteen percent of all contracts,
148 employment opportunities, professional services and all other special contracts to persons
149 who are members of a racial minority group, as defined in section 37.013.

150 4. The authority and any city, county, other political subdivision or public agency
151 obtaining funds pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of
152 sections 34.073 and 34.076.

67.657. 1. Nothing contained in sections 67.650 to 67.658 shall impair the powers of
2 any county, municipality or other political subdivision to acquire, own, operate, develop or
3 improve any facility of the type the authority is given the right and power to own, operate,
4 develop or improve.

5 2. Any county, municipality or other political subdivision or public agency is
6 authorized to make gifts, donations, grants and contributions of money or real or personal
7 property to the authority, whether such money or property is derived from tax revenues or
8 from any other source.

9 3. **Prior to August 28, 2026**, the state of Missouri or any agency, department or
10 instrumentality thereof and the county, the city, or any political subdivision, public agency or
11 public body, or any combination thereof pursuant to sections 70.210 to 70.325, or otherwise,
12 are authorized to enter into contracts, agreements, leases and subleases with each other, the
13 authority and others to acquire, sell, convey, lease, sublease, own, operate, finance, develop or
14 improve, or any combination thereof, any facility of the type the authority is given the right to
15 construct, own, operate, develop or improve, including without limitation to agree to pay
16 rents or other fees or charges, subject to annual appropriations, and to mortgage, pledge,
17 assign, convey, or grant security in any interest which any such entity may have in such
18 facility.

19 4. In addition to any other tax imposed by law, and notwithstanding the provisions of
20 subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of section 67.619, to the contrary, the governing body of the
21 county may submit to the voters of the county a tax not to exceed three and one-half percent
22 on the amount of sales or charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels
23 and motels situated within the county involved, and doing business within such county for the
24 purpose of funding a regional convention and sports complex authority and for other
25 recreational and entertainment purposes. If the governing body so orders, the election
26 officials of the county shall submit a proposition to the voters of such county at the next
27 statewide or countywide election or at a special election called for that purpose, such special
28 election to be held at the expense of the regional convention and sports complex authority.

66 ~~qualifying project and enters into any such contract, agreement, lease or sublease, then any~~
67 ~~funds in excess of its obligations hereunder which are deposited in the county convention and~~
68 ~~recreation trust fund in any year pursuant to subsection 4 of this section may be appropriated~~
69 ~~and disbursed by the county for general revenue purposes] , and the remainder, if any, shall~~
70 **be disbursed annually to the regional convention and visitors commission established**
71 **under section 67.601.**

72 7. ~~[Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 6 of this section to the contrary,~~
73 ~~funds deposited in the county convention and recreation trust fund pursuant to subsection 5 of~~
74 ~~this section in excess of amounts payable as the county's share of any rent, fees or charges~~
75 ~~payable pursuant to any contract, agreement, lease or sublease provided for in subsection 3 of~~
76 ~~this section, including reasonable reserves for future payments of such amounts, shall not be~~
77 ~~appropriated or paid except for funding of the regional convention and sports complex~~
78 ~~authority or for regional convention and tourism purposes to the regional convention and~~
79 ~~visitors commission established by section 67.601 if it is providing management and~~
80 ~~operations services for a facility of the regional convention and sports complex authority of~~
81 ~~which the state of Missouri, the city, and St. Louis County are lessees pursuant to a contract,~~
82 ~~agreement or sublease with such lessees.] **Provided that the county's share of any rent,**~~
83 **fees, or charges due and payable pursuant to any contract, agreement, lease, or sublease**
84 **provided for in subsection 3 of this section have been made for all contracts or**
85 **obligations entered into under subsection 3 of this section, all funds on deposit in the**
86 **county convention and recreation trust fund as of August 28, 2026, shall be deemed**
87 **excess funds and may be appropriated and disbursed by the county for general revenue**
88 **purposes. Beginning August 28, 2026, all funds deposited in the county convention and**
89 **recreation trust fund shall be distributed in accordance with subsection 6 of this section,**
90 **such that all excess funds shall be remitted to the regional convention and visitors**
91 **commission established under section 67.601 for the sole use by, and control of, such**
92 **commission. No funds generated by the tax imposed under this section shall be used for**
93 **the payment or support of the county's share of any rent, fees, or other charges payable**
94 **pursuant to any contract, agreement, lease, or sublease entered into, modified, or**
95 **amended after August 28, 2026, under subsection 3 of this section.**

96 8. In addition to any other tax imposed by law, and notwithstanding the provisions of
97 subdivision (1) of subsection 5 of section 67.619 to the contrary, the governing body of the
98 city may repeal a present two-dollar license fee per occupied room levied in such city on
99 hotels and motels and submit to the voters of the city a tax not to exceed three and one-half
100 percent on the amount of sales or charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests
101 of hotels and motels situated within the city involved, and doing business within such city for
102 the purposes of funding debt service, lease payments or other expenses of an existing

140 of collection and shall transfer all other moneys collected for such tax to the city for deposit in
141 the convention and sports facility trust fund.

142 10. All funds deposited in the city convention and sports facility trust fund shall,
143 subject to annual appropriation, be disbursed by the city only for first, debt service, lease
144 payments or other expenses related to an existing convention center, including any ~~[southern]~~
145 expansion thereof, of such city, second, to pay the city's share of any rent, fees or charges
146 payable pursuant to any lease provided for in subsection 3 of this section and third, the
147 remainder, if any, annually to the regional convention and visitors commission established by
148 section 67.601 ~~[if it is providing management and operations services for a facility of the~~
149 ~~regional convention and sports complex authority of which the state of Missouri, the city, and~~
150 ~~St. Louis County are lessees pursuant to a contract, agreement or sublease with such lessees].~~

99.585. 1. **(1)** The state of Missouri, acting through the department of economic
2 development and the office of administration, or any other public body may, upon such terms
3 and with reasonable consideration as it may determine, expend funds for the purpose of
4 aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of a land clearance
5 project or projects within the area in which the public body is authorized to act, **or expend**
6 **funds for the purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, or**
7 **carrying out of a project or projects within or upon an area, property, or facilities**
8 **owned, managed, leased, maintained, or operated by a regional convention and visitors**
9 **commission**, to develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, repair, or improve any tourism
10 infrastructure facilities existing as of August 28, 2019, and for which application is made and
11 approved by the department of economic development no later than August 28, ~~[2020]~~ **2028**.
12 Any annual expenditure by a public body for such land clearance projects **or regional**
13 **convention and visitors commission projects** related to tourism infrastructure facilities shall
14 be limited to a portion of tax revenues derived directly or indirectly from any such land
15 clearance project or projects **or regional convention and visitors commission project or**
16 **projects** supported by such annual expenditure within such designated land clearance project
17 area or areas **or such areas or area owned, managed, leased, maintained, or operated by a**
18 **regional convention and visitors commission**, as stated in an agreement entered into
19 between the authority and the public body under subdivision (10) of section 99.580 **or section**
20 **67.607, as applicable**; provided, however, that:

21 ~~[(1)]~~ **(a)** The term of state appropriations under any such agreement **entered into**
22 **prior to August 28, 2021, shall not exceed twenty years, and for any agreement entered**
23 **into beginning August 28, 2021, and ending on August 28, 2028, shall not exceed [twenty]**
24 **thirty** years;

25 ~~[(2)]~~ **(b)** The annual amount of the state appropriation authorized under this section
26 shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars per year for any fiscal year ending

27 on or before June 30, 2031, and four million five hundred thousand dollars per year for any
28 fiscal year thereafter. No such appropriation shall be made prior to July 1, 2021;

29 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) Any such land clearance project **or regional convention and visitors**
30 **commission project** shall be determined to produce a positive net fiscal impact for the state
31 over the term of such agreement, with such public or private assurances as the director of the
32 department of economic development may reasonably require; and

33 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) The director of the department of economic development shall make an
34 annual written report on behalf of the department to the governor and the general assembly
35 within ninety days of the end of each fiscal year detailing whether such land clearance project
36 **or such regional convention and visitors commission project** produced a positive net fiscal
37 impact for the state in the prior fiscal year and projecting the overall net fiscal impact to the
38 state over the term of such agreement.

39 **(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, for any**
40 **regional convention and visitors commission projects as described in paragraph (a) of**
41 **subdivision (1) of this subsection, the annual appropriation amount shall not exceed four**
42 **million dollars per year for any fiscal year. No such appropriation shall be made prior**
43 **to July 1, 2027, for any tourism infrastructure facilities located in a convention district.**

44 2. As used in this section, "tourism infrastructure facilities" means structures, fixtures,
45 systems, and facilities of multipurpose sports and entertainment venues with seating capacity
46 less than twenty-five thousand, including associated parking facilities, owned by any public
47 body and which the authority determines are a contributing factor in the attraction of sports,
48 recreational, entertainment, or meeting activities, either professional or amateur, commercial
49 or private. Such structures, fixtures, systems, and facilities may include, but are not limited
50 to, foundations, roofs, interior and exterior walls or windows, floors, steps, stairs, concourses,
51 hallways, restrooms, event or meeting spaces or other hospitality-related areas, concession or
52 food preparation areas, and services systems such as mechanical, gas utility, electrical,
53 lighting, communication, sound, sanitary, HVAC, elevator, escalator, plumbing, sprinkler,
54 cabling and wiring, life-safety security cameras, access deterrents, public safety
55 improvements, or other building systems. **For purposes of this section, "tourism**
56 **infrastructure facilities" shall also include any existing convention center, including any**
57 **expansion thereof, or any sports stadiums; field houses; indoor and outdoor convention,**
58 **recreational, and entertainment facilities and centers; playing fields; parking facilities**
59 **and other suitable concessions; and all things incidental or necessary to a complex**
60 **suitable for all types of convention, entertainment, and meeting activities and for all**
61 **types of sports and recreation, that are owned, leased, operated, maintained, or**
62 **managed by the regional convention and visitors commission as contemplated by**

63 **sections 67.601 to 67.626, along with any of the aforementioned structures, systems, and**
64 **facilities associated therewith.**

65 3. For any land clearance project for which funds are expended under this section on a
66 facility utilized by a professional sports franchise, if the owners of such franchise relocate the
67 franchise to another state during the period of the agreement entered into under subsection 1
68 of this section, such owners shall repay to the general revenue fund the amount of funds
69 expended by the state pursuant to such agreement.

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