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AN ACT

To repeal section 137.016, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to property taxes.

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

Section A. Section 137.016, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 137.016, to read as follows:

137.016. 1. As used in section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution, the following terms mean:

(1) "Residential property", all real property improved by a structure which is used or intended to be used for residential living by human occupants, vacant land in connection with an airport, land used as a golf course, and manufactured home parks, but residential property shall not include other similar facilities used primarily for transient housing. For the purposes of this section, "transient housing" means all rooms available for rent or lease for which the receipts from the rent or lease of such rooms are subject to state sales tax pursuant to section 144.020.1(6), RSMo;

(2) "Agricultural and horticultural property", all real property used for agricultural purposes and devoted primarily to the raising and harvesting of crops; to the feeding, breeding and management of livestock which shall include breeding and boarding of horses; **to livestock auctions, including land and improvements devoted to livestock auction use**; to dairying, or to any other combination thereof; and buildings and structures customarily associated with farming, agricultural, and horticultural uses. Agricultural and horticultural property shall also

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.

16 include land devoted to and qualifying for payments or other compensation under a soil
17 conservation or agricultural assistance program under an agreement with an agency of the federal
18 government. Agricultural and horticultural property shall further include land and
19 improvements, exclusive of structures, on privately owned airports that qualify as reliever
20 airports under the Nation Plan of Integrated Airports System, to receive federal airport
21 improvement project funds through the Federal Aviation Administration. Real property
22 classified as forest croplands shall not be agricultural or horticultural property so long as it is
23 classified as forest croplands and shall be taxed in accordance with the laws enacted to
24 implement section 7 of article X of the Missouri Constitution;

25 (3) "Utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and other real property", all real property
26 used directly or indirectly, for any commercial, mining, industrial, manufacturing, trade,
27 professional, business, or similar purpose, including all property centrally assessed by the state
28 tax commission but shall not include floating docks, portions of which are separately owned and
29 the remainder of which is designated for common ownership and in which no one person or
30 business entity owns more than five individual units. All other real property not included in the
31 property listed in subclasses (1) and (2) of section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution,
32 as such property is defined in this section, shall be deemed to be included in the term "utility,
33 industrial, commercial, railroad and other real property".

34 2. Pursuant to article X of the state constitution, any taxing district may adjust its
35 operating levy to recoup any loss of property tax revenue, except revenues from the surtax
36 imposed pursuant to article X, section 6.2 of the constitution, as the result of changing the
37 classification of structures intended to be used for residential living by human occupants which
38 contain five or more dwelling units if such adjustment of the levy does not exceed the highest
39 tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980 tax year. For purposes of this section, loss in revenue
40 shall include the difference between the revenue that would have been collected on such property
41 under its classification prior to enactment of this section and the amount to be collected under
42 its classification under this section. The county assessor of each county or city not within a
43 county shall provide information to each taxing district within its boundaries regarding the
44 difference in assessed valuation of such property as the result of such change in classification.

45 3. All reclassification of property as the result of changing the classification of structures
46 intended to be used for residential living by human occupants which contain five or more
47 dwelling units shall apply to assessments made after December 31, 1994.

48 4. Where real property is used or held for use for more than one purpose and such uses
49 result in different classifications, the county assessor shall allocate to each classification the
50 percentage of the true value in money of the property devoted to each use; except that, where
51 agricultural and horticultural property, as defined in this section, also contains a dwelling unit

52 or units, the farm dwelling, appurtenant residential-related structures and up to five acres
53 immediately surrounding such farm dwelling shall be residential property, as defined in this
54 section.

55 5. All real property which is vacant, unused, or held for future use; which is used for a
56 private club, a not-for-profit or other nonexempt lodge, club, business, trade, service
57 organization, or similar entity; or for which a determination as to its classification cannot be
58 made under the definitions set out in subsection 1 of this section, shall be classified according
59 to its immediate most suitable economic use, which use shall be determined after consideration
60 of:

61 (1) Immediate prior use, if any, of such property;

62 (2) Location of such property;

63 (3) Zoning classification of such property; except that, such zoning classification shall
64 not be considered conclusive if, upon consideration of all factors, it is determined that such
65 zoning classification does not reflect the immediate most suitable economic use of the property;

66 (4) Other legal restrictions on the use of such property;

67 (5) Availability of water, electricity, gas, sewers, street lighting, and other public services
68 for such property;

69 (6) Size of such property;

70 (7) Access of such property to public thoroughfares; and

71 (8) Any other factors relevant to a determination of the immediate most suitable
72 economic use of such property.

73 6. All lands classified as forest croplands shall not, for taxation purposes, be classified
74 as subclass (1), subclass (2), or subclass (3) real property, as such classes are prescribed in
75 section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in this section, but shall be
76 taxed in accordance with the laws enacted to implement section 7 of article X of the Missouri
77 Constitution.