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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 148 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal sections 52.290, 52.312, 52.361, 52.370, 54.010, 55.140, 55.190, 67.110, 137.073, 139.031, 139.140, 139.150, 139.210, 139.220, 140.050, 140.070, 140.080, 140.160, and 165.071, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nineteen new sections relating to property taxation.

I disapprove of Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 148. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 148 would permit political subdivisions to levy a property tax rate that exceeds the latest voter-approved maximum rate for that jurisdiction. This legislation would overturn an important property tax reform that was passed in 2008, which prohibits taxing districts from increasing property tax rates without a vote of the people. The effect of Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 148 would be to give a large number of taxing districts the ability to increase property tax rates without having to get the approval of the voters of those districts.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 148 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon", written over a white background.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor