AN ACT

To amend chapter 85, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to police departments.

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

Section A. Chapter 85, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 85.700, to read as follows:

85.700. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Affected city", any city that has no more than five thousand inhabitants, that covers no more than two square miles of territory, and that has a municipal police department;

(2) "City", any city, town, or village located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants;

(3) "Contracting city", a city that contracts with an unaffected city to have its law enforcement services provided by the municipal police department of the unaffected city;

(4) "Unaffected city", any city that is not an affected city and has a municipal police department.

2. No later than five years from the effective date of this section, the governing body of an affected city shall disband its police department and contract for law enforcement services provided by:

(1) The municipal police department of an unaffected city if:

(a) The affected city shares a border with either the unaffected city or a contracting city for which the unaffected city provides law enforcement services; and

(b) The combined population of the affected city, the unaffected city, and the contracting city, if any, is at least fifteen thousand; or

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.
(2) The police department of the county in which the city is located.

3. Any affected city that contracts for services of a municipal police department under subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section may discontinue its contract and thereafter contract for the services of the police department of the county under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section. However, no affected city shall discontinue its contract for the services of a municipal police department of one unaffected city to contract for the services of a municipal police department of a different unaffected city.