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HOUSE BILL NO. 946

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FALKNER III.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 72.180, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the merging of political subdivisions.

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

Section A. Section 72.180, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 47.360, 67.959, and 72.180, to read as follows:

47.360. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, only voters who reside in a county that is part of a potential merger or consolidation of counties may vote on the question of whether to merge or consolidate the counties. For purposes of this section, "county" includes any city not within a county.

67.959. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, only voters who reside in a political subdivision that is part of a potential merger or consolidation of political subdivisions may vote on the question of whether to merge or consolidate the political subdivisions. For purposes of this section, "political subdivision" means any ambulance district; community improvement district; fire protection district; levee district; library district; neighborhood improvement district; port authority district; tax increment financing district; transportation development district; school district; or other agency, entity, or unit that is authorized to levy a tax or empowered to cause a tax to be levied within its borders and jurisdiction.

72.180. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, only voters who reside in a municipality that is part of a potential merger or consolidation of municipalities may vote on the question of whether to merge or consolidate the municipalities.

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.

4 2. If it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast in each one of said municipalities on
5 the question shall be in favor of consolidation, the certificate of the clerk shall be recorded in the
6 journal of the council, board of trustees, or board of aldermen of each of said cities, towns, or
7 villages[⁵] and consolidation of such cities, towns, or villages thereafter be consummated. Where
8 more than two cities, towns, or villages, as provided in section 72.150, seek consolidation, a
9 majority of the votes cast in any one city, town, or village against the consolidation shall not
10 prevent the consolidation of the remaining cities, towns, or villages if a majority of the votes cast
11 in such remaining cities, towns, or villages are in favor of consolidation unless a majority of the
12 votes in the largest of the cities, towns, or villages seeking consolidation is against consolidation,
13 in which case the consolidation shall be deemed to have been defeated.

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