

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 544, Page 39, Section 137.115, Line 198,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "137.123. Beginning January 1, 2021, for purposes of assessing all real property, excluding
5 land, or tangible personal property associated with a project that uses wind energy directly to
6 generate electricity, the following depreciation tables shall be used to determine the true value in
7 money of such property. The first year shown in the table shall be the year immediately following
8 the year of construction of the property. The original costs shall reflect either:

9 (1) The actual and documented original property cost to the taxpayer, as shall be provided
10 by the taxpayer to the assessor; or

11 (2) In the absence of actual and documented original property cost to the taxpayer, the
12 estimated cost of the property by the assessor, using an authoritative cost guide.

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14 For purposes of this section, and to estimate the value of all real property, excluding land, or
15 tangible personal property associated with a project that uses wind energy directly to generate
16 electricity, each assessor shall apply the percentage shown to the original cost for the first year
17 following the year of construction of the property, and the percentage shown for each succeeding
18 year shall be the percentage of the original cost used for January first of the respective succeeding
19 year as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u>40%</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u>40%</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>37%</u> |
| <u>4</u> | <u>37%</u> |
| <u>5</u> | <u>35%</u> |

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28 Any real property, excluding land, or tangible personal property associated with a project that uses
29 wind energy directly to generate electricity shall continue in subsequent years to have the
30 depreciation percentage last listed in the appropriate column in the table."; and

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32 Further amend said bill, Page 40, Section 138.060, Line 25, by inserting after all of said section and
33 line the following:

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35 "153.030. 1. All bridges over streams dividing this state from any other state owned, used,
36 leased or otherwise controlled by any person, corporation, railroad company or joint stock company,

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1 and all bridges across or over navigable streams within this state, where the charge is made for
2 crossing the same, which are now constructed, which are in the course of construction, or which
3 shall hereafter be constructed, and all property, real and tangible personal, owned, used, leased or
4 otherwise controlled by telegraph, telephone, electric power and light companies, electric
5 transmission lines, pipeline companies and express companies shall be subject to taxation for state,
6 county, municipal and other local purposes to the same extent as the property of private persons.

7 2. And taxes levied thereon shall be levied and collected in the manner as is now or may
8 hereafter be provided by law for the taxation of railroad property in this state, and county
9 commissions, county boards of equalization and the state tax commission are hereby required to
10 perform the same duties and are given the same powers, including punitive powers, in assessing,
11 equalizing and adjusting the taxes on the property set forth in this section as the county commissions
12 and boards of equalization and state tax commission have or may hereafter be empowered with, in
13 assessing, equalizing, and adjusting the taxes on railroad property; and an authorized officer of any
14 such bridge, telegraph, telephone, electric power and light companies, electric transmission lines,
15 pipeline companies, or express company or the owner of any such toll bridge, is hereby required to
16 render reports of the property of such bridge, telegraph, telephone, electric power and light
17 companies, electric transmission lines, pipeline companies, or express companies in like manner as
18 the authorized officer of the railroad company is now or may hereafter be required to render for the
19 taxation of railroad property.

20 3. On or before the fifteenth day of April in the year 1946 and each year thereafter an
21 authorized officer of each such company shall furnish the state tax commission and county clerks a
22 report, duly subscribed and sworn to by such authorized officer, which is like in nature and purpose
23 to the reports required of railroads under chapter 151 showing the full amount of all real and
24 tangible personal property owned, used, leased or otherwise controlled by each such company on
25 January first of the year in which the report is due.

26 4. If any telephone company assessed pursuant to chapter 153 has a microwave relay station
27 or stations in a county in which it has no wire mileage but has wire mileage in another county, then,
28 for purposes of apportioning the assessed value of the distributable property of such companies, the
29 straight line distance between such microwave relay stations shall constitute miles of wire. In the
30 event that any public utility company assessed pursuant to this chapter has no distributable property
31 which physically traverses the counties in which it operates, then the assessed value of the
32 distributable property of such company shall be apportioned to the physical location of the
33 distributable property.

34 5. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2019, a
35 telephone company shall make a one-time election within the tax year to be assessed:

36 (a) Using the methodology for property tax purposes as provided under this section; or

37 (b) Using the methodology for property tax purposes as provided under this section for
38 property consisting of land and buildings and be assessed for all other property exclusively using the
39 methodology utilized under section 137.122.

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41 If a telephone company begins operations, including a merger of multiple telephone companies,
42 after August 28, 2018, it shall make its one-time election to be assessed using the methodology for
43 property tax purposes as described under paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection within
44 the year in which the telephone company begins its operations. A telephone company that fails to
45 make a timely election shall be deemed to have elected to be assessed using the methodology for
46 property tax purposes as provided under subsections 1 to 4 of this section.

47 (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to change the original
48 assessment jurisdiction of the state tax commission.

49 (3) Nothing in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be construed as applying to any other

1 utility.

2 (4) (a) The provisions of this subdivision shall ensure that school districts may avoid any
3 fiscal impact as a result of a telephone company being assessed under the provisions of paragraph
4 (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection. If a school district's current operating levy is below the
5 greater of its most recent voter-approved tax rate or the most recent voter-approved tax rate as
6 adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of section 137.073, it shall comply with section
7 137.073.

8 (b) Beginning January 1, 2019, any school district currently operating at a tax rate equal to
9 the greater of the most recent voter-approved tax rate or the most recent voter-approved tax rate as
10 adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of section 137.073 that receives less tax revenue from
11 a specific telephone company under this subsection, on or before January thirty-first of the year
12 following the tax year in which the school district received less revenue from a specific telephone
13 company, may by resolution of the school board impose a fee, as determined under this subsection,
14 in order to obtain such revenue. The resolution shall include all facts that support the imposition of
15 the fee. If the school district receives voter approval to raise its tax rate, the district shall no longer
16 impose the fee authorized in this paragraph.

17 (c) Any fee imposed under paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall be determined by taking
18 the difference between the tax revenue the telephone company paid in the tax year in question and
19 the tax revenue the telephone company would have paid in such year had it not made an election
20 under subdivision (1) of this subsection, which shall be calculated by taking the telephone company
21 valuations in the tax year in question, as determined by the state tax commission under paragraph
22 (d) of this subdivision, and applying such valuations to the apportionment process in subsection 2 of
23 section 151.150. The school district shall issue a billing, as provided in this subdivision, to any such
24 telephone company. A telephone company shall have forty-five days after receipt of a billing to
25 remit its payment of its portion of the fees to the school district. Notwithstanding any other
26 provision of law, the issuance or receipt of such fee shall not be used:

27 a. In determining the amount of state aid that a school district receives under section
28 163.031;

29 b. In determining the amount that may be collected under a property tax levy by such
30 district; or

31 c. For any other purpose.

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33 For the purposes of accounting, a telephone company that issues a payment to a school district under
34 this subsection shall treat such payment as a tax.

35 (d) When establishing the valuation of a telephone company assessed under paragraph (b) of
36 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the state tax commission shall also determine the difference
37 between the assessed value of a telephone company if:

38 a. Assessed under paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection; and

39 b. Assessed exclusively under subsections 1 to 4 of this section.

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41 The state tax commission shall then apportion such amount to each county and provide such
42 information to any school district making a request for such information.

43 (e) This subsection shall expire when no school district is eligible for a fee.

44 6. (1) If any public utility company assessed pursuant to this chapter has ownership of any
45 real or personal property associated with a project which uses wind energy directly to generate
46 electricity, such wind energy project property shall be valued and taxed by any local authorities
47 having jurisdiction under the provisions of chapter 137 and other relevant provisions of the law.

48 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2020, for any
49 public utility company assessed pursuant to this chapter which has a wind energy project, such wind

1 energy project shall be assessed using the methodology for real and personal property as provided in
2 this subsection:

3 (a) Any wind energy property of such company shall be assessed upon the county assessor's
4 local tax rolls; and

5 (b) ~~[Any property consisting of land and buildings related to the wind energy project shall be
6 assessed under chapter 137; and~~

7 ~~————(c)] All other [business] real property, excluding land, or personal property related to the
8 wind energy project shall be assessed using the methodology provided under section [137.122]
9 137.123."; and~~

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11 Further amend said bill, Page 89, Section 82.550, Line 3, by inserting after all of said section and
12 line the following:

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14 ~~"[————393.1073. 1. There is hereby established the "Task Force on
15 Wind Energy", which shall be composed of the following members:~~

16 ~~————(1) Three members of the house of representatives, with two
17 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one
18 appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;~~

19 ~~————(2) Three members of the senate, with two appointed by the
20 president pro tempore of the senate and one appointed by the minority
21 floor leader of the senate; and~~

22 ~~————(3) Two representatives from Missouri county governments
23 with experience in wind energy valuations, with one being a currently
24 elected county assessor to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
25 representatives, and one being a currently elected county clerk to be
26 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.~~

27 ~~————2. The task force shall conduct public hearings and research,
28 and shall compile a report for delivery to the general assembly by no
29 later than December 31, 2019. Such report shall include information
30 on the following:~~

31 ~~————(1) The economic benefits and drawbacks of wind turbines to
32 local communities and the state;~~

33 ~~————(2) The fair, uniform, and standardized assessment and
34 taxation of wind turbines and their connected equipment owned by a
35 public utility company at the county level in all counties;~~

36 ~~————(3) Compliance with existing federal and state programs and
37 regulations; and~~

38 ~~————(4) Potential legislation that will provide a uniform
39 assessment and taxation methodology for wind turbines and their
40 connected equipment owned by a public utility company that will be
41 used in every county of Missouri.~~

42 ~~————3. The task force shall meet within thirty days after its
43 creation and shall organize by selecting a chairperson and vice
44 chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate and the
45 other a member of the house of representatives. Thereafter, the task
46 force may meet as often as necessary in order to accomplish the tasks
47 assigned to it. A majority of the task force shall constitute a quorum,
48 and a majority vote of such quorum shall be required for any action.~~

49 ~~————4. The staff of house research and senate research shall~~

1 provide necessary clerical, research, fiscal, and legal services to the
2 task force, as the task force may request.

3 ~~5. The members of the task force shall serve without~~
4 ~~compensation, but any actual and necessary expenses incurred in the~~
5 ~~performance of the task force's official duties by the task force, its~~
6 ~~members, and any staff assigned to the task force shall be paid from~~
7 ~~the joint contingent fund.~~

8 ~~6. This section shall expire on December 31, 2019.]; and~~
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10 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
11 accordingly.