FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1033

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE AUNE.

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 442.571, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to foreign ownership of agricultural land.

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

Section A. Section 442.571, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu 2 thereof, to be known as section 442.571, to read as follows:

442.571. 1. Except as provided in sections 442.586 and 442.591, [no alien or foreign 2 business shall acquire by grant, purchase, devise, descent or otherwise agricultural land in this state if the total aggregate alien and foreign ownership of agricultural acreage in this state 3 4 exceeds one percent of the total aggregate agricultural acreage in this state. A sale or transfer 5 of any agricultural land in this state shall be submitted to the director of the department of 6 agriculture for review in accordance with subsection 3 of this section only if there is no completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 signed by the purchaser] beginning August 7 8 28, 2023, no alien or foreign business shall acquire by grant, purchase, devise, descent, 9 or otherwise any agricultural land in this state. Any alien or foreign business who acquired any agricultural land in this state prior to August 28, 2023, shall not grant, sell, 10 11 or otherwise transfer such agricultural land to any other alien or foreign business on or after August 28, 2023. No person may hold agricultural land as an agent, trustee, or other 12 fiduciary for an alien or foreign business in violation of sections 442.560 to 442.592, 13 14 provided, however, that no security interest in such agricultural land shall be divested or 15 invalidated by such violation.

16 2. Any alien or foreign business who acquires agricultural land in violation of 17 sections 442.560 to 442.592 remains in violation of sections 442.560 to 442.592 for as long as

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.

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18 [he or she] the alien or foreign business holds an interest in the land, provided, however, that

19 no security interest in such agricultural land shall be divested or invalidated by such violation. 20 3. Subject to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, [such] all proposed [acquisitions] transfers on or after August 28, 2023, by grant, purchase, devise, descent, or 21 22 otherwise of any interest in agricultural land held by any alien or foreign business in this 23 state shall be submitted to the department of agriculture to determine whether such 24 [acquisition] transfer of agricultural land is conveyed in accordance with the [one percent 25 restriction on the total aggregate] prohibition on alien and foreign ownership of agricultural 26 land in this state under this section. The department shall establish by rule the requirements 27 for submission and approval of requests under this subsection.

28 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is 29 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. 30 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the 31 32 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 33 34 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid 35 and void.

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