

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1454

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 67.451, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to overdue property fines.

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

Section A. Section 67.451, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 67.451, to read as follows:

67.451. Any city in which voters have approved fees to recover costs associated with enforcement of municipal housing, property maintenance, or nuisance ordinances may issue a special tax bill against the property where such ordinance violations existed. **Notwithstanding the provisions of section 479.011**, the officer in charge of finance shall cause the amount of unrecovered costs **or fines delinquent for more than a year** to be included in a special tax bill or added to the annual real estate tax bill for the property at the collecting official's option, and the costs shall be collected by the city collector or other official collecting taxes in the same manner and procedure for collecting real estate taxes. If the cost is not paid, the tax bill shall be considered delinquent, and the collection of the delinquent bill shall be governed by laws governing delinquent and back taxes. The tax bill shall be deemed a personal debt against the owner from the date of issuance, and shall also be a lien on the property until paid. Notwithstanding any provision of the city's charter to the contrary, the city may provide, by ordinance, that the city may discharge the special tax bill upon a determination by the city that a public benefit will be gained by such discharge, and such discharge shall include any costs of tax collection, accrued interest, or attorney fees related to the special tax bill.

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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.