

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1997
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3805H.10C

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 393, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to solar energy.

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

Section A. Chapter 393, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 393.1072, to read as follows:

**393.1072. 1. There is hereby established the "Task Force on Fair,
2 Nondiscriminatory Local Taxation Concerning Solar Energy Systems", which shall be
3 composed of the following members:**

4 **(1) Three members of the house of representatives, with not more than two
5 members from the same political party and each member to be appointed by the
6 speaker of the house of representatives;**

7 **(2) Three members of the senate, with not more than two members from the
8 same political party and each member to be appointed by the president pro tempore of
9 the senate;**

10 **(3) Two currently elected county assessors from Missouri county governments,
11 with one to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one to be
12 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;**

13 **(4) Two representatives from the Missouri state tax commission to be appointed
14 by the commissions of the Missouri state tax commission;**

15 **(5) Two representatives from a state-wide agricultural organization, with one to
16 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one to be appointed by
17 the president pro tempore of the senate; and**

18 **(6) Three representatives from the private sector with experience in utility-scale
19 solar energy development and operation, with one to be appointed by the speaker of the**

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.

20 house of representatives, one to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate,
21 and one to be appointed by the governor.

22 2. The task force shall conduct public hearings and research and compile a
23 report for delivery to the general assembly before December 31, 2022. Such report shall
24 include information on the following:

25 (1) The economic benefits and drawbacks of solar energy systems to local
26 communities and the state;

27 (2) The fair, uniform, and standardized assessment and taxation of solar energy
28 systems and their connected equipment owned by a retail or wholesale provider of
29 electricity at the county level in all counties;

30 (3) Compliance with existing federal and state programs and regulations; and

31 (4) Potential legislation that will provide a uniform assessment and taxation
32 methodology for solar energy systems and their connected equipment owned by a retail
33 or wholesale provider of electricity that will be used in every county of Missouri.

34 3. The task force shall meet within thirty days after its creation and shall
35 organize by selecting a chair and vice chair, one of whom shall be a member of the
36 senate and the other a member of the house of representatives. Thereafter, the task
37 force may meet as often as necessary in order to accomplish the tasks assigned to it.
38 Meetings may be held by telephone or video conference at the discretion of the chair.
39 The chair shall designate a person to keep the records of the task force. A majority of
40 the task force shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of such quorum shall be
41 required for any action.

42 4. The staff of house research and senate research shall provide necessary
43 clerical, research, fiscal, and legal services to the task force as the task force may
44 request.

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

49 6. This section shall expire on December 31, 2022.

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