## SECOND REGULAR SESSION HOUSE BILL NO. 2687

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FITZWATER (144).

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To repeal section 221.407, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a sales tax for regional jail districts.

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

Section A. Section 221.407, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu 2 thereof, to be known as section 221.407, to read as follows:

221.407. 1. The commission of any regional jail district may impose, by order, a sales tax in the amount of one-eighth of one percent, one-fourth of one percent, three-eighths of one 2 percent, or one-half of one percent on all retail sales made in such region which are subject to 3 taxation pursuant to the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525 for the purpose of providing 4 jail services and court facilities and equipment for such region. The tax authorized by this 5 section shall be in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law, except that no order 6 imposing a sales tax pursuant to this section shall be effective unless the commission submits 7 8 to the voters of the district, on any election date authorized in chapter 115, a proposal to 9 authorize the commission to impose a tax.

10 2. The ballot of submission shall contain, but need not be limited to, the following 11 language:

12 Shall the regional jail district of ..... (counties' names) impose a region-wide 13 sales tax of ..... (insert amount) for the purpose of providing jail services and court 14 facilities and equipment for the region?

- 15  $\Box$  YES  $\Box$  NO
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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.

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17 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed 18 to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

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20 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters of the district voting thereon 21 are in favor of the proposal, then the order and any amendment to such order shall be in effect 22 on the first day of the second quarter immediately following the election approving the proposal. 23 If the proposal receives less than the required majority, the commission shall have no power to 24 impose the sales tax authorized pursuant to this section unless and until the commission shall 25 again have submitted another proposal to authorize the commission to impose the sales tax 26 authorized by this section and such proposal is approved by the required majority of the qualified 27 voters of the district voting on such proposal; however, in no event shall a proposal pursuant to 28 this section be submitted to the voters sooner than twelve months from the date of the last 29 submission of a proposal pursuant to this section.

30 3. All revenue received by a district from the tax authorized pursuant to this section shall 31 be deposited in a special trust fund and shall be used solely for providing jail services and court 32 facilities and equipment for such district for so long as the tax shall remain in effect.

4. Once the tax authorized by this section is abolished or terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall be used solely for providing jail services and court facilities and equipment for the district. Any funds in such special trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures may be invested by the commission in accordance with applicable laws relating to the investment of other county funds.

38 5. All sales taxes collected by the director of revenue pursuant to this section on behalf 39 of any district, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's 40 general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, 41 shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created, to be known as the "Regional 42 Jail District Sales Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the regional jail district sales tax trust fund 43 shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. 44 The director of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust fund 45 which was collected in each district imposing a sales tax pursuant to this section, and the records 46 shall be open to the inspection of officers of each member county and the public. Not later than 47 the tenth day of each month the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the 48 trust fund during the preceding month to the district which levied the tax. Such funds shall be 49 deposited with the treasurer of each such district, and all expenditures of funds arising from the 50 regional jail district sales tax trust fund shall be paid pursuant to an appropriation adopted by the 51 commission and shall be approved by the commission. Expenditures may be made from the fund

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52 for any function authorized in the order adopted by the commission submitting the regional jail 53 district tax to the voters.

54 6. The director of revenue may [authorize the state treasurer to] make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any district for erroneous payments and overpayments 55 56 made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such districts. 57 If any district abolishes the tax, the commission shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least ninety days prior to the effective date of the repeal, and the director of revenue may order 58 59 retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after 60 receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem 61 dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed 62 after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such district, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to the district and close the account of that district. The director of 63 64 revenue shall notify each district in each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed 65 from receipts due the district.

66 7. Except as provided in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall
67 apply to the tax imposed pursuant to this section.

8. The provisions of this section shall expire September 30, [2015] 2027.

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