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AN ACT

To repeal sections 137.010, 137.073, 137.080, 386.850, and 393.1075, RSMo, section 137.115 as enacted by senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 630, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session, and section 137.115 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 2058 merged with conference committee substitute for house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 711 merged with conference committee substitute for house committee substitute no. 2 for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 718, ninety-fourth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to electric utilities, with a penalty provision.

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

Section A. Sections 137.010, 137.073, 137.080, 386.850, and 393.1075, RSMo, section
2 137.115 as enacted by senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 630, ninety-fifth general
3 assembly, second regular session, and section 137.115 as enacted by senate substitute for senate
4 committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 2058 merged with
5 conference committee substitute for house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate
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7 house committee substitute no. 2 for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate
8 bill no. 718, ninety-fourth general assembly, second regular session, are repealed and five new
9 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 137.010, 137.073, 137.080, 137.115,
10 and 393.1075, to read as follows:

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.

137.010. The following words, terms and phrases when used in laws governing taxation and revenue in the state of Missouri shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) "Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition" shall mean grains and feeds including, but not limited to, soybeans, cow peas, wheat, corn, oats, barley, kafir, rye, flax, grain sorghums, cotton, and such other products as are usually stored in grain and other elevators and on farms; but excluding such grains and other agricultural crops after being processed into products of such processing, when packaged or sacked. The term "processing" shall not include hulling, cleaning, drying, grating, or polishing;

(2) **"Hydroelectric power generating equipment", very-low-head turbine generators with a nameplate generating capacity of at least four hundred kilowatts but not more than six hundred kilowatts and related machinery and equipment used in the production, generation, conversion, storage, or conveyance of hydroelectric power to land-based devices and appurtenances used in the transmission of electrical energy;**

(3) "Intangible personal property", for the purpose of taxation, shall include all property other than real property and tangible personal property, as defined by this section;

[(3)] (4) "Real property" includes land itself, whether laid out in town lots or otherwise, and all growing crops, buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures of whatever kind thereon, the installed poles used in the transmission or reception of electrical energy, audio signals, video signals or similar purposes, provided the owner of such installed poles is also an owner of a fee simple interest, possessor of an easement, holder of a license or franchise, or is the beneficiary of a right-of-way dedicated for public utility purposes for the underlying land; attached wires, transformers, amplifiers, substations, and other such devices and appurtenances used in the transmission or reception of electrical energy, audio signals, video signals or similar purposes when owned by the owner of the installed poles, otherwise such items are considered personal property; and stationary property used for transportation of liquid and gaseous products, including, but not limited to, petroleum products, natural gas, water, and sewage;

[(4)] (5) "Tangible personal property" includes every tangible thing being the subject of ownership or part ownership whether animate or inanimate, other than money, and not forming part or parcel of real property as herein defined, **and hydroelectric power generating equipment**, but does not include household goods, furniture, wearing apparel and articles of personal use and adornment, as defined by the state tax commission, owned and used by a person in his home or dwelling place.

137.073. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "General reassessment", changes in value, entered in the assessor's books, of a substantial portion of the parcels of real property within a county resulting wholly or partly from

4 reappraisal of value or other actions of the assessor or county equalization body or ordered by
5 the state tax commission or any court;

6 (2) "Tax rate", "rate", or "rate of levy", singular or plural, includes the tax rate for each
7 purpose of taxation of property a taxing authority is authorized to levy without a vote and any
8 tax rate authorized by election, including bond interest and sinking fund;

9 (3) "Tax rate ceiling", a tax rate as revised by the taxing authority to comply with the
10 provisions of this section or when a court has determined the tax rate; except that, other
11 provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a school district may levy the operating levy
12 for school purposes required for the current year pursuant to subsection 2 of section 163.021,
13 RSMo, less all adjustments required pursuant to article X, section 22 of the Missouri
14 Constitution, if such tax rate does not exceed the highest tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980
15 tax year. This is the maximum tax rate that may be levied, unless a higher tax rate ceiling is
16 approved by voters of the political subdivision as provided in this section;

17 (4) "Tax revenue", when referring to the previous year, means the actual receipts from
18 ad valorem levies on all classes of property, including state-assessed property, in the immediately
19 preceding fiscal year of the political subdivision, plus an allowance for taxes billed but not
20 collected in the fiscal year and plus an additional allowance for the revenue which would have
21 been collected from property which was annexed by such political subdivision but which was
22 not previously used in determining tax revenue pursuant to this section. The term "tax revenue"
23 shall not include any receipts from ad valorem levies on any property of a railroad corporation
24 or a public utility, as these terms are defined in section 386.020, RSMo, which were assessed by
25 the assessor of a county or city in the previous year but are assessed by the state tax commission
26 in the current year. All school districts and those counties levying sales taxes pursuant to chapter
27 67, RSMo, shall include in the calculation of tax revenue an amount equivalent to that by which
28 they reduced property tax levies as a result of sales tax pursuant to section 67.505, RSMo, and
29 section 164.013, RSMo, or as excess home dock city or county fees as provided in subsection
30 4 of section 313.820, RSMo, in the immediately preceding fiscal year but not including any
31 amount calculated to adjust for prior years. For purposes of political subdivisions which were
32 authorized to levy a tax in the prior year but which did not levy such tax or levied a reduced rate,
33 the term "tax revenue", as used in relation to the revision of tax levies mandated by law, shall
34 mean the revenues equal to the amount that would have been available if the voluntary rate
35 reduction had not been made.

36 2. Whenever changes in assessed valuation are entered in the assessor's books for any
37 personal property, in the aggregate, or for any subclass of real property as such subclasses are
38 established in section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section
39 137.016, the county clerk in all counties and the assessor of St. Louis City shall notify each

40 political subdivision wholly or partially within the county or St. Louis City of the change in
41 valuation of each subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate,
42 exclusive of new construction and improvements. All political subdivisions shall immediately
43 revise the applicable rates of levy for each purpose for each subclass of real property,
44 individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, for which taxes are levied to the extent
45 necessary to produce from all taxable property, exclusive of new construction and improvements,
46 substantially the same amount of tax revenue as was produced in the previous year for each
47 subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, except that the
48 rate [may] **shall not exceed the greater of the most recent voter-approved rate or the most**
49 **recent voter-approved rate as adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section.**
50 **Any political subdivision that has received approval from voters for a tax increase after**
51 **August 27, 2008, may levy a rate to collect substantially the same amount of tax revenue**
52 **as the amount of revenue that would have been derived by applying the voter-approved**
53 **increased tax rate ceiling to the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision as most**
54 **recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before the date of the election in which**
55 **such increase is approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price**
56 **index, as provided by law, except that the rate shall not exceed the greater of the most**
57 **recent voter-approved rate or the most recent voter-approved rate as adjusted under**
58 **subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section.** Such tax revenue shall not include any receipts
59 from ad valorem levies on any real property which was assessed by the assessor of a county or
60 city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor of a county or city in the current year
61 in a different subclass of real property. Where the taxing authority is a school district for the
62 purposes of revising the applicable rates of levy for each subclass of real property, the tax
63 revenues from state-assessed railroad and utility property shall be apportioned and attributed to
64 each subclass of real property based on the percentage of the total assessed valuation of the
65 county that each subclass of real property represents in the current taxable year. As provided in
66 section 22 of article X of the constitution, a political subdivision may also revise each levy to
67 allow for inflationary assessment growth occurring within the political subdivision. The
68 inflationary growth factor for any such subclass of real property or personal property shall be
69 limited to the actual assessment growth in such subclass or class, exclusive of new construction
70 and improvements, and exclusive of the assessed value on any real property which was assessed
71 by the assessor of a county or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property, but
72 not to exceed the consumer price index or five percent, whichever is lower. Should the tax
73 revenue of a political subdivision from the various tax rates determined in this subsection be
74 different than the tax revenue that would have been determined from a single tax rate as
75 calculated pursuant to the method of calculation in this subsection prior to January 1, 2003, then

76 the political subdivision shall revise the tax rates of those subclasses of real property,
77 individually, and/or personal property, in the aggregate, in which there is a tax rate reduction,
78 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. Such revision shall yield an amount equal to such
79 difference and shall be apportioned among such subclasses of real property, individually, and/or
80 personal property, in the aggregate, based on the relative assessed valuation of the class or
81 subclasses of property experiencing a tax rate reduction. Such revision in the tax rates of each
82 class or subclass shall be made by computing the percentage of current year adjusted assessed
83 valuation of each class or subclass with a tax rate reduction to the total current year adjusted
84 assessed valuation of the class or subclasses with a tax rate reduction, multiplying the resulting
85 percentages by the revenue difference between the single rate calculation and the calculations
86 pursuant to this subsection and dividing by the respective adjusted current year assessed
87 valuation of each class or subclass to determine the adjustment to the rate to be levied upon each
88 class or subclass of property. The adjustment computed herein shall be multiplied by one
89 hundred, rounded to four decimals in the manner provided in this subsection, and added to the
90 initial rate computed for each class or subclass of property. Notwithstanding any provision of
91 this subsection to the contrary, no revision to the rate of levy for personal property shall cause
92 such levy to increase over the levy for personal property from the prior year.

93 3. (1) Where the taxing authority is a school district, it shall be required to revise the
94 rates of levy to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable property, including state-assessed
95 railroad and utility property, which shall be separately estimated in addition to other data
96 required in complying with section 164.011, RSMo, substantially the amount of tax revenue
97 permitted in this section. In the year following tax rate reduction, the tax rate ceiling may be
98 adjusted to offset such district's reduction in the apportionment of state school moneys due to its
99 reduced tax rate. However, in the event any school district, in calculating a tax rate ceiling
100 pursuant to this section, requiring the estimating of effects of state-assessed railroad and utility
101 valuation or loss of state aid, discovers that the estimates used result in receipt of excess
102 revenues, which would have required a lower rate if the actual information had been known, the
103 school district shall reduce the tax rate ceiling in the following year to compensate for the excess
104 receipts, and the recalculated rate shall become the tax rate ceiling for purposes of this section.

105 (2) For any political subdivision which experiences a reduction in the amount of assessed
106 valuation relating to a prior year, due to decisions of the state tax commission or a court pursuant
107 to sections 138.430 to 138.433, RSMo, or due to clerical errors or corrections in the calculation
108 or recordation of any assessed valuation:

109 (a) Such political subdivision may revise the tax rate ceiling for each purpose it levies
110 taxes to compensate for the reduction in assessed value occurring after the political subdivision
111 calculated the tax rate ceiling for the particular subclass of real property or for personal property,

112 in the aggregate, in a prior year. Such revision by the political subdivision shall be made at the
113 time of the next calculation of the tax rate for the particular subclass of real property or for
114 personal property, in the aggregate, after the reduction in assessed valuation has been determined
115 and shall be calculated in a manner that results in the revised tax rate ceiling being the same as
116 it would have been had the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the
117 prior calculation;

118 (b) In addition, for up to three years following the determination of the reduction in
119 assessed valuation as a result of circumstances defined in this subdivision, such political
120 subdivision may levy a tax rate for each purpose it levies taxes above the revised tax rate ceiling
121 provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision to recoup any revenues it was entitled to receive had
122 the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation.

123 4. (1) In order to implement the provisions of this section and section 22 of article X of
124 the Constitution of Missouri, the term "improvements" shall apply to both real and personal
125 property. In order to determine the value of new construction and improvements, each county
126 assessor shall maintain a record of real property valuations in such a manner as to identify each
127 year the increase in valuation for each political subdivision in the county as a result of new
128 construction and improvements. The value of new construction and improvements shall include
129 the additional assessed value of all improvements or additions to real property which were begun
130 after and were not part of the prior year's assessment, except that the additional assessed value
131 of all improvements or additions to real property which had been totally or partially exempt from
132 ad valorem taxes pursuant to sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo, sections 135.200 to 135.255,
133 RSMo, and section 353.110, RSMo, shall be included in the value of new construction and
134 improvements when the property becomes totally or partially subject to assessment and payment
135 of all ad valorem taxes. The aggregate increase in valuation of personal property for the current
136 year over that of the previous year is the equivalent of the new construction and improvements
137 factor for personal property. Notwithstanding any opt-out implemented pursuant to subsection
138 15 of section 137.115, the assessor shall certify the amount of new construction and
139 improvements and the amount of assessed value on any real property which was assessed by the
140 assessor of a county or city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor of a county or
141 city in the current year in a different subclass of real property separately for each of the three
142 subclasses of real property for each political subdivision to the county clerk in order that political
143 subdivisions shall have this information for the purpose of calculating tax rates pursuant to this
144 section and section 22, article X, Constitution of Missouri. In addition, the state tax commission
145 shall certify each year to each county clerk the increase in the general price level as measured by
146 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor
147 publications, as defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, or its

148 successor agency. The state tax commission shall certify the increase in such index on the latest
149 twelve-month basis available on February first of each year over the immediately preceding prior
150 twelve-month period in order that political subdivisions shall have this information available in
151 setting their tax rates according to law and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri.
152 For purposes of implementing the provisions of this section and section 22 of article X of the
153 Missouri Constitution, the term "property" means all taxable property, including state-assessed
154 property.

155 (2) Each political subdivision required to revise rates of levy pursuant to this section or
156 section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri shall calculate each tax rate it is authorized
157 to levy and, in establishing each tax rate, shall consider each provision for tax rate revision
158 provided in this section and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, separately
159 and without regard to annual tax rate reductions provided in section 67.505, RSMo, and section
160 164.013, RSMo. Each political subdivision shall set each tax rate it is authorized to levy using
161 the calculation that produces the lowest tax rate ceiling. It is further the intent of the general
162 assembly, pursuant to the authority of section 10(c) of article X of the Constitution of Missouri,
163 that the provisions of such section be applicable to tax rate revisions mandated pursuant to
164 section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri as to reestablishing tax rates as revised in
165 subsequent years, enforcement provisions, and other provisions not in conflict with section 22
166 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri. Annual tax rate reductions provided in section
167 67.505, RSMo, and section 164.013, RSMo, shall be applied to the tax rate as established
168 pursuant to this section and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, unless
169 otherwise provided by law.

170 5. (1) In all political subdivisions, the tax rate ceiling established pursuant to this section
171 shall not be increased unless approved by a vote of the people. Approval of the higher tax rate
172 shall be by at least a majority of votes cast. When a proposed higher tax rate requires approval
173 by more than a simple majority pursuant to any provision of law or the constitution, the tax rate
174 increase must receive approval by at least the majority required.

175 (2) When voters approve an increase in the tax rate, the amount of the increase shall be
176 added to the tax rate ceiling as calculated pursuant to this section to the extent the total rate does
177 not exceed any maximum rate prescribed by law. If a ballot question presents a stated tax rate
178 for approval rather than describing the amount of increase in the question, the stated tax rate
179 approved shall be adjusted as provided in this section and, so adjusted, shall be the current tax
180 rate ceiling. The increased tax rate ceiling as approved shall be adjusted such that when applied
181 to the current total assessed valuation of the political subdivision, excluding new construction
182 and improvements since the date of the election approving such increase, the revenue derived
183 from the adjusted tax rate ceiling is equal to the sum of: the amount of revenue which would

184 have been derived by applying the voter-approved increased tax rate ceiling to total assessed
185 valuation of the political subdivision, as most recently certified by the city or county clerk on or
186 before the date of the election in which such increase is approved, increased by the percentage
187 increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law. Such adjusted tax rate ceiling may be
188 applied to the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision at the setting of the next tax
189 rate. If a ballot question presents a phased-in tax rate increase, upon voter approval, each tax rate
190 increase shall be adjusted in the manner prescribed in this section to yield the sum of: the
191 amount of revenue that would be derived by applying such voter-approved increased rate to the
192 total assessed valuation, as most recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before the
193 date of the election in which such increase was approved, increased by the percentage increase
194 in the consumer price index, as provided by law, from the date of the election to the time of such
195 increase and, so adjusted, shall be the current tax rate ceiling.

196 (3) The governing body of any political subdivision may levy a tax rate lower than its
197 tax rate ceiling and may, in a nonreassessment year, increase that lowered tax rate to a level not
198 exceeding the tax rate ceiling without voter approval in the manner provided under subdivision
199 (4) of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a political
200 subdivision from voluntarily levying a tax rate lower than that which is required under the
201 provisions of this section or from seeking voter approval of a reduction to such political
202 subdivision's tax rate ceiling.

203 (4) In a year of general reassessment, a governing body whose tax rate is lower than its
204 tax rate ceiling shall revise its tax rate pursuant to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section
205 as if its tax rate was at the tax rate ceiling. In a year following general reassessment, if such
206 governing body intends to increase its tax rate, the governing body shall conduct a public
207 hearing, and in a public meeting it shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or policy statement
208 justifying its action prior to setting and certifying its tax rate. The provisions of this subdivision
209 shall not apply to any political subdivision which levies a tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling
210 solely due to a reduction required by law resulting from sales tax collections. The provisions of
211 this subdivision shall not apply to any political subdivision which has received voter approval
212 for an increase to its tax rate ceiling subsequent to setting its most recent tax rate.

213 6. (1) For the purposes of calculating state aid for public schools pursuant to section
214 163.031, RSMo, each taxing authority which is a school district shall determine its proposed tax
215 rate as a blended rate of the classes or subclasses of property. Such blended rate shall be
216 calculated by first determining the total tax revenue of the property within the jurisdiction of the
217 taxing authority, which amount shall be equal to the sum of the products of multiplying the
218 assessed valuation of each class and subclass of property by the corresponding tax rate for such
219 class or subclass, then dividing the total tax revenue by the total assessed valuation of the same

220 jurisdiction, and then multiplying the resulting quotient by a factor of one hundred. Where the
221 taxing authority is a school district, such blended rate shall also be used by such school district
222 for calculating revenue from state-assessed railroad and utility property as defined in chapter 151,
223 RSMo, and for apportioning the tax rate by purpose.

224 (2) Each taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate in any year shall notify the clerk
225 of the county commission in the county or counties where the tax rate applies of its tax rate
226 ceiling and its proposed tax rate. Each taxing authority shall express its proposed tax rate in a
227 fraction equal to the nearest one-tenth of a cent, unless its proposed tax rate is in excess of one
228 dollar, then one/one-hundredth of a cent. If a taxing authority shall round to one/one-hundredth
229 of a cent, it shall round up a fraction greater than or equal to five/one-thousandth of one cent to
230 the next higher one/one-hundredth of a cent; if a taxing authority shall round to one-tenth of a
231 cent, it shall round up a fraction greater than or equal to five/one-hundredths of a cent to the next
232 higher one-tenth of a cent. Any taxing authority levying a property tax rate shall provide data,
233 in such form as shall be prescribed by the state auditor by rule, substantiating such tax rate
234 complies with Missouri law. All forms for the calculation of rates pursuant to this section shall
235 be promulgated as a rule and shall not be incorporated by reference. The state auditor shall
236 promulgate rules for any and all forms for the calculation of rates pursuant to this section which
237 do not currently exist in rule form or that have been incorporated by reference. In addition, each
238 taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate for debt service shall provide data, in such form as
239 shall be prescribed by the state auditor by rule, substantiating the tax rate for debt service
240 complies with Missouri law. A tax rate proposed for annual debt service requirements will be
241 prima facie valid if, after making the payment for which the tax was levied, bonds remain
242 outstanding and the debt fund reserves do not exceed the following year's payments. The county
243 clerk shall keep on file and available for public inspection all such information for a period of
244 three years. The clerk shall, within three days of receipt, forward a copy of the notice of a taxing
245 authority's tax rate ceiling and proposed tax rate and any substantiating data to the state auditor.
246 The state auditor shall, within fifteen days of the date of receipt, examine such information and
247 return to the county clerk his or her findings as to compliance of the tax rate ceiling with this
248 section and as to compliance of any proposed tax rate for debt service with Missouri law. If the
249 state auditor believes that a taxing authority's proposed tax rate does not comply with Missouri
250 law, then the state auditor's findings shall include a recalculated tax rate, and the state auditor
251 may request a taxing authority to submit documentation supporting such taxing authority's
252 proposed tax rate. The county clerk shall immediately forward a copy of the auditor's findings
253 to the taxing authority and shall file a copy of the findings with the information received from
254 the taxing authority. The taxing authority shall have fifteen days from the date of receipt from
255 the county clerk of the state auditor's findings and any request for supporting documentation to

256 accept or reject in writing the rate change certified by the state auditor and to submit all requested
257 information to the state auditor. A copy of the taxing authority's acceptance or rejection and any
258 information submitted to the state auditor shall also be mailed to the county clerk. If a taxing
259 authority rejects a rate change certified by the state auditor and the state auditor does not receive
260 supporting information which justifies the taxing authority's original or any subsequent proposed
261 tax rate, then the state auditor shall refer the perceived violations of such taxing authority to the
262 attorney general's office and the attorney general is authorized to obtain injunctive relief to
263 prevent the taxing authority from levying a violative tax rate.

264 7. No tax rate shall be extended on the tax rolls by the county clerk unless the political
265 subdivision has complied with the foregoing provisions of this section.

266 8. Whenever a taxpayer has cause to believe that a taxing authority has not complied
267 with the provisions of this section, the taxpayer may make a formal complaint with the
268 prosecuting attorney of the county. Where the prosecuting attorney fails to bring an action within
269 ten days of the filing of the complaint, the taxpayer may bring a civil action pursuant to this
270 section and institute an action as representative of a class of all taxpayers within a taxing
271 authority if the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable, if there are
272 questions of law or fact common to the class, if the claims or defenses of the representative
273 parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class, and if the representative parties will
274 fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. In any class action maintained pursuant
275 to this section, the court may direct to the members of the class a notice to be published at least
276 once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in
277 the county where the civil action is commenced and in other counties within the jurisdiction of
278 a taxing authority. The notice shall advise each member that the court will exclude him or her
279 from the class if he or she so requests by a specified date, that the judgment, whether favorable
280 or not, will include all members who do not request exclusion, and that any member who does
281 not request exclusion may, if he or she desires, enter an appearance. In any class action brought
282 pursuant to this section, the court, in addition to the relief requested, shall assess against the
283 taxing authority found to be in violation of this section the reasonable costs of bringing the
284 action, including reasonable attorney's fees, provided no attorney's fees shall be awarded any
285 attorney or association of attorneys who receive public funds from any source for their services.
286 Any action brought pursuant to this section shall be set for hearing as soon as practicable after
287 the cause is at issue.

288 9. If in any action, including a class action, the court issues an order requiring a taxing
289 authority to revise the tax rates as provided in this section or enjoins a taxing authority from the
290 collection of a tax because of its failure to revise the rate of levy as provided in this section, any
291 taxpayer paying his or her taxes when an improper rate is applied has erroneously paid his or her

292 taxes in part, whether or not the taxes are paid under protest as provided in section 139.031,
293 RSMo, or otherwise contested. The part of the taxes paid erroneously is the difference in the
294 amount produced by the original levy and the amount produced by the revised levy. The
295 township or county collector of taxes or the collector of taxes in any city shall refund the amount
296 of the tax erroneously paid. The taxing authority refusing to revise the rate of levy as provided
297 in this section shall make available to the collector all funds necessary to make refunds pursuant
298 to this subsection. No taxpayer shall receive any interest on any money erroneously paid by him
299 or her pursuant to this subsection. Effective in the 1994 tax year, nothing in this section shall
300 be construed to require a taxing authority to refund any tax erroneously paid prior to or during
301 the third tax year preceding the current tax year.

302 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that
303 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
304 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section
305 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers
306 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the
307 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
308 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2004, shall be
309 invalid and void.

137.080. Real estate and tangible personal property shall be assessed annually at the
2 assessment which commences on the first day of January. For purposes of assessing and taxing
3 tangible personal property, all tangible personal property shall be divided into the following
4 subclasses:

5 (1) Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition;

6 (2) Livestock;

7 (3) Farm machinery;

8 (4) Vehicles, including recreational vehicles, but not including manufactured homes, as
9 defined in section 700.010, which are actually used as dwelling units;

10 (5) Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, which are actually used as
11 dwelling units;

12 (6) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration and are registered as historic motor
13 vehicles under section 301.131;

14 (7) **Hydroelectric power generating equipment;**

15 (8) All taxable tangible personal property not included in subclass (1), subclass (2),
16 subclass (3), subclass (4), subclass (5), [or] subclass (6), **or subclass (7).**

137.115. 1. All other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the assessor or the assessor's
2 deputies in all counties of this state including the city of St. Louis shall annually make a list of

3 all real and tangible personal property taxable in the assessor's city, county, town or district.
4 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section and section 137.078, the assessor
5 shall annually assess all personal property at thirty-three and one-third percent of its true value
6 in money as of January first of each calendar year. The assessor shall annually assess all real
7 property, including any new construction and improvements to real property, and possessory
8 interests in real property at the percent of its true value in money set in subsection 5 of this
9 section. The true value in money of any possessory interest in real property in subclass (3),
10 where such real property is on or lies within the ultimate airport boundary as shown by a federal
11 airport layout plan, as defined by 14 CFR 151.5, of a commercial airport having a FAR Part 139
12 certification and owned by a political subdivision, shall be the otherwise applicable true value
13 in money of any such possessory interest in real property, less the total dollar amount of costs
14 paid by a party, other than the political subdivision, towards any new construction or
15 improvements on such real property completed after January 1, 2008, and which are included in
16 the above-mentioned possessory interest, regardless of the year in which such costs were incurred
17 or whether such costs were considered in any prior year. The assessor shall annually assess all
18 real property in the following manner: new assessed values shall be determined as of January
19 first of each odd-numbered year and shall be entered in the assessor's books; those same assessed
20 values shall apply in the following even-numbered year, except for new construction and
21 property improvements which shall be valued as though they had been completed as of January
22 first of the preceding odd-numbered year. The assessor may call at the office, place of doing
23 business, or residence of each person required by this chapter to list property, and require the
24 person to make a correct statement of all taxable tangible personal property owned by the person
25 or under his or her care, charge or management, taxable in the county. On or before January first
26 of each even-numbered year, the assessor shall prepare and submit a two-year assessment
27 maintenance plan to the county governing body and the state tax commission for their respective
28 approval or modification. The county governing body shall approve and forward such plan or
29 its alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by February first. If the county governing
30 body fails to forward the plan or its alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by
31 February first, the assessor's plan shall be considered approved by the county governing body.
32 If the state tax commission fails to approve a plan and if the state tax commission and the
33 assessor and the governing body of the county involved are unable to resolve the differences, in
34 order to receive state cost-share funds outlined in section 137.750, the county or the assessor
35 shall petition the administrative hearing commission, by May first, to decide all matters in
36 dispute regarding the assessment maintenance plan. Upon agreement of the parties, the matter
37 may be stayed while the parties proceed with mediation or arbitration upon terms agreed to by
38 the parties. The final decision of the administrative hearing commission shall be subject to

39 judicial review in the circuit court of the county involved. In the event a valuation of subclass
40 (1) real property within any county with a charter form of government, or within a city not within
41 a county, is made by a computer, computer-assisted method or a computer program, the burden
42 of proof, supported by clear, convincing and cogent evidence to sustain such valuation, shall be
43 on the assessor at any hearing or appeal. In any such county, unless the assessor proves
44 otherwise, there shall be a presumption that the assessment was made by a computer,
45 computer-assisted method or a computer program. Such evidence shall include, but shall not be
46 limited to, the following:

47 (1) The findings of the assessor based on an appraisal of the property by generally
48 accepted appraisal techniques; and

49 (2) The purchase prices from sales of at least three comparable properties and the address
50 or location thereof. As used in this subdivision, the word "comparable" means that:

51 (a) Such sale was closed at a date relevant to the property valuation; and

52 (b) Such properties are not more than one mile from the site of the disputed property,
53 except where no similar properties exist within one mile of the disputed property, the nearest
54 comparable property shall be used. Such property shall be within five hundred square feet in size
55 of the disputed property, and resemble the disputed property in age, floor plan, number of rooms,
56 and other relevant characteristics.

57 2. Assessors in each county of this state and the city of St. Louis may send personal
58 property assessment forms through the mail.

59 3. The following items of personal property shall each constitute separate subclasses of
60 tangible personal property and shall be assessed and valued for the purposes of taxation at the
61 following percentages of their true value in money:

62 (1) Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition, one-half of one
63 percent;

64 (2) Livestock, twelve percent;

65 (3) Farm machinery, twelve percent;

66 (4) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration as and are registered as historic
67 motor vehicles pursuant to section 301.131 and aircraft which are at least twenty-five years old
68 and which are used solely for noncommercial purposes and are operated less than fifty hours per
69 year or aircraft that are home built from a kit, five percent;

70 (5) Poultry, twelve percent; [and]

71 (6) Tools and equipment used for pollution control and tools and equipment used in
72 retooling for the purpose of introducing new product lines or used for making improvements to
73 existing products by any company which is located in a state enterprise zone and which is

74 identified by any standard industrial classification number cited in subdivision (6) of section
75 135.200, twenty-five percent;

76 **(7) Hydroelectric power generating equipment, one percent.**

77 4. The person listing the property shall enter a true and correct statement of the property,
78 in a printed blank prepared for that purpose. The statement, after being filled out, shall be signed
79 and either affirmed or sworn to as provided in section 137.155. The list shall then be delivered
80 to the assessor.

81 5. All subclasses of real property, as such subclasses are established in section 4(b) of
82 article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016, shall be assessed at the
83 following percentages of true value:

84 (1) For real property in subclass (1), nineteen percent;

85 (2) For real property in subclass (2), twelve percent; and

86 (3) For real property in subclass (3), thirty-two percent.

87 6. Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, which are actually used as
88 dwelling units shall be assessed at the same percentage of true value as residential real property
89 for the purpose of taxation. The percentage of assessment of true value for such manufactured
90 homes shall be the same as for residential real property. If the county collector cannot identify
91 or find the manufactured home when attempting to attach the manufactured home for payment
92 of taxes owed by the manufactured home owner, the county collector may request the county
93 commission to have the manufactured home removed from the tax books, and such request shall
94 be granted within thirty days after the request is made; however, the removal from the tax books
95 does not remove the tax lien on the manufactured home if it is later identified or found. For
96 purposes of this section, a manufactured home located in a manufactured home rental park, rental
97 community or on real estate not owned by the manufactured home owner shall be considered
98 personal property. For purposes of this section, a manufactured home located on real estate
99 owned by the manufactured home owner may be considered real property.

100 7. Each manufactured home assessed shall be considered a parcel for the purpose of
101 reimbursement pursuant to section 137.750, unless the manufactured home is **deemed to be** real
102 estate [as defined in] **under** subsection 7 of section 442.015 and assessed as a realty
103 improvement to the existing real estate parcel.

104 8. Any amount of tax due and owing based on the assessment of a manufactured home
105 shall be included on the personal property tax statement of the manufactured home owner unless
106 the manufactured home is **deemed to be** real estate [as defined in] **under** subsection 7 of section
107 442.015, in which case the amount of tax due and owing on the assessment of the manufactured
108 home as a realty improvement to the existing real estate parcel shall be included on the real
109 property tax statement of the real estate owner.

110 9. The assessor of each county and each city not within a county shall use the trade-in
111 value published in the October issue of the National Automobile Dealers' Association Official
112 Used Car Guide, or its successor publication, as the recommended guide of information for
113 determining the true value of motor vehicles described in such publication. In the absence of a
114 listing for a particular motor vehicle in such publication, the assessor shall use such information
115 or publications which in the assessor's judgment will fairly estimate the true value in money of
116 the motor vehicle.

117 10. Before the assessor may increase the assessed valuation of any parcel of subclass (1)
118 real property by more than fifteen percent since the last assessment, excluding increases due to
119 new construction or improvements, the assessor shall conduct a physical inspection of such
120 property.

121 11. If a physical inspection is required, pursuant to subsection 10 of this section, the
122 assessor shall notify the property owner of that fact in writing and shall provide the owner clear
123 written notice of the owner's rights relating to the physical inspection. If a physical inspection
124 is required, the property owner may request that an interior inspection be performed during the
125 physical inspection. The owner shall have no less than thirty days to notify the assessor of a
126 request for an interior physical inspection.

127 12. A physical inspection, as required by subsection 10 of this section, shall include, but
128 not be limited to, an on-site personal observation and review of all exterior portions of the land
129 and any buildings and improvements to which the inspector has or may reasonably and lawfully
130 gain external access, and shall include an observation and review of the interior of any buildings
131 or improvements on the property upon the timely request of the owner pursuant to subsection 11
132 of this section. Mere observation of the property via a drive-by inspection or the like shall not
133 be considered sufficient to constitute a physical inspection as required by this section.

134 13. The provisions of subsections 11 and 12 of this section shall only apply in any county
135 with a charter form of government with more than one million inhabitants.

136 14. A county or city collector may accept credit cards as proper form of payment of
137 outstanding property tax or license due. No county or city collector may charge surcharge for
138 payment by credit card which exceeds the fee or surcharge charged by the credit card bank,
139 processor, or issuer for its service. A county or city collector may accept payment by electronic
140 transfers of funds in payment of any tax or license and charge the person making such payment
141 a fee equal to the fee charged the county by the bank, processor, or issuer of such electronic
142 payment.

143 15. Any county or city not within a county in this state may, by an affirmative vote of
144 the governing body of such county, opt out of the provisions of this section and sections 137.073,
145 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly,

146 second regular session and section 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate
147 substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general
148 assembly, second regular session, for the next year of the general reassessment, prior to January
149 first of any year. No county or city not within a county shall exercise this opt-out provision after
150 implementing the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as
151 enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and
152 section 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate
153 committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular
154 session, in a year of general reassessment. For the purposes of applying the provisions of this
155 subsection, a political subdivision contained within two or more counties where at least one of
156 such counties has opted out and at least one of such counties has not opted out shall calculate a
157 single tax rate as in effect prior to the enactment of house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general
158 assembly, second regular session. A governing body of a city not within a county or a county
159 that has opted out under the provisions of this subsection may choose to implement the
160 provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill
161 no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session, and section 137.073 as
162 modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for
163 senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, for the next year of
164 general reassessment, by an affirmative vote of the governing body prior to December thirty-first
165 of any year.

166 16. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more than twenty-six
167 thousand three hundred but fewer than twenty-six thousand seven hundred inhabitants located
168 in any county that has exercised its authority to opt out under subsection 15 of this section may
169 levy separate and differing tax rates for real and personal property only if such city bills and
170 collects its own property taxes or satisfies the entire cost of the billing and collection of such
171 separate and differing tax rates. Such separate and differing rates shall not exceed such city's tax
172 rate ceiling.

2 [137.115. 1. All other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the assessor
3 or the assessor's deputies in all counties of this state including the city of St.
4 Louis shall annually make a list of all real and tangible personal property taxable
5 in the assessor's city, county, town or district. Except as otherwise provided in
6 subsection 3 of this section and section 137.078, the assessor shall annually
7 assess all personal property at thirty-three and one-third percent of its true value
8 in money as of January first of each calendar year. The assessor shall annually
9 assess all real property, including any new construction and improvements to real
10 property, and possessory interests in real property at the percent of its true value
11 in money set in subsection 5 of this section. The true value in money of any
 possessory interest in real property in subclass (3), where such real property is on

12 or lies within the ultimate airport boundary as shown by a federal airport layout
13 plan, as defined by 14 CFR 151.5, of a commercial airport having a FAR Part
14 139 certification and owned by a political subdivision, shall be the otherwise
15 applicable true value in money of any such possessory interest in real property,
16 less the total dollar amount of costs paid by a party, other than the political
17 subdivision, towards any new construction or improvements on such real
18 property completed after January 1, 2008, and which are included in the
19 above-mentioned possessory interest, regardless of the year in which such costs
20 were incurred or whether such costs were considered in any prior year. The
21 assessor shall annually assess all real property in the following manner: new
22 assessed values shall be determined as of January first of each odd-numbered
23 year and shall be entered in the assessor's books; those same assessed values shall
24 apply in the following even-numbered year, except for new construction and
25 property improvements which shall be valued as though they had been completed
26 as of January first of the preceding odd-numbered year. The assessor may call
27 at the office, place of doing business, or residence of each person required by this
28 chapter to list property, and require the person to make a correct statement of all
29 taxable tangible personal property owned by the person or under his or her care,
30 charge or management, taxable in the county. On or before January first of each
31 even-numbered year, the assessor shall prepare and submit a two-year assessment
32 maintenance plan to the county governing body and the state tax commission for
33 their respective approval or modification. The county governing body shall
34 approve and forward such plan or its alternative to the plan to the state tax
35 commission by February first. If the county governing body fails to forward the
36 plan or its alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by February first, the
37 assessor's plan shall be considered approved by the county governing body. If the
38 state tax commission fails to approve a plan and if the state tax commission and
39 the assessor and the governing body of the county involved are unable to resolve
40 the differences, in order to receive state cost-share funds outlined in section
41 137.750, the county or the assessor shall petition the administrative hearing
42 commission, by May first, to decide all matters in dispute regarding the
43 assessment maintenance plan. Upon agreement of the parties, the matter may be
44 stayed while the parties proceed with mediation or arbitration upon terms agreed
45 to by the parties. The final decision of the administrative hearing commission
46 shall be subject to judicial review in the circuit court of the county involved. In
47 the event a valuation of subclass (1) real property within any county with a
48 charter form of government, or within a city not within a county, is made by a
49 computer, computer-assisted method or a computer program, the burden of proof,
50 supported by clear, convincing and cogent evidence to sustain such valuation,
51 shall be on the assessor at any hearing or appeal. In any such county, unless the
52 assessor proves otherwise, there shall be a presumption that the assessment was
53 made by a computer, computer-assisted method or a computer program. Such
54 evidence shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

55 (1) The findings of the assessor based on an appraisal of the property by
56 generally accepted appraisal techniques; and

57 (2) The purchase prices from sales of at least three comparable properties
58 and the address or location thereof. As used in this subdivision, the word
59 "comparable" means that:

60 (a) Such sale was closed at a date relevant to the property valuation; and

61 (b) Such properties are not more than one mile from the site of the
62 disputed property, except where no similar properties exist within one mile of the
63 disputed property, the nearest comparable property shall be used. Such property
64 shall be within five hundred square feet in size of the disputed property, and
65 resemble the disputed property in age, floor plan, number of rooms, and other
66 relevant characteristics.

67 2. Assessors in each county of this state and the city of St. Louis may
68 send personal property assessment forms through the mail.

69 3. The following items of personal property shall each constitute separate
70 subclasses of tangible personal property and shall be assessed and valued for the
71 purposes of taxation at the following percentages of their true value in money:

72 (1) Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition,
73 one-half of one percent;

74 (2) Livestock, twelve percent;

75 (3) Farm machinery, twelve percent;

76 (4) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration as and are registered
77 as historic motor vehicles pursuant to section 301.131 and aircraft which are at
78 least twenty-five years old and which are used solely for noncommercial purposes
79 and are operated less than fifty hours per year or aircraft that are home built from
80 a kit, five percent;

81 (5) Poultry, twelve percent; and

82 (6) Tools and equipment used for pollution control and tools and
83 equipment used in retooling for the purpose of introducing new product lines or
84 used for making improvements to existing products by any company which is
85 located in a state enterprise zone and which is identified by any standard
86 industrial classification number cited in subdivision (6) of section 135.200,
87 twenty-five percent.

88 4. The person listing the property shall enter a true and correct statement
89 of the property, in a printed blank prepared for that purpose. The statement, after
90 being filled out, shall be signed and either affirmed or sworn to as provided in
91 section 137.155. The list shall then be delivered to the assessor.

92 5. All subclasses of real property, as such subclasses are established in
93 section 4(b) of article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section
94 137.016, shall be assessed at the following percentages of true value:

95 (1) For real property in subclass (1), nineteen percent;

96 (2) For real property in subclass (2), twelve percent; and

97 (3) For real property in subclass (3), thirty-two percent.

98 6. Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, which are actually
99 used as dwelling units shall be assessed at the same percentage of true value as
100 residential real property for the purpose of taxation. The percentage of
101 assessment of true value for such manufactured homes shall be the same as for
102 residential real property. If the county collector cannot identify or find the
103 manufactured home when attempting to attach the manufactured home for
104 payment of taxes owed by the manufactured home owner, the county collector
105 may request the county commission to have the manufactured home removed
106 from the tax books, and such request shall be granted within thirty days after the
107 request is made; however, the removal from the tax books does not remove the
108 tax lien on the manufactured home if it is later identified or found. A
109 manufactured home located in a manufactured home rental park, rental
110 community or on real estate not owned by the manufactured home owner shall
111 be considered personal property. A manufactured home located on real estate
112 owned by the manufactured home owner may be considered real property.

113 7. Each manufactured home assessed shall be considered a parcel for the
114 purpose of reimbursement pursuant to section 137.750, unless the manufactured
115 home has been converted to real property in compliance with section 700.111 and
116 assessed as a realty improvement to the existing real estate parcel.

117 8. Any amount of tax due and owing based on the assessment of a
118 manufactured home shall be included on the personal property tax statement of
119 the manufactured home owner unless the manufactured home has been converted
120 to real property in compliance with section 700.111, in which case the amount
121 of tax due and owing on the assessment of the manufactured home as a realty
122 improvement to the existing real estate parcel shall be included on the real
123 property tax statement of the real estate owner.

124 9. The assessor of each county and each city not within a county shall use
125 the trade-in value published in the October issue of the National Automobile
126 Dealers' Association Official Used Car Guide, or its successor publication, as the
127 recommended guide of information for determining the true value of motor
128 vehicles described in such publication. In the absence of a listing for a particular
129 motor vehicle in such publication, the assessor shall use such information or
130 publications which in the assessor's judgment will fairly estimate the true value
131 in money of the motor vehicle.

132 10. Before the assessor may increase the assessed valuation of any parcel
133 of subclass (1) real property by more than fifteen percent since the last
134 assessment, excluding increases due to new construction or improvements, the
135 assessor shall conduct a physical inspection of such property.

136 11. If a physical inspection is required, pursuant to subsection 10 of this
137 section, the assessor shall notify the property owner of that fact in writing and
138 shall provide the owner clear written notice of the owner's rights relating to the
139 physical inspection. If a physical inspection is required, the property owner may
140 request that an interior inspection be performed during the physical inspection.

141 The owner shall have no less than thirty days to notify the assessor of a request
142 for an interior physical inspection.

143 12. A physical inspection, as required by subsection 10 of this section,
144 shall include, but not be limited to, an on-site personal observation and review
145 of all exterior portions of the land and any buildings and improvements to which
146 the inspector has or may reasonably and lawfully gain external access, and shall
147 include an observation and review of the interior of any buildings or
148 improvements on the property upon the timely request of the owner pursuant to
149 subsection 11 of this section. Mere observation of the property via a drive-by
150 inspection or the like shall not be considered sufficient to constitute a physical
151 inspection as required by this section.

152 13. The provisions of subsections 11 and 12 of this section shall only
153 apply in any county with a charter form of government with more than one
154 million inhabitants.

155 14. A county or city collector may accept credit cards as proper form of
156 payment of outstanding property tax or license due. No county or city collector
157 may charge surcharge for payment by credit card which exceeds the fee or
158 surcharge charged by the credit card bank, processor, or issuer for its service. A
159 county or city collector may accept payment by electronic transfers of funds in
160 payment of any tax or license and charge the person making such payment a fee
161 equal to the fee charged the county by the bank, processor, or issuer of such
162 electronic payment.

163 15. Any county or city not within a county in this state may, by an
164 affirmative vote of the governing body of such county, opt out of the provisions
165 of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house
166 bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and
167 section 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute
168 for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general
169 assembly, second regular session, for the next year of the general reassessment,
170 prior to January first of any year. No county or city not within a county shall
171 exercise this opt-out provision after implementing the provisions of this section
172 and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of
173 the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as
174 modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate
175 committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly,
176 second regular session, in a year of general reassessment. For the purposes of
177 applying the provisions of this subsection, a political subdivision contained
178 within two or more counties where at least one of such counties has opted out and
179 at least one of such counties has not opted out shall calculate a single tax rate as
180 in effect prior to the enactment of house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general
181 assembly, second regular session. A governing body of a city not within a county
182 or a county that has opted out under the provisions of this subsection may choose
183 to implement the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and

184 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly,
185 second regular session, and section 137.073 as modified by house committee
186 substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no.
187 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, for the next year of
188 general reassessment, by an affirmative vote of the governing body prior to
189 December thirty-first of any year.

190 16. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more
191 than twenty-six thousand three hundred but fewer than twenty-six thousand seven
192 hundred inhabitants located in any county that has exercised its authority to opt
193 out under subsection 15 of this section may levy separate and differing tax rates
194 for real and personal property only if such city bills and collects its own property
195 taxes or satisfies the entire cost of the billing and collection of such separate and
196 differing tax rates. Such separate and differing rates shall not exceed such city's
197 tax rate ceiling.]

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393.1075. 1. This section shall be known as the "Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment
2 Act".

3 2. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

4 (1) "Commission", the Missouri public service commission;

5 (2) "Demand response", measures that decrease peak demand or shift demand to off-peak
6 periods;

7 (3) "Demand-side program", any program conducted by the utility to modify the net
8 consumption of electricity on the retail customer's side of the electric meter, including but not
9 limited to energy efficiency measures, load management, demand response, and interruptible or
10 curtailable load;

11 (4) "Energy efficiency", measures that reduce the amount of electricity required to
12 achieve a given end use;

13 (5) "Interruptible or curtailable rate", a rate under which a customer receives a reduced
14 charge in exchange for agreeing to allow the utility to withdraw the supply of electricity under
15 certain specified conditions;

16 (6) "Total resource cost test", a test that compares the sum of avoided utility costs and
17 avoided probable environmental compliance costs to the sum of all incremental costs of end-use
18 measures that are implemented due to the program, as defined by the commission in rules.

19 3. It shall be the policy of the state to value demand-side investments equal to traditional
20 investments in supply and delivery infrastructure and allow recovery of all reasonable and
21 prudent costs of delivering cost-effective demand-side programs. In support of this policy, the
22 commission shall:

23 (1) Provide timely cost recovery for utilities;

24 (2) Ensure that utility financial incentives are aligned with helping customers use energy
25 more efficiently and in a manner that sustains or enhances utility customers' incentives to use
26 energy more efficiently; and

27 (3) Provide timely earnings opportunities associated with cost-effective measurable and
28 verifiable efficiency savings.

29 4. The commission shall permit electric corporations to implement
30 commission-approved demand-side programs proposed pursuant to this section with a goal of
31 achieving all cost-effective demand-side savings. Recovery for such programs shall not be
32 permitted unless the programs are approved by the commission, result in energy or demand
33 savings and are beneficial to all customers in the customer class in which the programs are
34 proposed, regardless of whether the programs are utilized by all customers. The commission
35 shall consider the total resource cost test a preferred cost-effectiveness test. Programs targeted
36 to low-income customers or general education campaigns do not need to meet a
37 cost-effectiveness test, so long as the commission determines that the program or campaign is
38 in the public interest. Nothing herein shall preclude the approval of demand-side programs that
39 do not meet the test if the costs of the program above the level determined to be cost-effective
40 are funded by the customers participating in the program or through tax or other governmental
41 credits or incentives specifically designed for that purpose.

42 5. To comply with this section the commission may develop cost recovery mechanisms
43 to further encourage investments in demand-side programs including, in combination and
44 without limitation: capitalization of investments in and expenditures for demand-side programs,
45 rate design modifications, accelerated depreciation on demand-side investments, and allowing
46 the utility to retain a portion of the net benefits of a demand-side program for its shareholders.
47 In setting rates the commission shall fairly apportion the costs and benefits of demand-side
48 programs to each customer class except as provided for in subsection 6 of this section. Prior to
49 approving a rate design modification associated with demand-side cost recovery, the commission
50 shall conclude a docket studying the effects thereof and promulgate an appropriate rule.

51 6. The commission may reduce or exempt allocation of demand-side expenditures to
52 low-income classes, as defined in an appropriate rate proceeding, as a subclass of residential
53 service.

54 7. Provided that the customer has notified the electric corporation that the customer
55 elects not to participate in demand-side measures offered by an electrical corporation, none of
56 the costs of demand-side measures of an electric corporation offered under this section or by any
57 other authority, and no other charges implemented in accordance with this section, shall be
58 assigned to any account of any customer, including its affiliates and subsidiaries, meeting one
59 or more of the following criteria:

60 (1) The customer has one or more accounts within the service territory of the electrical
61 corporation that has a demand of five thousand kilowatts or more;

62 (2) The customer operates an interstate pipeline pumping station, regardless of size; or

63 (3) The customer has accounts within the service territory of the electrical corporation
64 that have, in aggregate, a demand of two thousand five hundred kilowatts or more, and the
65 customer has a comprehensive demand-side or energy efficiency program and can demonstrate
66 an achievement of savings at least equal to those expected from utility-provided programs.

67 8. Customers that have notified the electrical corporation that they do not wish to
68 participate in demand-side programs under this section shall not subsequently be eligible to
69 participate in demand-side programs except under guidelines established by the commission in
70 rulemaking.

71 9. Customers who participate in demand-side programs initiated after August 1, 2009,
72 shall be required to participate in program funding for a period of time to be established by the
73 commission in rulemaking.

74 10. Customers electing not to participate in an electric corporation's demand-side
75 programs under this section shall still be allowed to participate in interruptible or curtailable rate
76 schedules or tariffs offered by the electric corporation.

77 11. The commission shall provide oversight and may adopt rules and procedures and
78 approve corporation-specific settlements and tariff provisions, independent evaluation of
79 demand-side programs, as necessary, to ensure that electric corporations can achieve the goals
80 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
81 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
82 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.
83 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general
84 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and
85 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
86 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2009, shall be invalid and void.

87 12. Each electric corporation shall submit an annual report to the commission describing
88 the demand-side programs implemented by the utility in the previous year. The report shall
89 document program expenditures, including incentive payments, peak demand and energy savings
90 impacts and the techniques used to estimate those impacts, avoided costs and the techniques used
91 to estimate those costs, the estimated cost-effectiveness of the demand-side programs, and the
92 net economic benefits of the demand-side programs.

93 13. Charges attributable to demand-side programs under this section shall be clearly
94 shown as a separate line item on bills to the electrical corporation's customers.

95 14. (1) Any customer of an electrical corporation who has received a state tax credit
96 under sections 135.350 to 135.362 or under sections 253.545 to 253.561 shall not be eligible for
97 participation in any demand-side program offered by an electrical corporation under this section
98 if such program offers a monetary incentive to the customer, **unless it is for a low-income**
99 **program.**

100 (2) As a condition of participation in any demand-side program offered by an electrical
101 corporation under this section when such program offers a monetary incentive to the customer,
102 the commission shall develop rules that require documentation to be provided by the customer
103 to the electrical corporation to show that the customer has not received a tax credit listed in
104 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

105 (3) The penalty for a customer who provides false documentation under subdivision (2)
106 of this subsection shall be a class A misdemeanor.

107 15. The commission shall develop rules that provide for disclosure of participants in all
108 demand-side programs offered by electrical corporations under this section when such programs
109 provide monetary incentives to the customer. The disclosure required by this subsection may
110 include, but not be limited to, the following: the name of the participant, or the names of the
111 principles if for a company, the property address, and the amount of the monetary incentive
112 received.

2 [386.850. The Missouri energy task force created by executive order
3 05-46 shall reconvene at least one time per year for the purpose of reviewing
4 progress made toward meeting the recommendations set forth in the task force's
5 final report as issued under the executive order. The task force shall issue its
6 findings in a status report to the governor and general assembly no later than
December thirty-first of each year.]

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