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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 190.015, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to ambulance services in certain cities.

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

Section A. Section 190.015, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 190.015, to read as follows:

190.015. 1. Whenever the creation of an ambulance district is desired, a
2 number of voters residing in the proposed district equal to ten percent of the vote
3 cast for governor in the proposed district in the next preceding gubernatorial
4 election may file with the county clerk in which the territory or the greater part
5 thereof is situated a petition requesting the creation thereof. In case the
6 proposed district is situated in two or more counties, the petition shall be filed
7 in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the greater part of the area
8 is situated, and the commissioners of the county commission of the county shall
9 set the petition for public hearing. The petition shall set forth:

- 10 (1) A description of the territory to be embraced in the proposed district;
- 11 (2) The names of the municipalities located within the area;
- 12 (3) The name of the proposed district;
- 13 (4) The population of the district which shall not be less than two
14 thousand inhabitants;
- 15 (5) The assessed valuation of the area, which shall not be less than ten
16 million dollars; and
- 17 (6) A request that the question be submitted to the voters residing within
18 the limits of the proposed ambulance district whether they will establish an
19 ambulance district pursuant to the provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.090 to
20 be known as "_____ Ambulance District" for the purpose of establishing and

21 maintaining an ambulance service.

22 2. In any county with a charter form of government and with more than
23 one million inhabitants, fire protection districts created under chapter 321 may
24 choose to create an ambulance district with boundaries congruent with each
25 participating fire protection district's existing boundaries provided no ambulance
26 district already exists in whole or part of any district being proposed and the
27 dominant provider of ambulance services within the proposed district as of
28 September 1, 2005, ceases to offer or provide ambulance services, and the board
29 of each participating district, by a majority vote, approves the formation of such
30 a district and participating fire protection districts are contiguous. Upon
31 approval by the fire protection district boards, subsection 1 of this section shall
32 be followed for formation of the ambulance district. Services provided by a
33 district under this subsection shall only include emergency ambulance services
34 as defined in section 321.225.

35 3. Except in any county with a charter form of government and with more
36 than one million inhabitants, any ambulance district established under this
37 chapter on or after August 28, 2011, may levy and impose a sales tax in lieu of
38 a property tax to fund the district. The petition to create the ambulance district
39 shall state whether the district will be funded by a property or a sales tax.

40 **4. Any taxpayer of any home rule city whose fire department has**
41 **provided ambulance service for at least thirty years, and is also paying**
42 **taxes to a county-wide ambulance district in a charter county formed**
43 **pursuant to this section, may file a petition with the election authority**
44 **of that county requesting that the residents of the home rule city**
45 **receive ambulance services from, and pay taxes to, only one**
46 **entity. Upon receipt of such petition, the election authority shall notify**
47 **the ambulance service providing entities, which shall have sixty days**
48 **to negotiate an agreement to eliminate the simultaneous payment of**
49 **taxes for more than one ambulance service providing entity. If no**
50 **agreement is reached, the election authority shall place the following**
51 **question before the voters of such home rule city at the next general,**
52 **primary, or municipal election.**

53 **The taxpayers of the City of are currently**
54 **paying taxes to that city to support a fire department**
55 **which is providing ambulance service to the residents of**
56 **that city, and the same taxpayers are also paying taxes to**

57 the County Ambulance District to provide the exact
58 same services. As a result, choose only one of the following
59 entities to provide ambulance services and receive taxes
60 for that purpose:

61 (name of entity created first)

62 (name of entity created second)

63 5. The entity receiving the most votes shall be declared as the
64 single entity to provide ambulance service for the city, beginning on
65 the first day of the city's next fiscal year. On that same day, if the
66 county-wide ambulance district is not selected by vote, it will cease to
67 collect taxes within the existing and future limits of said city. If the
68 city is not selected by vote, it shall reduce its taxes within the city by
69 the amount saved by not having to provide ambulance service.

70 6. All costs incurred by the election authority as a result of this
71 section, including election costs, shall be paid by the entity not chosen
72 to provide ambulance service.

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