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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 89, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to planning and zoning commissions.

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

Section A. Chapter 89, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 89.500, to read as follows:

- 89.500. 1. Any planning commission or zoning commission created under the provisions of this chapter may be dissolved by a majority vote of the commissioners of the county in which the commission is formed.
- 2. In addition to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, 6 whenever a petition signed by not less than five percent of the 7 registered voters of the county is filed with the county commission 8 seeking the disbanding of a planning or zoning commission, the 9 commission shall submit the questions to the voters of the county 10 according to the following procedure:
- 11 (1) The election upon the question of whether to suspend the 12 activity of the planning or zoning commission shall be held on the next 13 general election day, as defined by section 115.121;
- 14 (2) The governing body of the county in which the initiative 15 petition was made shall notify the election authorities responsible for 16 conducting the election according to the terms of section 115.125 not 17 later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth Tuesday prior to the election of the 18 amount of the excess revenues due;
- 19 (3) The question shall be submitted to the voters of such county 20 in substantially the following form:
- 21 Shall the planning and zoning commission of the county of

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- (4) The county governing body of the county in which the planning or zoning commission is located shall give notice of the election for eight consecutive weeks prior to the election by publication in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county; and
- (5) Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of those persons voting on the question, the county governing body shall disband the planning or zoning commission.
- 3. If the county planning or zoning commission is disbanded pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, the county in which such commission was disbanded shall not form any commission for the purpose of planning or zoning until two general elections following the 35 general election in which the commission was disbanded have passed.

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