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AN ACT

To repeal sections 226.010, 226.200, 226.210, and 226.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to state highways and transportation commission, with a contingent effective date.

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

Section A. Sections 226.010, 226.200, 226.210, and 226.220, RSMo, are repealed and
2 nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 226.010, 226.141, 226.143,
3 226.200, 226.205, 226.210, 226.215, 226.220, and 226.222, to read as follows:

226.010. Whenever in sections 226.010 to [226.190] **226.270**, or any proceeding
2 thereunder, the following words or terms are used, they shall be deemed and taken to have the
3 meaning ascribed to them as follows:

4 (1) "Civil subdivision", a county, township, road district or other political subdivision
5 of the state or quasi public corporation having legal jurisdiction of the construction and
6 maintenance of public roads;

7 (2) "Commission", the state highways and transportation commission created [under the
8 provisions of sections 226.010 to 226.190] **pursuant to section 29 of article IV of the**
9 **Constitution of Missouri;**

10 (3) "Commissioner", one of the members of the commission;

11 (4) "Engineer", the chief engineer of the highways and transportation commission;

12 (5) "Hard-surfaced road", a highway surfaced with concrete, comparable types,
13 macadam, properly bound gravel, or the equivalent of properly bound gravel, to be approved by
14 the commission and meeting the federal requirements;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

15 (6) "Municipality" includes a city, town or village;

16 (7) "State highway", a highway constructed or maintained at the cost of the state, or
17 constructed with the aid of state funds or [the] United States government funds, or any highway
18 included by authority of law in the state highway system[.];

19 (8) **"Toll facility", a toll road or highway, toll bridge or any other facility or service**
20 **operated by the commission for the transport of vehicular traffic, for which a toll or charge**
21 **is imposed for its use.**

226.141. 1. The commission may:

2 (1) **Conduct feasibility studies for toll facilities;**

3 (2) **Design, acquire, construct, maintain, reconstruct and operate toll facilities**
4 **within the state highway system, either alone or in conjunction with a political subdivision**
5 **of this state;**

6 (3) **Design, acquire, construct, maintain, reconstruct and operate toll facilities**
7 **across a river or stream comprising a portion of the boundary between Missouri and**
8 **another state, either alone or in conjunction with any agency of an adjacent state having**
9 **authority to cooperate in such facilities;**

10 (4) **Fix, revise and collect tolls for transit over toll facilities;**

11 (5) **Contract with any person, firm, corporation or political subdivision for the**
12 **installation and maintenance of utility lines, pipes, conduits, towers, railroads, mass transit**
13 **facilities and other facilities upon property acquired for the construction and maintenance**
14 **of toll facilities, and charge, without supervision or approval of any commission, board or**
15 **agency of the state, rents or fees for such installation, maintenance or use;**

16 (6) **Contract and charge rents or fees for the construction, operation and**
17 **maintenance of facilities for lodging, food service and vehicle service upon property**
18 **acquired for a toll facility. Such contracts shall be entered into after public advertisement**
19 **and the receipt of sealed bids, and the contract shall be awarded to the bidder which the**
20 **commission determines has submitted the bid most advantageous to the commission. The**
21 **commission shall require the contractor to furnish such bonds as it deems necessary to**
22 **assure compliance with the terms of the contract;**

23 (7) **Contract as is necessary or desirable with any person, corporation, federal, state**
24 **or local government agency or authority to fund or effectuate the feasibility studies for and**
25 **the proper and economic design, acquisition, construction, maintenance, reconstruction or**
26 **operation of any toll facility;**

27 (8) **Issue state toll facility revenue bonds to finance any toll facility project. Such**
28 **bonds shall not be an obligation of the state and may be issued without the consent of any**
29 **other department, commission, board, bureau or agency of the state. The bonds shall be**

30 payable from revenues deposited within the state toll facility bond and interest sinking
31 fund, or if appropriate, the sums within the state toll facility construction fund, or from
32 reserve funds or escrow accounts established by the commission for such bonds;

33 (9) Refund any outstanding commission bonds at any time by the issuance of its
34 state toll facility revenue refunding bonds. Such bonds may be issued in any amount the
35 commission may deem necessary, but shall not exceed the amount sufficient to refund the
36 principal of the bonds to be refunded plus any unpaid interest thereon and any premiums,
37 commissions, service fees and other expenses necessary to be paid in connection with the
38 refunding. Any such refunding may be effected whether the bonds to be refunded then
39 shall have matured or are subject to redemption, or thereafter shall mature or be subject
40 to redemption. The proceeds from the sale of the refunding bonds may be applied to the
41 payment of the bonds being refunded, or the refunding bonds may be exchanged for the
42 bonds being refunded. The refunding bonds may be issued regardless of whether the
43 bonds proposed to be refunded shall be payable on the same date or different dates or shall
44 be due serially or otherwise. Proceeds from the sale of state road revenue refunding bonds
45 shall be paid directly into the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund. The
46 commission may provide that, upon deposit to the state toll facility bond and interest
47 sinking fund, such proceeds may be paid into an irrevocable escrow account or other
48 reserve fund established for the payment of any bonds to be refunded. The costs of
49 issuance, and all principal and interest on such refunding bonds, shall be payable from
50 those revenues deposited within the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund, or any
51 reserve fund or escrow account established by the commission for that purpose; or

52 (10) For outdoor advertising and junkyard control purposes, designate a toll
53 facility as part of the interstate system, if appropriate, or as part of the state primary
54 highway system.

55 2. The aggregate principal amount of all outstanding state toll facility revenue
56 bonds and state toll facility revenue refunding bonds shall not exceed at any one time the
57 amount of five hundred million dollars.

58 3. The proceeds of state toll facility revenue bonds and state toll facility revenue
59 refunding bonds issued pursuant to this section, and the interest thereon, shall be exempt
60 from taxation by this state for all purposes except estate tax.

226.143. 1. Prior to authorizing any toll facility project, the commission shall
2 obtain a feasibility study of the project by a qualified independent consultant. No project
3 shall be authorized or undertaken unless the commission determines on the basis of the
4 feasibility study that the project is economically feasible.

5 2. If the commission determines, based upon its feasibility studies, that it is

6 **economically feasible and in the public interest, it may combine two or more economically**
7 **feasible projects, whether completed or proposed, or parts thereof, to establish a single unit**
8 **or facility.**

226.200. 1. There is hereby created **in the state treasury** a "State Highways and
2 Transportation Department Fund" into which shall be paid or transferred all state revenue derived
3 from highway users as an incident to their use or right to use the highways of the state, including
4 all state license fees and taxes upon motor vehicles, trailers, and motor vehicle fuels, and upon,
5 with respect to, or on the privilege of the manufacture, receipt, storage, distribution, sale or use
6 thereof (excepting **the revenue received from toll facilities**, the sales tax on motor vehicles and
7 trailers, and all property taxes), and all other revenue received or held for expenditure by or under
8 the department of transportation or the state highways and transportation commission, except:

- 9 (1) Money arising from the sale of bonds;
- 10 (2) Money received from the United States government; or
- 11 (3) Money received for some particular use or uses other than for the payment of
12 principal and interest on outstanding state road **revenue** bonds.

13 2. Subject to the limitations of subsection 3 of this section, from said fund shall be paid
14 or credited the cost:

- 15 (1) Of collection of all said state revenue derived from highway users as an incident to
16 their use or right to use the highways of the state, **except the collection of revenue received**
17 **from toll facilities**;
- 18 (2) Of maintaining the state highways and transportation commission;
- 19 (3) Of maintaining the state transportation department;
- 20 (4) Of any workers' compensation for state transportation department employees;
- 21 (5) Of the share of the transportation department in any retirement program for state
22 employees, only as may be provided by law; and
- 23 (6) Of administering and enforcing any state motor vehicle laws or traffic regulations.

24 3. For all future fiscal years, the total amount of appropriations from the state highways
25 and transportation department fund for all state offices and departments shall not exceed the total
26 amount appropriated for such offices and departments from said fund for fiscal year 2001.

27 4. The provisions of subsection 3 of this section shall not apply to appropriations from
28 the state highways and transportation department fund to the highways and transportation
29 commission and the state transportation department or to appropriations to the office of
30 administration for department of transportation employee fringe benefits and OASDHI payments,
31 or to appropriations to the department of revenue for motor vehicle fuel tax refunds [under]
32 **pursuant to** chapter 142, RSMo, or to appropriations to the department of revenue for refunds
33 or overpayments or erroneous payments from the state highways and transportation department

34 fund.

35 5. All interest earned upon the state highways and transportation department fund shall
36 be deposited in and to the credit of such fund.

37 6. Any balance remaining in [said] **such** fund after payment of said costs shall be
38 transferred to the state road fund.

39 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of this section to the contrary, any
40 funds raised as a result of increased taxation pursuant to sections 142.025 and 142.372, RSMo,
41 after April 1, 1992, shall not be used for administrative purposes or administrative expenses of
42 the transportation department.

**226.205. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "State Toll Facility
2 Revenue Fund" into which shall be paid or transferred all state revenue derived from toll
3 facilities. Separate accounts for each toll facility project shall be maintained within the
4 state toll facility revenue fund. All interest earned upon the sums within the accounts in
5 the state toll facility revenue fund shall be deposited within and to the credit of such
6 accounts.**

7 **2. From the appropriate account in such fund shall be paid or credited the cost of
8 collection of revenue received from the toll facility project, and the cost of operation,
9 maintenance, and reconstruction of the toll facility project. Any balance in the accounts
10 in such fund in excess of the amount necessary to meet the payment of such costs for the
11 next succeeding six-month period shall be transferred to the appropriate account of the
12 state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund in the amount necessary to meet the
13 payment of principal and interest of any outstanding and unpaid state road revenue bonds,
14 including state road revenue bonds, state road revenue refunding bonds or unpaid
15 transfers from the state road fund to the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund,
16 for the next succeeding twelve- month period. There shall be next paid from the state toll
17 facility revenue fund any amounts necessary to meet the requirements of any reserve funds
18 or escrow accounts established by the commission for the operation, maintenance and
19 reconstruction of toll facilities and for the payment of principal and interest on state road
20 revenue and state road revenue refunding bonds.**

21 **3. At such time as all principal and interest obligations on state road revenue bonds
22 and state road revenue refunding bonds have been paid, and all transfers from the state
23 road fund to the state toll facility revenue fund, the state toll facility bond and interest
24 sinking fund, and the state toll facility construction fund have been repaid on a toll facility
25 project, the commission shall discontinue the collection of tolls, fees, rents and other
26 charges on such toll facility. Any remaining balance in the state toll facility revenue fund
27 for that facility shall be paid or transferred to the state road fund, and all further costs of**

28 **maintenance and reconstruction of that facility shall be paid from the state road fund.**

29 **4. The commission shall separately account for the costs of feasibility studies for,**
30 **the design, construction, maintenance, reconstruction and operation of, and the revenues**
31 **from, each toll facility project. Upon the final payment of all principal and interest on the**
32 **bonds issued and transfers from the state road fund made to finance a particular toll**
33 **facility, the commission shall maintain such facility as a free facility, although the**
34 **commission continues to operate other facilities as toll facilities.**

35 **5. If the revenues in an account in the state toll facility revenue fund applicable to**
36 **any toll facility project become exhausted prior to the time the toll facility project becomes**
37 **part of the free state highway system, the commission shall transfer amounts periodically**
38 **as necessary from the state road fund to keep the account for the project in the state toll**
39 **facility revenue fund solvent. Such transfers shall be repaid to the state road fund at the**
40 **rate of interest that the commission deems appropriate, considering bond market rates on**
41 **the date of transfer from the state road fund, when the state account for the project in the**
42 **toll facility revenue fund is financially capable of doing so, but not before sums have been**
43 **deposited to the account within the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund**
44 **sufficient, with the interest to be earned by that fund, to satisfy the interest and principal**
45 **obligations of all outstanding state road revenue bonds and state road revenue refunding**
46 **bonds for the toll facility project for the next succeeding twelve- month period.**

226.210. 1. There is hereby created and set up the "State [Road] Toll Facility Bond and
2 Interest Sinking Fund" into which shall be paid or transferred moneys from the state toll
3 facility revenue fund to pay principal of and interest on state road revenue bonds and state
4 road revenue refunding bonds, and to pay unpaid transfers from the state road fund to the
5 state road bond and interest sinking fund, the balance remaining in the state [highway
6 department fund as provided in section 226.200] toll facility construction fund after payment
7 of the costs required to be paid from that fund, and all receipts from the sale of state road
8 revenue refunding bonds. All interest earned upon the sums within the accounts in the
9 state road bond and interest sinking fund shall be deposited within and to the credit of
10 such accounts. From this fund shall be paid the interest and principal upon all outstanding state
11 road revenue bonds and state road revenue refunding bonds as they become due[. Any
12 balance in excess of the amount necessary to meet the payment of the principal and interest of
13 any state road bonds for the next succeeding twelve months shall be transferred to the state road
14 fund.], and the costs of issuing state road revenue refunding bonds.

15 **2. If the amounts in the appropriate account of the state toll facility bond and**
16 **interest sinking fund are insufficient at any time to pay the interest and principal upon all**
17 **outstanding state road revenue bonds or state road revenue refunding bonds, accrued as**

18 to the particular project involved, as they become due, the commission shall transfer from
19 the state road fund to the appropriate account in such fund an amount sufficient to meet
20 the current bond interest and principal obligations. Such transfers shall be repaid to the
21 state road fund from the project account at such rate of interest as the commission deems
22 appropriate, considering bond market rates on the date of transfer from the state road
23 fund, when the appropriate account in the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund
24 is financially capable of doing so, but not before additional sums have been deposited in
25 the account sufficient, with the interest to be earned thereon, to satisfy the principal and
26 interest obligations of all outstanding state road revenue bonds and state road revenue
27 refunding bonds for the project for the next succeeding twelve-month period.

28 **3. At such time as all state road revenue bonds and state road revenue refunding**
29 **bonds have been paid and all transfers from the state road fund for any toll facility project**
30 **have been repaid with interest, the commission shall transfer all sums remaining in the**
31 **project account of the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund to the state road**
32 **fund.**

226.215. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "State Toll Facility
2 **Construction Fund" into which shall be paid or transferred all moneys or credits from:**
3 **(1) The sale of state road revenue bonds;**
4 **(2) The United States government, which are intended for toll facility purposes or**
5 **funding; and**
6 **(3) Any other source, if such moneys or credits are for expenditure by the**
7 **commission for feasibility studies or for the design, acquisition, construction or**
8 **reconstruction of a toll facility. All interest earned upon the sums within the accounts in**
9 **the state toll facility construction fund shall be deposited within and to the credit of such**
10 **accounts.**

11 **2. Separate accounts within the state toll facility construction fund shall be**
12 **maintained for each specific toll facility project.**

13 **3. The sums in this fund shall be used exclusively to pay the costs of issuing state**
14 **road revenue bonds and the costs of feasibility studies for and the design, acquisition,**
15 **construction and reconstruction of a commission toll facility project, and, if sufficient**
16 **additional sums exist in the fund, to pay the principal and interest obligations for**
17 **outstanding state road revenue bonds for the project which become due before sufficient**
18 **sums are available in the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund to pay such**
19 **obligations. Any sums remaining in the state toll facility construction fund after the costs**
20 **for the project are paid shall be transferred immediately to the appropriate account of the**
21 **state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund.**

22 **4. The commission may direct the transfer of sums to the state toll facility**
23 **construction fund from the state road fund to pay costs of the feasibility studies for, or the**
24 **design of, a toll facility project before bonds are issued. Such sums shall be repaid to the**
25 **state road fund from the proceeds of state road revenue bonds deposited in the state toll**
26 **facility construction fund, with appropriate interest from the date of transfer of each sum**
27 **to the state toll facility construction fund, in the same time and manner as provided in**
28 **section 226.210 for repayment of transfers from the state road fund to the state toll facility**
29 **bond and interest sinking fund.**

30 226.220. 1. There is hereby created [and set up] **in the state treasury** the "State Road
31 Fund" which shall receive all moneys and credits from:

32 (1) [The sale of state road bonds] **The state highways and transportation department**
33 **fund as provided in section 226.200;**

34 (2) The United States government [and] intended for highway purposes **other than a toll**
35 **facility;**

36 (3) The state [road] **toll facility** bond and interest sinking fund as provided in section
37 226.210; [and]

38 (4) **The state toll facility revenue fund, but only at the time and in the manner**
39 **provided in section 226.205; and**

40 (5) Any other source if they are held for expenditure by or under the department of
41 transportation or the state highways and transportation commission **for highway purposes other**
42 **than a toll facility**, and if they are not required by [section 226.200] **law** to be transferred to [the
43 state highway department] **any other** fund.

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45 **All interest earned upon the sums within the accounts in the state road fund shall be**
46 **deposited within and to the credit of such accounts.**

47 2. The **following** costs and expenses **shall be** withdrawn from the state treasury **and**
48 **paid from the state road fund upon warrants and vouchers preapproved and certified for**
49 **payment by the commissioner of administration and by the commission, acting through**
50 **such of its employees as it may designate:**

51 (1) For locating, relocating, establishing, acquiring, reimbursing for, constructing,
52 improving and maintaining state highways in the systems specified in article IV, section 30(b),
53 of the constitution;

54 (2) For acquiring materials, equipment and buildings; and

55 (3) For other purposes and contingencies relating and appertaining to the construction
56 and maintenance of [said] **such** highways [shall be paid from the state road fund upon warrants
57 drawn by the state auditor, based upon bills of particulars and vouchers preapproved and certified

58 for payment by the commissioner of administration and by the state highways and transportation
59 commission acting through such of their employees as may be designated by them] **other than**
60 **toll facilities.**

61 3. No payments or transfers shall ever be made from the state road fund except for an
62 expenditure made

63 (1) Under the supervision and direction of the state highways and transportation
64 commission; and

65 (2) For a purpose set out in [subparagraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5)] **subdivisions (1) to**
66 **(6) of subsection 1** of section 30(b), article IV, of the constitution **of this state.**

67 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 of this section to the contrary,
68 payments or transfers may be made by the commission from the state road fund to the state toll
69 facility revenue fund, the state toll facility bond and interest sinking fund and the state toll
70 facility construction fund for the purposes of, and in the time and manner provided in, sections
71 30(b) and 30(d) of article IV of the constitution of this state and in sections 226.200 to 226.222.

**226.222. The commission may direct the creation of segregated accounts within the
2 state toll facility revenue fund, the state toll facility construction fund and the state toll
3 facility bond interest and sinking fund. The commission may direct the establishment of
4 separate reserve funds and escrow accounts and may direct the transfer of moneys between
5 the toll facility funds created in this chapter, provided that moneys received from tolls, fees
6 and rentals on toll projects shall not be transferred from one project account to another
7 project account. The commission may prescribe the terms for contracting with a corporate
8 trustee for the administration of any fund or account.**

Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective only upon approval by the voters
2 of an amendment to article IV, Constitution of Missouri, authorizing the state highways and
3 transportation commission to fund, acquire, construct, maintain, reconstruct and operate toll
4 facilities, and to issue state road revenue refunding bonds for that purpose.