

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 272, Page 1, In the title, Line 3, by deleting the words, "municipal
2 commercial zones" and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "political subdivisions"; and

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4 Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said line the following:

5 "261.320. 1. There is hereby established the "Agri-Ready County Designation Program"
6 within the department of agriculture as a voluntary program whereby any county or city not within a
7 county may apply with the department to become designated as an agri-ready county if it meets the
8 requirements of this section.

9 2. To qualify as an agri-ready county, a county or city not within a county shall:

10 (1) Not have any health or zoning ordinances that discourage or prevent new agricultural
11 operations;

12 (2) Not have agricultural setback requirements that are more stringent than department of
13 natural resources regulations;

14 (3) Not have permit fees that are greater than five hundred dollars annually;

15 (4) Not require additional cash, surety bonds, or insurance above the concentrated animal
16 feeding operation indemnity fund requirements under section 640.740;

17 (5) Not define agricultural operations as nuisances;

18 (6) Not have a definition of any animal agricultural operation that is more stringent than
19 state laws or regulations;

20 (7) Not require air monitoring or have containment requirements for air particles other than
21 those required under chapter 643;

22 (8) Allow land application of nutrients and crop protection products at a rate no less than the
23 minimum agronomic rate based on data from the college of agriculture, food, and natural resources
24 at the University of Missouri-Columbia or based on the Material Safety Data Sheet of such crop
25 protection product; and

26 (9) Not have any regulations or ordinances more restrictive than state laws to discourage or
27 prevent processing facilities.

28 3. No later than March 31, 2016, the department of agriculture shall establish application
29 requirements and review procedures for the agri-ready county designation program. Any rule or
30 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority
31 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
32 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
33 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to
34 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
35 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
36 August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void.

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1 4. Any county or city not within a county that receives a designation as an agri-ready county
2 shall submit a report annually to the department of agriculture that will include, but not be limited to,
3 the following information:

4 (1) Any changes to ordinances, permit fees, or other factors necessary to meet the
5 requirements of this section;

6 (2) The number of new agricultural operations in the county or city not within a county. No
7 identifying information regarding any operation shall be required;

8 (3) The number of expanded agricultural operations in the county or city not within a county.
9 No identifying information regarding any operation shall be required; and

10 (4) Any other information deemed necessary by the department of agriculture.

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12 The report required under this subsection shall be no longer than one page. The department of
13 agriculture shall allow for online submission of the report.

14 5. If the department determines that a county or city not within a county no longer meets the
15 requirements of this section, it may withdraw the agri-ready county designation.

16 6. The department of agriculture shall develop an agri-ready county logo. Any county or
17 city not within a county designated as agri-ready by the department of agriculture may use the
18 agri-ready county logo on any sign, brochure, website, or other marketing material.

19 7. Any county or city not within a county designated as agri-ready by the department of
20 agriculture may request the department of transportation to erect and maintain appropriate signs
21 designating it as agri-ready. If requested, the department of transportation shall erect and maintain
22 such signs, with the cost to be paid by the county or city not within a county.

23 8. The department of agriculture shall publish and maintain a list of all agri-ready counties
24 on its website.

25 9. In evaluating any grant proposal based on a point system, the department of agriculture,
26 department of natural resources, and department of economic development shall increase the total
27 number of points awarded by five percent to the following:

28 (1) Any agri-ready county or city not within a county;

29 (2) Any political subdivision located within an agri-ready county; or

30 (3) Any agricultural operation located within or proposing to locate within an agri-ready
31 county.

32 If an agri-ready county loses its agri-ready designation at any point during the grant period, the
33 agri-ready county shall be responsible for repaying any grant funding received."; and

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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
36 accordingly.