

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 497, Page 4, Section 67.955, Line 10, by  
2 inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "204.475. 1. In any common sewer district organized under sections 204.250 to 204.472,  
4 territory included in the district that is not being served by the district may be detached from the  
5 district provided that there are no outstanding general obligation or special obligation bonds and no  
6 contractual obligations of greater than twenty-five thousand dollars for debt that pertains to  
7 infrastructure, fixed assets, or obligations for the purchase of water. If any such bonds or debt is  
8 outstanding, and the written consent of the holders of such bonds or the creditors to such debt is  
9 obtained, then such territory may be detached in spite of the existence of such bonds or debt, except  
10 such consent shall not be required for special obligation bonds if the district has no water or sewer  
11 lines or other facilities located within any of the territory detached. Detachment may be made by the  
12 filing of a petition with the circuit court in which the district was incorporated. The petition shall  
13 contain a description of the tract to be detached and a statement that the detachment is in the best  
14 interest of the district or the inhabitants and property owners of the territory to be detached, together  
15 with the facts supporting such allegation. The petition may be submitted by the district acting  
16 through its board of directors, in which case the petition shall be signed by a majority of the board of  
17 directors of the district. The petition may also be submitted by voters residing in or by landowners  
18 owning land in the territory sought to be detached. If there are more than ten voters and landowners  
19 in such territory, the petition shall be signed by five or more voters or landowners within the  
20 territory; if there are less than ten voters and landowners within such territory, the petition shall be  
21 signed by fifty percent or more of the voters and landowners within the territory. In the event there  
22 are no voters living within such territory proposed to be detached, then the petition may be submitted  
23 by owners of more than fifty percent of the land in the territory proposed to be detached, in which  
24 case said petition shall be signed by the owners submitting the petition. In the event the petition is  
25 not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the petitioner shall name the  
26 district as a defendant and serve a copy of the petition upon the district by certified or registered mail  
27 with a return receipt requested at least thirty-five days before the date of the hearing of the petition.

28 2. Such petition shall be filed in the circuit court having jurisdiction and the court shall set a  
29 date for hearing on the proposed detachment and the clerk of the circuit court shall give notice of the  
30 filing of the petition and the hearing to the district by certified or registered mail with a return receipt  
31 requested if the district is not the petitioner, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county  
32 in which the proceedings are pending and in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory  
33 proposed to be detached. Such notice shall be published in three consecutive issues of a weekly  
34 newspaper, or in lieu thereof, in twenty consecutive issues of a daily newspaper. The last insertion of  
35 the notice shall be made not less than seven nor more than twenty-one days before the hearing date.  
36 Such notice shall be substantially as follows:

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1  
2 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI  
3 NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR TERRITORIAL DETACHMENT FROM  
4 COMMON SEWER DISTRICT ..... OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI.

5 To all voters and landowners of land within the boundaries of the above-described district:  
6 You are hereby notified:

7 1. That a petition has been filed in this court for the detachment of the following tracts of  
8 land from the above-named common sewer district, as provided by law: (Describe tracts of land).

9 2. That a hearing on said petition will be held before this court in ..... on the ..... day of .....  
10 20 ..., at ....., ....m.

11 3. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of said tracts from said common sewer district  
12 may be made by the district or any voter or landowner of land within the district from which territory  
13 is sought to be detached, provided such exceptions or objections are in writing, specify the grounds  
14 on which they are made, and are filed with the court not later than five days prior to the date of the  
15 hearing of the petition.

16 4. The names and addresses of the attorneys for the petitioner are:

17 .....  
18 Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
19 ..... County, Missouri

20 3. The court, for good cause shown, may continue the case or the hearing thereon from time  
21 to time until final disposition thereof.

22 4. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of such territory may be made by any voter or  
23 landowner within the boundaries of the district, including the territory to be detached. In the event  
24 the petition is not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the district may file  
25 exceptions or objections. Exceptions or objections shall be in writing, shall specify the grounds  
26 upon which they are made, and shall be filed not later than five days before the date set for hearing  
27 the petition. In considering the petition for detachment, the court shall take into consideration the  
28 evidence in support of and opposition to the petition, including such exceptions and objections. If  
29 the court finds that the detachment will be in the best interest of the district and the inhabitants and  
30 landowners of the area to be detached will not be adversely affected or if the court finds that the  
31 detachment will be in the best interest of the inhabitants and landowners of the territory to be  
32 detached and will not adversely affect the remainder of the district, it shall approve the detachment  
33 and grant the petition.

34 5. If the court approves the detachment, it shall make its order detaching the territory  
35 described in the petition from the remainder of the district, or in the event it shall find that only a  
36 portion of said territory should be detached, the court shall order such portion detached from the  
37 district. The court shall also make any changes in subdistrict boundary lines it deems necessary to  
38 meet the requirements of sections 204.250 to 204.472. Any subdistrict line changes shall not  
39 become effective until the next annual election of a member of the board of directors.

40 6. A certified copy of the court's order shall be filed in the office of the recorder of deeds and  
41 in the office of the county clerk in each county in which any of the territory of the district prior to  
42 detachment is located, and in the office of the secretary of state. Costs of the proceeding shall be  
43 borne by the petitioner or petitioners.

44 204.641. 1. In any reorganized common sewer district organized under sections 204.600 to  
45 204.640, territory included in the district that is not being served by the district may be detached  
46 from the district provided that there are no outstanding general obligation or special obligation bonds  
47 and no contractual obligations of greater than twenty-five thousand dollars for debt that pertains to  
48 infrastructure, fixed assets, or obligations for the purchase of water. If any such bonds or debt is

1 outstanding, and the written consent of the holders of such bonds or the creditors to such debt is  
2 obtained, then such territory may be detached in spite of the existence of such bonds or debt, except  
3 such consent shall not be required for special obligation bonds if the district has no water or sewer  
4 lines or other facilities located within any of the territory detached. Detachment may be made by the  
5 filing of a petition with the circuit court in which the district was incorporated. The petition shall  
6 contain a description of the tract to be detached and a statement that the detachment is in the best  
7 interest of the district or the inhabitants and property owners of the territory to be detached, together  
8 with the facts supporting such allegation. The petition may be submitted by the district acting  
9 through its board of directors, in which case the petition shall be signed by a majority of the board of  
10 directors of the district. The petition may also be submitted by voters residing in or by landowners  
11 owning land in the territory sought to be detached. If there are more than ten voters and landowners  
12 in such territory, the petition shall be signed by five or more voters or landowners within the  
13 territory; if there are less than ten voters and landowners within such territory, the petition shall be  
14 signed by fifty percent or more of the voters and landowners within the territory. In the event there  
15 are no voters living within such territory proposed to be detached, then the petition may be submitted  
16 by owners of more than fifty percent of the land in the territory proposed to be detached, in which  
17 case said petition shall be signed by the owners submitting the petition. In the event the petition is  
18 not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the petitioner shall name the  
19 district as a defendant and serve a copy of the petition upon the district by certified or registered mail  
20 with a return receipt requested at least thirty-five days before the date of the hearing of the petition.

21 2. Such petition shall be filed in the circuit court having jurisdiction and the court shall set a  
22 date for hearing on the proposed detachment and the clerk of the circuit court shall give notice of the  
23 filing of the petition and the hearing to the district by certified or registered mail with a return receipt  
24 requested if the district is not the petitioner, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county  
25 in which the proceedings are pending and in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory  
26 proposed to be detached. Such notice shall be published in three consecutive issues of a weekly  
27 newspaper, or in lieu thereof, in twenty consecutive issues of a daily newspaper. The last insertion of  
28 the notice shall be made not less than seven nor more than twenty-one days before the hearing date.  
29 Such notice shall be substantially as follows:

30  
31 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI  
32 NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR TERRITORIAL DETACHMENT FROM  
33 REORGANIZED COMMON SEWER DISTRICT ..... OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI.

34 To all voters and landowners of land within the boundaries of the above-described district:  
35 You are hereby notified:

36 1. That a petition has been filed in this court for the detachment of the following tracts of  
37 land from the above-named reorganized common sewer district, as provided by law: (Describe tracts  
38 of land).

39 2. That a hearing on said petition will be held before this court in ..... on the ..... day of .....  
40 20 ..., at ....., ....m.

41 3. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of said tracts from said reorganized common  
42 sewer district may be made by the district or any voter or landowner of land within the district from  
43 which territory is sought to be detached, provided such exceptions or objections are in writing,  
44 specify the grounds on which they are made, and are filed with the court not later than five days prior  
45 to the date of the hearing of the petition.

46 4. The names and addresses of the attorneys for the petitioner are:

47 .....  
48 Clerk of the Circuit Court of

1 ..... County, Missouri

2 3. The court, for good cause shown, may continue the case or the hearing thereon from time  
3 to time until final disposition thereof.

4 4. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of such territory may be made by any voter or  
5 landowner within the boundaries of the district, including the territory to be detached. In the event  
6 the petition is not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the district may file  
7 exceptions or objections. Exceptions or objections shall be in writing, shall specify the grounds  
8 upon which they are made, and shall be filed not later than five days before the date set for hearing  
9 the petition. In considering the petition for detachment, the court shall take into consideration the  
10 evidence in support of and opposition to the petition, including such exceptions and objections. If  
11 the court finds that the detachment will be in the best interest of the district and the inhabitants and  
12 landowners of the area to be detached will not be adversely affected or if the court finds that the  
13 detachment will be in the best interest of the inhabitants and landowners of the territory to be  
14 detached and will not adversely affect the remainder of the district, it shall approve the detachment  
15 and grant the petition.

16 5. If the court approves the detachment, it shall make its order detaching the territory  
17 described in the petition from the remainder of the district, or in the event it shall find that only a  
18 portion of said territory should be detached, the court shall order such portion detached from the  
19 district. The court shall also make any changes in subdistrict boundary lines it deems necessary to  
20 meet the requirements of sections 204.600 to 204.640. Any subdistrict line changes shall not  
21 become effective until the next annual election of a member of the board of directors.

22 6. A certified copy of the court's order shall be filed in the office of the recorder of deeds and  
23 in the office of the county clerk in each county in which any of the territory of the district prior to  
24 detachment is located, and in the office of the secretary of state. Costs of the proceeding shall be  
25 borne by the petitioner or petitioners."; and

26  
27 Further amend said bill, Page 5, Section 221.407, Line 68, by inserting after all of said line the  
28 following:

29 "249.495. 1. In any sewer district organized under sections 249.430 to 249.663, territory  
30 included in the district that is not being served by the district may be detached from the district  
31 provided that there are no outstanding general obligation or special obligation bonds and no  
32 contractual obligations of greater than twenty-five thousand dollars for debt that pertains to  
33 infrastructure, fixed assets, or obligations for the purchase of water. If any such bonds or debt is  
34 outstanding, and the written consent of the holders of such bonds or the creditors to such debt is  
35 obtained, then such territory may be detached in spite of the existence of such bonds or debt, except  
36 such consent shall not be required for special obligation bonds if the district has no water or sewer  
37 lines or other facilities located within any of the territory detached. Detachment may be made by the  
38 filing of a petition with the circuit court in which the district was incorporated. The petition shall  
39 contain a description of the tract to be detached and a statement that the detachment is in the best  
40 interest of the district or the inhabitants and property owners of the territory to be detached, together  
41 with the facts supporting such allegation. The petition may be submitted by the district acting  
42 through its board of directors, in which case the petition shall be signed by a majority of the board of  
43 directors of the district. The petition may also be submitted by voters residing in or by landowners  
44 owning land in the territory sought to be detached. If there are more than ten voters and landowners  
45 in such territory, the petition shall be signed by five or more voters or landowners within the  
46 territory; if there are less than ten voters and landowners within such territory, the petition shall be  
47 signed by fifty percent or more of the voters and landowners within the territory. In the event there  
48 are no voters living within such territory proposed to be detached, then the petition may be submitted

1 by owners of more than fifty percent of the land in the territory proposed to be detached, in which  
2 case said petition shall be signed by the owners submitting the petition. In the event the petition is  
3 not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the petitioner shall name the  
4 district as a defendant and serve a copy of the petition upon the district by certified or registered mail  
5 with a return receipt requested at least thirty-five days before the date of the hearing of the petition.

6 2. Such petition shall be filed in the circuit court having jurisdiction and the court shall set a  
7 date for hearing on the proposed detachment and the clerk of the circuit court shall give notice of the  
8 filing of the petition and the hearing to the district by certified or registered mail with a return receipt  
9 requested if the district is not the petitioner, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county  
10 in which the proceedings are pending and in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory  
11 proposed to be detached. Such notice shall be published in three consecutive issues of a weekly  
12 newspaper, or in lieu thereof, in twenty consecutive issues of a daily newspaper. The last insertion of  
13 the notice shall be made not less than seven nor more than twenty-one days before the hearing date.  
14 Such notice shall be substantially as follows:

15  
16 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI  
17 NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR TERRITORIAL DETACHMENT FROM  
18 SEWER DISTRICT ..... OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI.

19 To all voters and landowners of land within the boundaries of the above-described district:

20 You are hereby notified:

21 1. That a petition has been filed in this court for the detachment of the following tracts of  
22 land from the above-named sewer district, as provided by law: (Describe tracts of land).

23 2. That a hearing on said petition will be held before this court in ..... on the ..... day of .....  
24 20 ..., at ....., ....m.

25 3. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of said tracts from said sewer district may be  
26 made by the district or any voter or landowner of land within the district from which territory is  
27 sought to be detached, provided such exceptions or objections are in writing, specify the grounds on  
28 which they are made, and are filed with the court not later than five days prior to the date of the  
29 hearing of the petition.

30 4. The names and addresses of the attorneys for the petitioner are:

31 .....

32 Clerk of the Circuit Court of

33 ..... County, Missouri

34 3. The court, for good cause shown, may continue the case or the hearing thereon from time  
35 to time until final disposition thereof.

36 4. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of such territory may be made by any voter or  
37 landowner within the boundaries of the district, including the territory to be detached. In the event  
38 the petition is not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the district may file  
39 exceptions or objections. Exceptions or objections shall be in writing, shall specify the grounds  
40 upon which they are made, and shall be filed not later than five days before the date set for hearing  
41 the petition. In considering the petition for detachment, the court shall take into consideration the  
42 evidence in support of and opposition to the petition, including such exceptions and objections. If  
43 the court finds that the detachment will be in the best interest of the district and the inhabitants and  
44 landowners of the area to be detached will not be adversely affected or if the court finds that the  
45 detachment will be in the best interest of the inhabitants and landowners of the territory to be  
46 detached and will not adversely affect the remainder of the district, it shall approve the detachment  
47 and grant the petition.

48 5. If the court approves the detachment, it shall make its order detaching the territory

1 described in the petition from the remainder of the district, or in the event it shall find that only a  
2 portion of said territory should be detached, the court shall order such portion detached from the  
3 district. The court shall also make any changes in subdistrict boundary lines it deems necessary to  
4 meet the requirements of sections 249.430 to 249.663. Any subdistrict line changes shall not  
5 become effective until the next annual election of a member of the board of directors.

6 6. A certified copy of the court's order shall be filed in the office of the recorder of deeds and  
7 in the office of the county clerk in each county in which any of the territory of the district prior to  
8 detachment is located, and in the office of the secretary of state. Costs of the proceeding shall be  
9 borne by the petitioner or petitioners.

10 249.809. 1. In any sewer district organized under sections 249.761 to 249.810, territory  
11 included in the district that is not being served by the district may be detached from the district  
12 provided that there are no outstanding general obligation or special obligation bonds and no  
13 contractual obligations of greater than twenty-five thousand dollars for debt that pertains to  
14 infrastructure, fixed assets, or obligations for the purchase of water. If any such bonds or debt is  
15 outstanding, and the written consent of the holders of such bonds or the creditors to such debt is  
16 obtained, then such territory may be detached in spite of the existence of such bonds or debt, except  
17 such consent shall not be required for special obligation bonds if the district has no water or sewer  
18 lines or other facilities located within any of the territory detached. Detachment may be made by the  
19 filing of a petition with the circuit court in which the district was incorporated. The petition shall  
20 contain a description of the tract to be detached and a statement that the detachment is in the best  
21 interest of the district or the inhabitants and property owners of the territory to be detached, together  
22 with the facts supporting such allegation. The petition may be submitted by the district acting  
23 through its board of directors, in which case the petition shall be signed by a majority of the board of  
24 directors of the district. The petition may also be submitted by voters residing in or by landowners  
25 owning land in the territory sought to be detached. If there are more than ten voters and landowners  
26 in such territory, the petition shall be signed by five or more voters or landowners within the  
27 territory; if there are less than ten voters and landowners within such territory, the petition shall be  
28 signed by fifty percent or more of the voters and landowners within the territory. In the event there  
29 are no voters living within such territory proposed to be detached, then the petition may be submitted  
30 by owners of more than fifty percent of the land in the territory proposed to be detached, in which  
31 case said petition shall be signed by the owners submitting the petition. In the event the petition is  
32 not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the petitioner shall name the  
33 district as a defendant and serve a copy of the petition upon the district by certified or registered mail  
34 with a return receipt requested at least thirty-five days before the date of the hearing of the petition.

35 2. Such petition shall be filed in the circuit court having jurisdiction and the court shall set a  
36 date for hearing on the proposed detachment and the clerk of the circuit court shall give notice of the  
37 filing of the petition and the hearing to the district by certified or registered mail with a return receipt  
38 requested if the district is not the petitioner, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county  
39 in which the proceedings are pending and in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory  
40 proposed to be detached. Such notice shall be published in three consecutive issues of a weekly  
41 newspaper, or in lieu thereof, in twenty consecutive issues of a daily newspaper. The last insertion of  
42 the notice shall be made not less than seven nor more than twenty-one days before the hearing date.  
43 Such notice shall be substantially as follows:

44  
45 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI  
46 NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR TERRITORIAL DETACHMENT FROM  
47 SEWER DISTRICT ..... OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI.

48 To all voters and landowners of land within the boundaries of the above-described district:

You are hereby notified:

1. That a petition has been filed in this court for the detachment of the following tracts of land from the above-named sewer district, as provided by law: (Describe tracts of land).

2. That a hearing on said petition will be held before this court in ..... on the ..... day of ....., 20 ..., at ....., ....m.

3. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of said tracts from said sewer district may be made by the district or any voter or landowner of land within the district from which territory is sought to be detached, provided such exceptions or objections are in writing, specify the grounds on which they are made, and are filed with the court not later than five days prior to the date of the hearing of the petition.

4. The names and addresses of the attorneys for the petitioner are:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court of

..... County, Missouri

3. The court, for good cause shown, may continue the case or the hearing thereon from time to time until final disposition thereof.

4. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of such territory may be made by any voter or landowner within the boundaries of the district, including the territory to be detached. In the event the petition is not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the district may file exceptions or objections. Exceptions or objections shall be in writing, shall specify the grounds upon which they are made, and shall be filed not later than five days before the date set for hearing the petition. In considering the petition for detachment, the court shall take into consideration the evidence in support of and opposition to the petition, including such exceptions and objections. If the court finds that the detachment will be in the best interest of the district and the inhabitants and landowners of the area to be detached will not be adversely affected or if the court finds that the detachment will be in the best interest of the inhabitants and landowners of the territory to be detached and will not adversely affect the remainder of the district, it shall approve the detachment and grant the petition.

5. If the court approves the detachment, it shall make its order detaching the territory described in the petition from the remainder of the district, or in the event it shall find that only a portion of said territory should be detached, the court shall order such portion detached from the district. The court shall also make any changes in subdistrict boundary lines it deems necessary to meet the requirements of sections 249.761 to 249.810. Any subdistrict line changes shall not become effective until the next annual election of a member of the board of directors.

6. A certified copy of the court's order shall be filed in the office of the recorder of deeds and in the office of the county clerk in each county in which any of the territory of the district prior to detachment is located, and in the office of the secretary of state. Costs of the proceeding shall be borne by the petitioner or petitioners.

249.1120. 1. In any consolidated sewer district organized under sections 249.1100 to 249.1118, territory included in the district that is not being served by the district may be detached from the district provided that there are no outstanding general obligation or special obligation bonds and no contractual obligations of greater than twenty-five thousand dollars for debt that pertains to infrastructure, fixed assets, or obligations for the purchase of water. If any such bonds or debt is outstanding, and the written consent of the holders of such bonds or the creditors to such debt is obtained, then such territory may be detached in spite of the existence of such bonds or debt, except such consent shall not be required for special obligation bonds if the district has no water or sewer lines or other facilities located within any of the territory detached. Detachment may be made by the filing of a petition with the circuit court in which the district was incorporated. The petition shall

1 contain a description of the tract to be detached and a statement that the detachment is in the best  
2 interest of the district or the inhabitants and property owners of the territory to be detached, together  
3 with the facts supporting such allegation. The petition may be submitted by the district acting  
4 through its board of directors, in which case the petition shall be signed by a majority of the board of  
5 directors of the district. The petition may also be submitted by voters residing in or by landowners  
6 owning land in the territory sought to be detached. If there are more than ten voters and landowners  
7 in such territory, the petition shall be signed by five or more voters or landowners within the  
8 territory; if there are less than ten voters and landowners within such territory, the petition shall be  
9 signed by fifty percent or more of the voters and landowners within the territory. In the event there  
10 are no voters living within such territory proposed to be detached, then the petition may be submitted  
11 by owners of more than fifty percent of the land in the territory proposed to be detached, in which  
12 case said petition shall be signed by the owners submitting the petition. In the event the petition is  
13 not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the petitioner shall name the  
14 district as a defendant and serve a copy of the petition upon the district by certified or registered mail  
15 with a return receipt requested at least thirty-five days before the date of the hearing of the petition.

16 2. Such petition shall be filed in the circuit court having jurisdiction and the court shall set a  
17 date for hearing on the proposed detachment and the clerk of the circuit court shall give notice of the  
18 filing of the petition and the hearing to the district by certified or registered mail with a return receipt  
19 requested if the district is not the petitioner, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county  
20 in which the proceedings are pending and in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory  
21 proposed to be detached. Such notice shall be published in three consecutive issues of a weekly  
22 newspaper, or in lieu thereof, in twenty consecutive issues of a daily newspaper. The last insertion of  
23 the notice shall be made not less than seven nor more than twenty-one days before the hearing date.  
24 Such notice shall be substantially as follows:

25  
26 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI  
27 NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR TERRITORIAL DETACHMENT FROM  
28 CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT ..... OF ..... COUNTY, MISSOURI.

29 To all voters and landowners of land within the boundaries of the above-described district:  
30 You are hereby notified:

31 1. That a petition has been filed in this court for the detachment of the following tracts of  
32 land from the above-named consolidated sewer district, as provided by law: (Describe tracts of  
33 land).

34 2. That a hearing on said petition will be held before this court in ..... on the ..... day of .....  
35 20 ..., at ....., ...m.

36 3. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of said tracts from said consolidated sewer  
37 district may be made by the district or any voter or landowner of land within the district from which  
38 territory is sought to be detached, provided such exceptions or objections are in writing, specify the  
39 grounds on which they are made, and are filed with the court not later than five days prior to the date  
40 of the hearing of the petition.

41 4. The names and addresses of the attorneys for the petitioner are:

42 .....  
43 Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
44 ..... County, Missouri

45 3. The court, for good cause shown, may continue the case or the hearing thereon from time  
46 to time until final disposition thereof.

47 4. Exceptions or objections to the detachment of such territory may be made by any voter or  
48 landowner within the boundaries of the district, including the territory to be detached. In the event



1 the petition is not submitted by the district acting through its board of directors, the district may file  
2 exceptions or objections. Exceptions or objections shall be in writing, shall specify the grounds  
3 upon which they are made, and shall be filed not later than five days before the date set for hearing  
4 the petition. In considering the petition for detachment, the court shall take into consideration the  
5 evidence in support of and opposition to the petition, including such exceptions and objections. If  
6 the court finds that the detachment will be in the best interest of the district and the inhabitants and  
7 landowners of the area to be detached will not be adversely affected or if the court finds that the  
8 detachment will be in the best interest of the inhabitants and landowners of the territory to be  
9 detached and will not adversely affect the remainder of the district, it shall approve the detachment  
10 and grant the petition.

11 5. If the court approves the detachment, it shall make its order detaching the territory  
12 described in the petition from the remainder of the district, or in the event it shall find that only a  
13 portion of said territory should be detached, the court shall order such portion detached from the  
14 district. The court shall also make any changes in subdistrict boundary lines it deems necessary to  
15 meet the requirements of sections 249.1100 to 249.1118. Any subdistrict line changes shall not  
16 become effective until the next annual election of a member of the board of directors.

17 6. A certified copy of the court's order shall be filed in the office of the recorder of deeds and  
18 in the office of the county clerk in each county in which any of the territory of the district prior to  
19 detachment is located, and in the office of the secretary of state. Costs of the proceeding shall be  
20 borne by the petitioner or petitioners."; and

21  
22 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
23 accordingly.