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# SENATE BILL NO. 298

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 206.090, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to hospital districts.

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

Section A. Section 206.090, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 206.090, to read as follows:

206.090. 1. After the hospital district has been declared organized, the  
2 declaring county commission shall divide the district into six election districts as  
3 equal in population as possible, and shall by lot number the districts from one to  
4 six inclusive. The county commission shall cause an election to be held in the  
5 hospital district within ninety days after the order establishing the hospital  
6 district to elect hospital district directors. Each voter shall vote for six directors,  
7 one from each district, **except in any county of the third classification**  
8 **without a township form of government and with more than ten**  
9 **thousand six hundred but fewer than ten thousand seven hundred**  
10 **inhabitants, each voter shall vote for one director from the hospital**  
11 **election district in which the voter resides.** Directors shall serve a term of  
12 six years or a lesser term of years as may be established by the county  
13 commission. If directors are to serve a term of six years, the initial term of the  
14 director elected from district number one shall serve a term of one year, the  
15 director elected from district number two shall serve a term of two years, the  
16 director elected from district number three shall serve a term of three years, the  
17 director elected from district number four shall serve a term of four years, the  
18 director elected from district number five shall serve a term of five years, and the  
19 director elected from district number six shall serve a term of six years;  
20 thereafter, the terms of all directors shall be six years. If the county commission

21 chooses to establish a term of office of less than six years, the initial election of  
22 directors shall be done in a manner established by the county commission. All  
23 directors shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancy  
24 shall be filled by the remaining members of the board of directors who shall  
25 appoint a person to serve as director until the next municipal election.

26           2. Candidates for director of the hospital district shall be citizens of the  
27 United States, voters of the hospital district who have resided within the state  
28 for one year next preceding the election and who are at least thirty years of age.  
29 All candidates shall file their declaration of candidacy with the county  
30 commission calling the election for the organizational election, and for subsequent  
31 elections, with the secretary of the board of directors of the district.

32           3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, if the number of  
33 candidates for office of director is no greater than the number of directors to be  
34 elected, no election shall be held, and the candidates shall assume the  
35 responsibilities of their offices at the same time and in the same manner as if  
36 they had been elected.

37           4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 1 to 3 of this section,  
38 after the formation of the hospital district, the hospital board of directors, by a  
39 majority vote of the directors with the consent of a majority of the county  
40 commission on an order of record, may abolish the six hospital districts' election  
41 districts and cause the hospital district directors to be elected from the hospital  
42 district at large. Upon opting to elect the hospital district directors at large, the  
43 then serving hospital district directors shall continue to serve the remainder of  
44 their terms and any vacancies on the board, after the date of such option, shall  
45 be filled by an election conducted at large in the district.

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