

# SENATE BILL NO. 710

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NURRENBERN.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to sports complex authorities.

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

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 67.646, to read as follows:

**67.646. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

(1) "Authority", a county sports complex authority created pursuant to this section;

(2) "Convention and sports complex fund", the fund established by a county pursuant to the provisions of this section for the purposes of developing, maintaining, or operating within its jurisdiction, sports, convention, exhibition, or trade facilities;

(3) "County", any county with more than two hundred thirty thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants;

(4) "Governing body", the county commission or other governing body charged with governing the county.

2. (1) There is hereby authorized to be created in any county a special authority to be known as the "\_\_\_\_\_ County Sports Complex Authority". Such authority shall be created by order of the governing body and certified copies

19 of said order shall be filed in the offices of the governor  
20 and secretary of state. The authority shall be a body  
21 corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the  
22 state of Missouri.

23 (2) (a) The authority shall consist of five  
24 commissioners who shall be qualified voters of the state of  
25 Missouri, and residents of the county. The governing body  
26 shall by a majority vote submit a panel of nine names to the  
27 governor who shall select, with the advice and consent of  
28 the senate, five commissioners from such panel, no more than  
29 three of which shall be of any one political party, who  
30 shall constitute the members of such authority; provided,  
31 however, that no elective or appointed official of any  
32 political subdivision of the state of Missouri shall be a  
33 member of the authority.

34 (b) The authority shall elect from its number a  
35 chairman and may appoint such officers and employees as it  
36 may require for the performance of its duties and fix and  
37 determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation.  
38 No action of the authority shall be binding unless taken at  
39 a meeting at which at least three members are present and  
40 unless a majority of the members present at such meeting  
41 shall vote in favor thereof.

42 (c) Commissioners shall serve in the following  
43 manner: one for two years, one for three years, one for  
44 four years, one for five years, and one for six years.  
45 Successors shall hold office for terms of five years, or for  
46 the unexpired terms of their predecessors.

47 (d) In the event a vacancy exists a new panel of three  
48 names shall be submitted by majority vote of the governing  
49 body to the governor for appointment. All such vacancies  
50 shall be filled within thirty days from the date thereof.

51 If the governing body has not submitted a panel of three  
52 names to the governor within thirty days of the expiration  
53 of a commissioner's term, the governor shall immediately  
54 make an appointment to the authority with the advice and  
55 consent of the senate. In the event the governor does not  
56 appoint a replacement, no commissioner shall continue to  
57 serve beyond the expiration of that commissioner's term.

58 (3) The authority shall have the same powers as a  
59 sports complex authority created pursuant to sections 64.920  
60 to 64.950.

61 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
62 impair the powers of any county, municipality, or other  
63 political subdivision to acquire, own, operate, develop, or  
64 improve any facility which an authority is given the right  
65 and power to own, operate, develop, or improve.

66 3. (1) A county establishing an authority pursuant to  
67 this section shall be authorized to establish, by ordinance  
68 or order of the county, a "Convention and Sports Complex  
69 Fund", for the purposes of developing, maintaining or  
70 operating within its jurisdiction, sports, convention,  
71 exhibition, or trade facilities. Such fund shall be separate  
72 from the general funds of the county.

73 (2) The general assembly may annually appropriate up  
74 to three million dollars from the state general revenue fund  
75 to the convention and sports complex fund created pursuant  
76 to this subsection, provided that the county or authority  
77 has entered into a contract or lease with a professional  
78 sports team affiliated with or franchised by the National  
79 Football League, the National Basketball Association, the  
80 National Hockey League, or the American League or the  
81 National League of Major League Baseball on or after January  
82 1, 2026. The convention and sports complex fund shall be

83 administered by the county and shall be used to carry out  
84 the provisions of this section.

85 (3) Any county which has a convention and sports  
86 complex fund established pursuant to this section shall,  
87 prior to receipt of any appropriations pursuant to this  
88 subsection, enact or promulgate ordinances, rules, or  
89 regulations which provide, pursuant to the terms and  
90 provisions of section 70.859, for the purchase of goods and  
91 services and for construction of capital improvements for  
92 facilities administered by the authority. In no event shall  
93 more than three million dollars be transferred from the  
94 state to any one such convention and sports complex fund in  
95 any fiscal year pursuant to this subsection.

96 (4) No appropriation of state moneys shall be made  
97 pursuant to this subsection until the county which has  
98 created a convention and sports complex fund has commenced  
99 paying into the convention and sports complex fund amounts  
100 at a rate sufficient for the county to contribute the sum of  
101 three million dollars per calendar year. Appropriations  
102 made pursuant to this subsection to any convention and  
103 sports complex fund shall not exceed the amounts contributed  
104 by the county to the fund. The county's proportional amount  
105 specified in this subdivision may come from any source.  
106 Once the county has commenced paying such appropriate  
107 proportional amounts into its convention and sports complex  
108 fund, the county shall so notify the state treasurer and the  
109 director of revenue and, thereafter, subject to annual  
110 appropriation, transfers shall commence and continue each  
111 month pursuant to this subsection until such monthly  
112 transfers are made for forty years. Moneys appropriated  
113 from general revenue shall not be expended until the county  
114 has paid three million dollars into its fund.

115           4. The county shall make an annual report to the  
116 general assembly stating the condition of its convention and  
117 sports complex fund and the various sums of money received  
118 by the county into that fund and distributed by the county  
119 from that fund during the preceding calendar year. The  
120 county shall employ a certified public accountant to conduct  
121 a biennial audit of all accounts and transactions of the  
122 convention and sports complex fund and may compensate such  
123 accountants out of the funds.

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