

# SENATE BILL NO. 713

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GREGORY (21).

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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  
2 one new section, to be known as section 67.646, to read as  
3 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

15 2. (1) There is hereby authorized to be created in  
16 any county a special authority to be known as the "            
17 County Sports Complex Authority". Such authority shall be  
18 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 the  
28 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  
48 three names shall be submitted by majority vote of the  
49 governing body to the governor for appointment. All such  
50 vacancies shall be filled within thirty days from the date

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

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

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

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

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

83 1, 2026. The convention and sports complex fund shall be  
84 administered by the county and shall be used to carry out  
85 the provisions of this section.

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

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

114 from general revenue shall not be expended until the county  
115 has paid three million dollars into its fund.

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

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