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AN ACT

To repeal sections 67.1850 and 610.021, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to geographic records.

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

Section A. Sections 67.1850 and 610.021, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.1850 and 610.021, to read as follows:

67.1850. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Community", any municipality or county as defined in this section;

(2) **“Computer-assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system”, a system that incorporates computer-supported statistical analyses such as multiple regression analysis and adaptive estimation procedure to assist the county assessor in estimating value and its associated data including, but not limited to, all information collected in the process of executing an assessment and equalization maintenance plan as set forth in section 137.115;**

(3) "County", any county form of government;

(4) **“County assessor”, a county assessor of all second, third, and fourth class counties, and all first class counties without a charter form of government and the assessing officer of the city of St. Louis;**

~~(3)~~ (5) "Geographical information system", a computerized, spatial coordinate mapping and relational database technology which:

(a) Captures, assembles, stores, converts, manages, analyzes, amalgamates and records, in the digital mode, all kinds and types of information and data;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 (b) Transforms such information and data into intelligence and subsequently retrieves,
17 presents and distributes that intelligence to a user for use in making the intelligent decisions
18 necessary for sound management;

19 [(4)] **(6)** "Municipality", any city located in any county.

20 2. The development of geographical information **and CAMA** systems has not been
21 undertaken in any large-scale and useful way by private enterprise. The use of modern
22 technology can enhance the planning and decision-making processes of communities **and county**
23 **assessors**. The development **and maintenance** of geographical information **and CAMA**
24 systems is a time-consuming and expensive activity. In the interest of maintaining community
25 governments open and accessible to the public, information gathered by communities **or county**
26 **assessors** for use in a geographical information system **or CAMA system**, unless properly made
27 a closed record, should be available to the public. However, access to the information in a way
28 by which a [person] **individual or business entity** could render the investment of the public in
29 a geographical information system **or CAMA system** a special benefit to that [person]
30 **individual or business entity**, and not to the public, should not be permitted. **Communities**
31 **and county assessors may restrict access to geographic information data associated with**
32 **a CAMA system that is not a closed record under section 610.021 if the information is in**
33 **a format conducive to conducting business solicitations or if the community or county**
34 **assessor determines that an individual or business entity is requesting the information for**
35 **the purpose of conducting business solicitations or resale.**

36 3. Any community as defined in this section may create a geographical information
37 system for the community. The scope of the geographical information system shall be
38 determined by the governing body of the community. The method of creation, maintenance, use
39 and distribution of the geographical information system shall be determined by the governing
40 body of the community. A community shall not mandate the use of this system or allocate the
41 costs of the system to nonusers.

42 4. **Any county assessor as defined in this section may create a CAMA system for use**
43 **in the performance of the duties of the county assessor. The scope of the CAMA system**
44 **shall be determined by the county assessor. The method of creation, maintenance, use, and**
45 **distribution of the CAMA system and its related data shall be determined by the county**
46 **assessor.**

47 5. The information collected or assimilated by a community **or county assessor** for use
48 in a geographical information system **and data associated with a CAMA system collected or**
49 **assimilated by the county assessor** shall not be withheld from the public, unless otherwise
50 properly made a closed record of the community **or county assessor** as provided by section
51 610.021. The information collected or assimilated by a community **or county assessor** for use

52 in a geographical information system **or CAMA system** need not be disclosed in a form which
53 may be read or manipulated by computer, absent a license agreement between the community
54 **or county assessor, whichever is maintaining the geographical information or CAMA**
55 **system**, and the person requesting the information.

56 [5.] 6. Information collected or assimilated by a community **or county assessor** for use
57 in a geographical information system **and data associated with a CAMA system collected or**
58 **assimilated by the county assessor** and disclosed in any form, other than in a form which may
59 be read or manipulated by computer, shall be provided for a reasonable fee, as established by
60 section 610.026. A community **or county assessor** maintaining a geographical information
61 system **or a CAMA system** shall make maps and other products of the system available to the
62 public. The cost of the map or other product shall not exceed a reasonable fee representing the
63 cost to the community **or county assessor** of time, equipment and personnel in the production
64 of the map or other product. A community **or county assessor, whichever is maintaining the**
65 **geographical information or CAMA system**, may license the use of a geographical information
66 system **or the data associated with a CAMA system**. The total cost of licensing a geographical
67 information system **or the data associated with a CAMA system** may not exceed the cost, as
68 established by section 610.026, of the:

69 (1) Cost to the community **or county assessor** of time, equipment and personnel in the
70 production of the information in a geographical information system **or the data associated with**
71 **a CAMA system collected or assimilated by the county assessor** or the production of the
72 geographical information system **or CAMA system**; and

73 (2) Cost to the community **or county assessor** of the creation, purchase, or other
74 acquisition of the information in a geographical information system **or the data associated with**
75 **a CAMA system collected or assimilated by the county assessor** or of the geographical
76 information system **or CAMA system**.

77 [6.] 7. The provisions of this section shall not hinder the daily or routine collection of
78 data from the geographical information system **or CAMA system** by real estate brokers and
79 agents, title collectors, developers, surveyors, utility companies, banks, news media or mortgage
80 companies, nor shall the provisions allow for the charging of fees for the collection of such data
81 exceeding that allowed pursuant to section 610.026. The provisions of this section, however,
82 shall allow a community **or county assessor** maintaining a geographical information system **or**
83 **CAMA system** to license and establish costs for the use of the system's computer program and
84 computer software, and may also establish costs for the use of computer programs and computer
85 software that provide access to information aggregated with geographic information system
86 information **or the data associated with a CAMA system collected or assimilated by the**
87 **county assessor**.

88 [7.] **8.** A community **or county assessor** distributing information used in a geographical
89 information system **or CAMA system** or distributing a geographical information system **or**
90 **CAMA system** shall not be liable for any damages which may arise from any error which may
91 exist in the information or the geographical information system **or the CAMA system or its**
92 **associated data.**

610.021. Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, a public
2 governmental body is authorized to close meetings, records and votes, to the extent they relate
3 to the following:

4 (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body
5 and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its
6 representatives and its attorneys. However, any minutes, vote or settlement agreement relating
7 to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body or any agent
8 or entity representing its interests or acting on its behalf or with its authority, including any
9 insurance company acting on behalf of a public government body as its insured, shall be made
10 public upon final disposition of the matter voted upon or upon the signing by the parties of the
11 settlement agreement, unless, prior to final disposition, the settlement agreement is ordered
12 closed by a court after a written finding that the adverse impact to a plaintiff or plaintiffs to the
13 action clearly outweighs the public policy considerations of section 610.011, however, the
14 amount of any moneys paid by, or on behalf of, the public governmental body shall be disclosed;
15 provided, however, in matters involving the exercise of the power of eminent domain, the vote
16 shall be announced or become public immediately following the action on the motion to
17 authorize institution of such a legal action. Legal work product shall be considered a closed
18 record;

19 (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public
20 knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor. However,
21 any minutes, vote or public record approving a contract relating to the leasing, purchase or sale
22 of real estate by a public governmental body shall be made public upon execution of the lease,
23 purchase or sale of the real estate;

24 (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public
25 governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.
26 However, any vote on a final decision, when taken by a public governmental body, to hire, fire,
27 promote or discipline an employee of a public governmental body shall be made available with
28 a record of how each member voted to the public within seventy-two hours of the close of the
29 meeting where such action occurs; provided, however, that any employee so affected shall be
30 entitled to prompt notice of such decision during the seventy-two-hour period before such

31 decision is made available to the public. As used in this subdivision, the term "personal
32 information" means information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees;

33 (4) The state militia or national guard or any part thereof;

34 (5) Nonjudicial mental or physical health proceedings involving identifiable persons,
35 including medical, psychiatric, psychological, or alcoholism or drug dependency diagnosis or
36 treatment;

37 (6) Scholastic probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individuals, including
38 records of individual test or examination scores; however, personally identifiable student records
39 maintained by public educational institutions shall be open for inspection by the parents,
40 guardian or other custodian of students under the age of eighteen years and by the parents,
41 guardian or other custodian and the student if the student is over the age of eighteen years;

42 (7) Testing and examination materials, before the test or examination is given or, if it
43 is to be given again, before so given again;

44 (8) Welfare cases of identifiable individuals;

45 (9) Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public
46 governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups;

47 (10) Software codes for electronic data processing and documentation thereof;

48 (11) Specifications for competitive bidding, until either the specifications are officially
49 approved by the public governmental body or the specifications are published for bid;

50 (12) Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals
51 and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is
52 executed, or all proposals are rejected;

53 (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records
54 pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except that this exemption shall not apply
55 to the names, positions, salaries and lengths of service of officers and employees of public
56 agencies once they are employed as such, and the names of private sources donating or
57 contributing money to the salary of a chancellor or president at all public colleges and
58 universities in the state of Missouri and the amount of money contributed by the source;

59 (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law;

60 (15) Meetings and public records relating to scientific and technological innovations in
61 which the owner has a proprietary interest;

62 (16) Records relating to municipal hotlines established for the reporting of abuse and
63 wrongdoing;

64 (17) Confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body
65 and its auditor, including all auditor work product; however, all final audit reports issued by the
66 auditor are to be considered open records pursuant to this chapter;

67 (18) Operational guidelines, policies and specific response plans developed, adopted, or
68 maintained by any public agency responsible for law enforcement, public safety, first response,
69 or public health for use in responding to or preventing any critical incident which is or appears
70 to be terrorist in nature and which has the potential to endanger individual or public safety or
71 health. Financial records related to the procurement of or expenditures relating to operational
72 guidelines, policies or plans purchased with public funds shall be open. When seeking to close
73 information pursuant to this exception, the public governmental body shall affirmatively state
74 in writing that disclosure would impair the public governmental body's ability to protect the
75 security or safety of persons or real property, and shall in the same writing state that the public
76 interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the records;

77 (19) Existing or proposed security systems and structural plans of real property owned
78 or leased by a public governmental body, and information that is voluntarily submitted by a
79 nonpublic entity owning or operating an infrastructure to any public governmental body for use
80 by that body to devise plans for protection of that infrastructure, the public disclosure of which
81 would threaten public safety:

82 (a) Records related to the procurement of or expenditures relating to security systems
83 purchased with public funds shall be open;

84 (b) When seeking to close information pursuant to this exception, the public
85 governmental body shall affirmatively state in writing that disclosure would impair the public
86 governmental body's ability to protect the security or safety of persons or real property, and shall
87 in the same writing state that the public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest
88 in disclosure of the records;

89 (c) Records that are voluntarily submitted by a nonpublic entity shall be reviewed by the
90 receiving agency within ninety days of submission to determine if retention of the document is
91 necessary in furtherance of a state security interest. If retention is not necessary, the documents
92 shall be returned to the nonpublic governmental body or destroyed;

93 (20) The portion of a record that identifies security systems or access codes or
94 authorization codes for security systems of real property;

95 (21) Records that identify the configuration of components or the operation of a
96 computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network, and would
97 allow unauthorized access to or unlawful disruption of a computer, computer system, computer
98 network, or telecommunications network of a public governmental body. This exception shall
99 not be used to limit or deny access to otherwise public records in a file, document, data file or
100 database containing public records. Records related to the procurement of or expenditures
101 relating to such computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network,

102 including the amount of moneys paid by, or on behalf of, a public governmental body for such
103 computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network shall be open;

104 (22) Credit card numbers, personal identification numbers, digital certificates, physical
105 and virtual keys, access codes or authorization codes that are used to protect the security of
106 electronic transactions between a public governmental body and a person or entity doing business
107 with a public governmental body. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to close the record
108 of a person or entity using a credit card held in the name of a public governmental body or any
109 record of a transaction made by a person using a credit card or other method of payment for
110 which reimbursement is made by a public governmental body; [and]

111 (23) Records submitted by an individual, corporation, or other business entity to a public
112 institution of higher education in connection with a proposal to license intellectual property or
113 perform sponsored research and which contains sales projections or other business plan
114 information the disclosure of which may endanger the competitiveness of a business;

115 **(24) Records closed under section 67.1850; and**

116 **(25) Records that are requested by an individual who is not a resident of this state**
117 **or records requested by a business entity that is not physically located in this state.**

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