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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 242 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal section 204.569, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to sewer districts, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

I disapprove of Conference Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 242. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

Under current law, the issuance of revenue bonds by an unincorporated sewer subdistrict of a common sewer district requires the approval of four-sevenths of the voters of the subdistrict voting on the question. Conference Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 242 would allow voters to be bypassed and a subdistrict to issue revenue bonds with only the written assent of three-quarters of the political subdivisions within the subdistrict. I believe the voters of these subdistricts are entitled to be heard at the ballot box on bond issuances. That voice is recognized in current law and will be protected by my action today.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning Conference Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 242 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor