

1     **BOARD BILL NO. 57**                                     **INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LEWIS REED**

2             An ordinance calling and providing for the holding of an election in the City of St.  
3     Louis on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the  
4     City of St. Louis a proposal to levy and collect a property tax of five cents per each one  
5     hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing services to persons  
6     aged sixty or older.

7             **WHEREAS**, the St. Louis region, as of 2014, has the 8th highest percentage of  
8     older residents in the country, with 16.8% of the residents of the City of St. Louis now 60  
9     years of age or older; and

10            **WHEREAS**, with life expectancy increasing, the number of seniors nationwide is  
11     expected to double by 2050; and

12            **WHEREAS**, the rapidly increasing age of our population along with a reduction  
13     in State and Federal allocations has led to serious gaps in funding and services for  
14     residents 60 years of age and older who wish to continue to live independently; and

15            **WHEREAS**, affordable transportation, safe and accessible housing, food  
16     insecurity and economic independence are among the many challenges facing seniors in  
17     the City of St. Louis; and

18            **WHEREAS**, keeping seniors in their homes stabilizes communities and reduces  
19     the costs of dependent care on families and taxpayers; and

20            **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis is authorized under Sections 67.990 to  
21     67.995 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, upon approval of a majority of the qualified  
22     voters of the City voting thereon, to levy and collect a tax not to exceed five cents (\$0.05)

1 per each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation upon all taxable property  
2 with the City, for the purpose of providing services to persons 60 years of age or older  
3 under the Senior Citizens' Services Fund Law; and

4 **WHEREAS**, St. Louis has an opportunity to become an “age-friendly” city that  
5 affords seniors more access to basic, necessary services that enhance overall health and  
6 quality of life and create an environment where they can age in place; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen of the City does now find and determine that  
8 it is desirable and in the public interest that the proposition hereinafter provided for be  
9 submitted to the qualified electors of the City at a special election to be held for that  
10 purpose.

11 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

12 **SECTION 1.** An election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered  
13 to be held in the City of St. Louis, Missouri on the 8th day of November, 2016, at which  
14 there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City, the proposition as  
15 hereinafter set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance.

16 **SECTION 2.** That the polling places in the various wards and precincts in the  
17 City of St. Louis whereat the said proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors  
18 of said City shall be those polling places established or to be established by the Board of  
19 Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, as provided by law.

20 **SECTION 3.** The notice of the submission of the said proposition at the said  
21 election shall be given jointly by the said Board of Election Commissioners and by the  
22 City Register of the City of St. Louis by publication in the City Journal, the St. Louis

1 Post-Dispatch, and in at least one other weekly newspaper serving citizens of the City of  
2 St. Louis, twice, the first publication occurring in the second week prior to the election  
3 and the second publication occurring within one (1) week prior to the election, which said  
4 notice shall be in substantially the following form:

5 **NOTICE OF BALLOT PROPOSITION ELECTION**

6 **THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

7 **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot proposition election will be held in the City  
9 of St. Louis, Missouri on

10 Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2016

11 commencing at six o'clock in the morning and closing at seven o'clock in the evening on  
12 said date.

13 The polling places in the various wards and precincts of the City of St. Louis whereat the  
14 said proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City shall be those  
15 polling places designated or to be designated by the Board of Election Commissioners of  
16 the City of St. Louis, Missouri, separate notice of which will be given by said Board.

17 Subject to such modifications as may be required by the use of an electronic voting  
18 system, the ballots to be used at said election shall be in substantially the following form,  
19 to-wit:

20 **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

21 **PROPOSITION ELECTION**

22 Instructions to voters:

23 To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X)  
24 mark in the square opposite the word "YES"; and, to vote against the said proposition,  
25 place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the word "NO".

26 **PROPOSITION S**



1           **SECTION 4.** The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis,  
2 Missouri, shall provide the ballots, conduct the election, and certify the results of said  
3 election to the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as required by law.

4           **SECTION 5.** That immediately upon the passage and approval of this ordinance,  
5 the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall certify a copy thereof to the Board of Election  
6 Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, Missouri for action and proceedings by said  
7 Board in accordance herewith and as required by law.

8           **SECTION 6.** This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health  
9 and safety, and providing for submission to the people, it is hereby declared to be an  
10 emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the  
11 Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall become effective  
12 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.