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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the U.S. Grant heritage area.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 620.4000, to read as follows:

**620.4000. 1. There is hereby established within the division of tourism within the
2 department of economic development the "U.S. Grant Heritage Area" to be managed
3 and administered by the director of tourism in accordance with this section.**

4 **2. (1) The U.S. Grant heritage area shall consist of the following counties:**

5 **(a) Tier one counties shall be: Audrain, Bollinger, Callaway, Cape Girardeau,
6 Cole, Franklin, Gasconade, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe,
7 Montgomery, New Madrid, Pike, Perry, Ralls, Scott, Shelby, St. Francois, Ste.
8 Genevieve, Stoddard, Warren, and Washington; and**

9 **(b) Tier two counties shall be: St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and the city
10 of St. Louis.**

11 **(2) There shall be no distinction in the administration of the heritage area
12 between tier one and tier two counties, except that the division of tourism may
13 distinguish between such tiers in the percentage of funding allowed, provided that the
14 same percentage shall apply to all counties of the same tier and the division of tourism
15 shall not allow the grant of appropriated public funds to exceed fifty percent of total
16 funds received from all sources for tier one counties and twenty-five percent of total**

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.

17 funds received from all sources for tier two counties for any purpose authorized by this
18 section or by a management plan approved under subsection 6 of this section.

19 3. (1) The Missouri humanities council and the National U.S. Grant Trail
20 Association, Missouri chapter, shall administer the provisions of this section, subject to a
21 division of responsibilities adopted by rule by the division of tourism.

22 (2) The provisions of this section shall be subject to appropriation and such
23 appropriation shall be to the division of tourism or directly to the Missouri humanities
24 council.

25 4. (1) Subject to appropriation, the Missouri humanities council shall dedicate a
26 staff member who will oversee the preparation of a management plan as required by
27 subsection 6 of this section, and who shall be responsible for coordinating outreach to
28 county and municipal governments, agencies, nonprofit organizations, and civic groups
29 within the boundaries of the heritage area, until such time as the management plan has
30 been presented to the director of tourism.

31 (2) Subject to appropriation, the division of tourism shall establish a committee
32 to advise the division and to further facilitate outreach to included counties. The
33 committee shall be composed of eleven members selected as follows:

34 (a) The executive director of Missouri humanities council or his or her designee;

35 (b) The executive director of the state historical society of Missouri or his or her
36 designee;

37 (c) The executive director of the Missouri historical society or his or her
38 designee;

39 (d) The chair of the National U.S. Grant Trail Association, Missouri chapter, or
40 his or her designee; and

41 (e) Residents of the following Missouri senate districts, as such districts existed
42 in 2020, appointed by the director of the division of tourism: 03, 06, 10, 18, 25, 26, and
43 27.

44 5. The division of state parks, the state historic preservation office, the Missouri
45 state library and records and archives division of the office of the secretary of state, and
46 the department of conservation shall cooperate with the division of tourism in the
47 development and administration of the management plan.

48 6. Within two years of the date of appropriation of funds to develop the
49 management plan, the Missouri humanities council and the National U.S. Grant Trail
50 Association, Missouri chapter, shall submit to the director of tourism a proposed
51 management plan for the heritage area. The management plan for the heritage area
52 shall include the following elements:

53 **(1) Comprehensive policies, goals, strategies, and recommendations for telling**
54 **the story of the heritage of the region and encouraging long-term resource protection,**
55 **enhancement, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage**
56 **area;**

57 **(2) Consideration for existing state, county, and local plans in the development**
58 **and implementation of the management plan;**

59 **(3) A description of actions and commitments that governments, private**
60 **organizations, and citizens plan to take to protect, enhance, and interpret the cultural,**
61 **historical, archaeological, natural, and recreational resources of the heritage area;**

62 **(4) Existing and potential sources of funding or economic development strategies**
63 **to protect, enhance, interpret, fund, manage, and develop the heritage area;**

64 **(5) An inventory of the cultural, historical, archaeological, natural, and**
65 **recreational resources of the heritage area relating to the stories and themes of the**
66 **region that should be protected, enhanced, managed, or developed;**

67 **(6) Policies and strategies for resource management including the development**
68 **of intergovernmental and interagency agreements to protect the natural, historic,**
69 **cultural, educational, scenic, and recreational resources of the heritage area;**

70 **(7) A program for implementation of the management plan, including:**

71 **(a) Performance goals;**

72 **(b) Plans for resource protection, enhancement, and interpretation; and**

73 **(c) Specific commitments for implementation that have been made by the**
74 **Missouri humanities council, the National U.S. Grant Trail Association, Missouri**
75 **chapter, or any government, organization, business, or individual;**

76 **(8) Analysis of, and recommendations for, ways in which federal, state, tribal,**
77 **and local programs may best be coordinated, including the role of the National Park**
78 **Service and other federal agencies associated with the heritage area, to further the**
79 **purposes of this section;**

80 **(9) An interpretive plan for the heritage area; and**

81 **(10) A business plan that:**

82 **(a) Describes the role, operation, financing, and functions of the local**
83 **coordinating entity and of each of the major activities described in the management**
84 **plan; and**

85 **(b) Provides adequate assurances that the local coordinating entity has the**
86 **partnerships and financial and other resources necessary to implement the management**
87 **plan for the heritage area.**

88 **7. (1) In determining whether to approve a management plan for the heritage**
89 **area, the director of tourism shall consider:**

90 **(a) The diverse interests of the heritage area, including federal government**
91 **liaisons; state, tribal, and local governments; natural and historical resource protection**
92 **organizations; educational, business, and recreational organizations; community**
93 **residents; and private property owners;**

94 **(b) If adequate opportunity for public and federal, state, tribal, and local**
95 **governmental involvement in the preparation of the management plan and provides for**
96 **at least semiannual public meetings to ensure adequate implementation of the**
97 **management plan;**

98 **(c) If resource protection, enhancement, interpretation, funding, management,**
99 **and development strategies described in the management plan would adequately**
100 **protect, enhance, interpret, fund, manage, and develop the natural, historical cultural,**
101 **educational, scenic, and recreational resources of the heritage area;**

102 **(d) Demonstration of financial capability to carry out the plan;**

103 **(e) Assurances of support from state, tribal, and local officials; and**

104 **(f) Demonstrated partnerships between federal, state, tribal, and local**
105 **governments; regional planning organizations; nonprofit organizations; or private**
106 **sector entities to aid in implementation of the management plan.**

107 **(2) If the director of tourism disapproves of the management, he or she:**

108 **(a) Shall advise the Missouri humanities council and the National U.S. Grant**
109 **Trail Association, Missouri chapter, in writing of the reasons for the disapproval; and**

110 **(b) May make recommendations for revisions to the management plan.**

111 **(3) Upon receipt of the revised management plan, the director of tourism shall**
112 **approve or disapprove of the plan within one hundred and eighty days.**

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