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SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# SENATE BILL NO. 1

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CRAWFORD.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 50.327 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, section 50.327 as enacted by house bill no. 271 merged with senate bills nos. 53 & 60, one hundred first general assembly, first regular session, section 55.160 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, section 55.160 as enacted by house bill no. 58 merged with senate bill no. 210 merged with senate bill no. 507, ninety-third general assembly, first regular session, section 57.317 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, section 57.317 as enacted by senate bills nos. 53 & 60, one hundred first general assembly, first regular session, section 58.095 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, section 58.095 as enacted by house bill no. 2046, one hundredth general assembly, second regular session, section 58.200 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, section 58.200 as codified as section 13145 in the 1939 revised statutes of Missouri, section 473.742 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, and section 473.742 as enacted by senate bill no. 808, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to county officials.

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

Section A. Section 50.327 as enacted by house bill no.  
2 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular  
3 session, section 50.327 as enacted by house bill no. 271 merged

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

4 with senate bills nos. 53 & 60, one hundred first general  
5 assembly, first regular session, section 55.160 as enacted by  
6 house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second  
7 regular session, section 55.160 as enacted by house bill no. 58  
8 merged with senate bill no. 210 merged with senate bill no.  
9 507, ninety-third general assembly, first regular session,  
10 section 57.317 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred  
11 first general assembly, second regular session, section 57.317  
12 as enacted by senate bills nos. 53 & 60, one hundred first  
13 general assembly, first regular session, section 58.095 as  
14 enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general  
15 assembly, second regular session, section 58.095 as enacted by  
16 house bill no. 2046, one hundredth general assembly, second  
17 regular session, section 58.200 as enacted by house bill no.  
18 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular  
19 session, section 58.200 as codified as section 13145 in the  
20 1939 revised statutes of Missouri, section 473.742 as enacted  
21 by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly,  
22 second regular session, and section 473.742 as enacted by senate  
23 bill no. 808, ninety-fifth general assembly, second regular  
24 session, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu  
25 thereof, to be known as sections 50.327, 55.160, 57.317, 58.095,  
26 58.200, and 473.742, to read as follows:

2 [50.327. 1. Notwithstanding any other  
3 provisions of law to the contrary, the salary  
4 schedules contained in sections 49.082, 50.334,  
5 50.343, 51.281, 51.282, 52.269, 53.082, 53.083,  
6 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, 56.265, 58.095, and  
7 473.742 shall be set as a base schedule for  
8 those county officials. Except when it is  
9 necessary to increase newly elected or reelected  
10 county officials' salaries, in accordance with  
11 Section 13, Article VII, Constitution of  
12 Missouri, to comply with the requirements of  
this section, the salary commission in all

13 counties except charter counties in this state  
14 shall be responsible for the computation of  
15 salaries of all county officials; provided,  
16 however, that any percentage salary adjustments  
17 in a county shall be equal for all such  
18 officials in that county.

19 2. Upon majority approval of the salary  
20 commission, the annual compensation of part-time  
21 prosecutors contained in section 56.265 and the  
22 county offices contained in sections 49.082,  
23 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 51.282, 52.269, 53.082,  
24 53.083, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, 58.095, and  
25 473.742 may be increased by up to two thousand  
26 dollars greater than the compensation provided  
27 by the salary schedules; provided, however, that  
28 any vote to increase compensation be effective  
29 for all county offices in that county subject to  
30 the salary commission.

31 3. Upon the majority approval of the  
32 salary commission, the annual compensation of a  
33 county coroner of any county not having a  
34 charter form of government as provided in  
35 section 58.095 may be increased up to fourteen  
36 thousand dollars greater than the compensation  
37 provided by the salary schedule of such section.

38 4. The salary commission of any county of  
39 the third classification may amend the base  
40 schedules for the computation of salaries for  
41 county officials referenced in subsection 1 of  
42 this section to include assessed valuation  
43 factors in excess of three hundred million  
44 dollars; provided that the percentage of any  
45 adjustments in assessed valuation factors shall  
46 be equal for all such officials in that county.]

50.327. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of  
2 law to the contrary, the salary schedules contained in  
3 sections 49.082, 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 51.282, 52.269,  
4 53.082, 53.083, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, 56.265, 58.095, and  
5 473.742 shall be set as a base schedule for those county  
6 officials. Except when it is necessary to increase newly  
7 elected or reelected county officials' salaries, in

8 accordance with Section 13, Article VII, Constitution of  
9 Missouri, to comply with the requirements of this section,  
10 the salary commission in all counties except charter  
11 counties in this state shall be responsible for the  
12 computation of salaries of all county officials; provided,  
13 however, that any percentage salary adjustments in a county  
14 shall be equal for all such officials in that county.

15 2. Upon majority approval of the salary commission,  
16 the annual compensation of part-time prosecutors contained  
17 in section 56.265 and the county offices contained in  
18 sections 49.082, 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 51.282, 52.269,  
19 53.082, 53.083, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, 58.095, and 473.742  
20 may be increased by up to two thousand dollars greater than  
21 the compensation provided by the salary schedules; provided,  
22 however, that any vote to increase compensation be effective  
23 for all county offices in that county subject to the salary  
24 commission.

25 3. Upon the majority approval of the salary commission,  
26 the annual compensation of a county coroner of any county  
27 **[of the second classification] not having a charter form of**  
28 **government** as provided in section 58.095 may be increased up  
29 to fourteen thousand dollars greater than the compensation  
30 provided by the salary schedule of such section.

31 4. **The salary commission of any county of the third**  
32 **classification may amend the base schedules for the**  
33 **computation of salaries for county officials referenced in**  
34 **subsection 1 of this section to include assessed valuation**  
35 **factors in excess of three hundred million dollars; provided**  
36 **that the percentage of any adjustments in assessed valuation**  
37 **factors shall be equal for all such officials in that county.**

2 **[55.160. The auditor of each county of the**  
**first classification not having a charter form**

3 of government and of each county of the second  
4 classification shall keep an inventory of all  
5 county property under the control and management  
6 of the various officers and departments and  
7 shall annually take an inventory of such  
8 property at an original value of one thousand  
9 dollars or more showing the amount, location and  
10 estimated value thereof. The auditor shall keep  
11 accounts of all appropriations and expenditures  
12 made by the county commission, and no warrant  
13 shall be drawn or obligation incurred without  
14 the auditor's certification that an unencumbered  
15 balance, sufficient to pay the same, remain in  
16 the appropriate account or in the anticipated  
17 revenue fund against which such warrant or  
18 obligation is to be charged. The auditor shall  
19 audit the accounts of all officers of the county  
20 annually or upon their retirement from office.  
21 The auditor shall audit, examine and adjust all  
22 accounts, demands, and claims of every kind and  
23 character presented for payment against the  
24 county, and shall in the auditor's discretion  
25 approve to the county commission of the county  
26 all lawful, true, just and legal accounts,  
27 demands and claims of every kind and character  
28 payable out of the county revenue or out of any  
29 county funds before the same shall be allowed  
30 and a warrant issued therefor by the  
31 commission. Whenever the auditor thinks it  
32 necessary to the proper examination of any  
33 account, demand or claim, the auditor may  
34 examine the parties, witnesses, and others on  
35 oath or affirmation touching any matter or  
36 circumstance in the examination of such account,  
37 demand or claim before the auditor allows same.  
38 The auditor shall not be personally liable for  
39 any cost for any proceeding instituted against  
40 the auditor in the auditor's official capacity.  
41 The auditor shall keep a correct account between  
42 the county and all county and township officers,  
43 and shall examine all records and settlements  
44 made by them for and with the county commission  
45 or with each other, and the auditor shall,  
46 whenever the auditor desires, have access to all

47 books, county records or papers kept by any  
48 county or township officer or road overseer.  
49 The auditor shall, during the first four days of  
50 each month, strike a balance in the case of each  
51 county and township officer, showing the amount  
52 of money collected by each, the amount of money  
53 due from each to the county, and the amount of  
54 money due from any source whatever to such  
55 office, and the auditor shall include in such  
56 balance any fees that have been returned to the  
57 county commission or to the auditor as unpaid  
58 and which since having been returned have been  
59 collected. Upon request, the auditor shall have  
60 access to and the ability to audit and examine  
61 claims of every kind and character for which a  
62 county officer has a fiduciary duty.]

55.160. The auditor of each county of the first  
2 classification not having a charter form of government and  
3 of each county of the second classification shall keep an  
4 inventory of all county property under the control and  
5 management of the various officers and departments and shall  
6 annually take an inventory of such property at an original  
7 value of one thousand dollars or more showing the amount,  
8 location and estimated value thereof. The auditor shall  
9 keep accounts of all appropriations and expenditures made by  
10 the county commission, and no warrant shall be drawn or  
11 obligation incurred without the auditor's certification that  
12 an unencumbered balance, sufficient to pay the same, remain  
13 in the appropriate account or in the anticipated revenue  
14 fund against which such warrant or obligation is to be  
15 charged. The auditor shall audit the accounts of all  
16 officers of the county annually or upon their retirement  
17 from office. The auditor shall audit, examine and adjust  
18 all accounts, demands, and claims of every kind and  
19 character presented for payment against the county, and  
20 shall in the auditor's discretion approve to the county

21 commission of the county all lawful, true, just and legal  
22 accounts, demands and claims of every kind and character  
23 payable out of the county revenue or out of any county funds  
24 before the same shall be allowed and a warrant issued  
25 therefor by the commission. Whenever the auditor thinks it  
26 necessary to the proper examination of any account, demand  
27 or claim, the auditor may examine the parties, witnesses,  
28 and others on oath or affirmation touching any matter or  
29 circumstance in the examination of such account, demand or  
30 claim before the auditor allows same. The auditor shall not  
31 be personally liable for any cost for any proceeding  
32 instituted against the auditor in the auditor's official  
33 capacity. The auditor shall keep a correct account between  
34 the county and all county and township officers, and shall  
35 examine all records and settlements made by them for and  
36 with the county commission or with each other, and the  
37 auditor shall, whenever the auditor desires, have access to  
38 all books, county records or papers kept by any county or  
39 township officer or road overseer. The auditor shall,  
40 during the first four days of each month, strike a balance  
41 in the case of each county and township officer, showing the  
42 amount of money collected by each, the amount of money due  
43 from each to the county, and the amount of money due from  
44 any source whatever to such office, and the auditor shall  
45 include in such balance any fees that have been returned to  
46 the county commission or to the auditor as unpaid and which  
47 since having been returned have been collected. **Upon**  
48 **request, the auditor shall have access to and the ability to**  
49 **audit and examine claims of every kind and character for**  
50 **which a county officer has a fiduciary duty.**

2 [57.317. 1. (1) Except in a noncharter  
county of the first classification with more

3 than one hundred fifty thousand and less than  
 4 two hundred thousand inhabitants, the county  
 5 sheriff in any county of the first or second  
 6 classification shall receive an annual salary  
 7 equal to eighty percent of the compensation of  
 8 an associate circuit judge of the county.

9 (2) The county sheriff in any county of  
 10 the third or fourth classification shall receive  
 11 an annual salary computed as the following  
 12 percentages of the compensation of an associate  
 13 circuit judge of the county. If there is an  
 14 increase in salary of less than ten thousand  
 15 dollars, the increase shall take effect on  
 16 January 1, 2022. If there is an increase of ten  
 17 thousand dollars or more, the increase shall be  
 18 paid over a period of five years in twenty  
 19 percent increments per year. The assessed  
 20 valuation factor shall be the amount thereof as  
 21 shown for the year next preceding the  
 22 computation. The provisions of this section  
 23 shall not permit or require a reduction in the  
 24 amount of compensation being paid for the office  
 25 of sheriff from the prior year.

Assessed Valuation	Percentage
\$18,000,000 to 99,999,999	45%
100,000,000 to 249,999,999	50%
250,000,000 to 449,999,999	55%
450,000,000 to 899,999,999	60%
900,000,000 and over	65%

32 2. Two thousand dollars of the salary  
 33 authorized in this section shall be payable to  
 34 the sheriff only if the sheriff has completed at  
 35 least twenty hours of classroom instruction each  
 36 calendar year relating to the operations of the  
 37 sheriff's office when approved by a professional  
 38 association of the county sheriffs of Missouri



39 unless exempted from the training by the  
40 professional association. The professional  
41 association approving the program shall provide  
42 a certificate of completion to each sheriff who  
43 completes the training program and shall send a  
44 list of certified sheriffs to the treasurer of  
45 each county. Expenses incurred for attending  
46 the training session may be reimbursed to the  
47 county sheriff in the same manner as other  
48 expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

49 3. The county sheriff in any county other  
50 than a charter county shall not receive an  
51 annual compensation less than the compensation  
52 described under this section.]

57.317. 1. (1) **Except in a noncharter county of the**  
2 **first classification with more than one hundred fifty**  
3 **thousand and less than two hundred thousand inhabitants,** the  
4 county sheriff in any county of the first or second  
5 classification shall receive an annual salary equal to  
6 eighty percent of the compensation of an associate circuit  
7 judge of the county.

8 (2) The county sheriff in any county of the third or  
9 fourth classification shall receive an annual salary  
10 computed as the following percentages of the compensation of  
11 an associate circuit judge of the county. If there is an  
12 increase in salary of less than ten thousand dollars, the  
13 increase shall take effect on January 1, 2022. If there is  
14 an increase of ten thousand dollars or more, the increase  
15 shall be paid over a period of five years in twenty percent  
16 increments per year. The assessed valuation factor shall be  
17 the amount thereof as shown for the year next preceding the  
18 computation. The provisions of this section shall not  
19 permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation  
20 being paid for the office of sheriff from the prior year.

	Assessed Valuation	Percentage
21	\$18,000,000 to 99,999,999	45%
22	100,000,000 to 249,999,999	50%
23	250,000,000 to 449,999,999	55%
24	450,000,000 to 899,999,999	60%
25	900,000,000 and over	65%
26		

27           2. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in  
 28 this section shall be payable to the sheriff only if the  
 29 sheriff has completed at least twenty hours of classroom  
 30 instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of  
 31 the sheriff's office when approved by a professional  
 32 association of the county sheriffs of Missouri unless  
 33 exempted from the training by the professional association.  
 34 The professional association approving the program shall  
 35 provide a certificate of completion to each sheriff who  
 36 completes the training program and shall send a list of  
 37 certified sheriffs to the treasurer of each county.  
 38 Expenses incurred for attending the training session may be  
 39 reimbursed to the county sheriff in the same manner as other  
 40 expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

41           3. The county sheriff in any county other than a  
 42 charter county shall not receive an annual compensation less  
 43 than the compensation described under this section.

2           [58.095. 1. The county coroner in any  
 3 county not having a charter form of government  
 4 shall receive an annual salary computed on a  
 5 basis as set forth in the following schedule as  
 6 well as any adjustment authorized under  
 7 subsection 3 of section 50.327. The provisions  
 of this section shall not permit or require a

8 reduction in the amount of compensation being  
 9 paid for the office of coroner on January 1,  
 10 1997:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$8,000
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	8,500
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	9,000
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	9,500
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	10,000
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	11,000
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	12,000
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	13,000
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	14,000
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	15,000
300,000,000 or more	16,000

23 2. One thousand dollars of the salary  
 24 authorized in this section shall be payable to  
 25 the coroner only if the coroner has completed at  
 26 least twenty hours of classroom instruction each  
 27 calendar year as established by the Coroner  
 28 Standards and Training Commission unless  
 29 exempted from the training by the Missouri  
 30 Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association for  
 31 good cause. The Missouri Coroners' and Medical  
 32 Examiners' Association shall provide a  
 33 certificate of completion to each coroner who  
 34 completes the training program and shall send a  
 35 list of certified coroners to the treasurer of  
 36 each county and the department of health and  
 37 senior services. The Coroner Standards and  
 38 Training Commission may certify training

39 programs that satisfy the requirements of this  
40 section in lieu of the training provided by the  
41 Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners'  
42 Association. Certified training completion  
43 shall be submitted to the Missouri Coroners' and  
44 Medical Examiners' Association which, upon  
45 validating the certified training, shall submit  
46 the individual's name to the county treasurer  
47 and department of health and senior services  
48 indicating the individual is compliant with the  
49 training requirements. Expenses incurred for  
50 attending the training session may be reimbursed  
51 to the county coroner in the same manner as  
52 other expenses as may be appropriated for that  
53 purpose. All elected or appointed coroners,  
54 deputy coroners, and assistants to the coroner  
55 shall complete the annual training described in  
56 this subsection within six months of election or  
57 appointment.

58 3. The county coroner in any county not  
59 having a charter form of government shall not,  
60 except upon two-thirds vote of all the members  
61 of the salary commission, receive an annual  
62 compensation in an amount less than the total  
63 compensation being received for the office of  
64 county coroner in the particular county for  
65 services rendered or performed on the date the  
66 salary commission votes.

67 4. For the term beginning in 1997, the  
68 compensation of the coroner, in counties in  
69 which the salary commission has not voted to pay  
70 one hundred percent of the maximum allowable  
71 salary, shall be a percentage of the maximum  
72 allowable salary established by this section.  
73 The percentage applied shall be the same  
74 percentage of the maximum allowable salary  
75 received or allowed, whichever is greater, to  
76 the presiding commissioner or sheriff, whichever  
77 is greater, of that county for the year  
78 beginning January 1, 1997. In those counties in  
79 which the salary commission has voted to pay one  
80 hundred percent of the maximum allowable salary,  
81 the compensation of the coroner shall be based  
82 on the maximum allowable salary in effect at

83 each time a coroner's term of office commences  
 84 following the vote to pay one hundred percent of  
 85 the maximum allowable compensation. Subsequent  
 86 compensation shall be determined as provided in  
 87 section 50.333.

88 5. Effective January 1, 1997, the county  
 89 coroner in any county not having a charter form  
 90 of government may, upon the approval of the  
 91 county commission, receive additional  
 92 compensation for any month during which  
 93 investigations or other services are performed  
 94 for three or more decedents in the same incident  
 95 during such month. The additional compensation  
 96 shall be an amount that when added to the  
 97 regular compensation the sum shall equal the  
 98 monthly compensation of the county sheriff.]

58.095. 1. The county coroner in any county not  
 2 having a charter form of government shall receive an annual  
 3 salary computed on a basis as set forth in the following  
 4 schedule, **as well as any adjustment authorized under**  
 5 **subsection 3 of section 50.327.** The provisions of this  
 6 section shall not permit or require a reduction in the  
 7 amount of compensation being paid for the office of coroner  
 8 on January 1, 1997:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$8,000
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	8,500
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	9,000
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	9,500
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	10,000
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	11,000
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	12,000

17	160,000,000 to 189,999,999	13,000
18	190,000,000 to 249,999,999	14,000
19	250,000,000 to 299,999,999	15,000
20	300,000,000 or more	16,000

21           2. One thousand dollars of the salary authorized in  
22 this section shall be payable to the coroner only if the  
23 coroner has completed at least twenty hours of classroom  
24 instruction each calendar year as established by the coroner  
25 standards and training commission unless exempted from the  
26 training by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners'  
27 Association for good cause. The Missouri Coroners' and  
28 Medical Examiners' Association shall provide a certificate  
29 of completion to each coroner who completes the training  
30 program and shall send a list of certified coroners to the  
31 treasurer of each county and the department of health and  
32 senior services. The coroner standards and training  
33 commission may certify training programs that satisfy the  
34 requirements of this section in lieu of the training  
35 provided by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners'  
36 Association. Certified training completion shall be  
37 submitted to the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners'  
38 Association which, upon validating the certified training,  
39 shall submit the individual's name to the county treasurer  
40 and department of health and senior services indicating the  
41 individual is compliant with the training requirements.  
42 Expenses incurred for attending the training session may be  
43 reimbursed to the county coroner in the same manner as other  
44 expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose. All  
45 elected or appointed coroners, deputy coroners, and

46 assistants to the coroner shall complete the annual training  
47 described in this subsection within six months of election  
48 or appointment.

49 3. The county coroner in any county not having a  
50 charter form of government shall not, except upon two-thirds  
51 vote of all the members of the salary commission, receive an  
52 annual compensation in an amount less than the total  
53 compensation being received for the office of county coroner  
54 in the particular county for services rendered or performed  
55 on the date the salary commission votes.

56 4. For the term beginning in 1997, the compensation of  
57 the coroner, in counties in which the salary commission has  
58 not voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum  
59 allowable salary, shall be a percentage of the maximum  
60 allowable salary established by this section. The  
61 percentage applied shall be the same percentage of the  
62 maximum allowable salary received or allowed, whichever is  
63 greater, to the presiding commissioner or sheriff, whichever  
64 is greater, of that county for the year beginning January 1,  
65 1997. In those counties in which the salary commission has  
66 voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum allowable  
67 salary, the compensation of the coroner shall be based on  
68 the maximum allowable salary in effect at each time a  
69 coroner's term of office commences following the vote to pay  
70 one hundred percent of the maximum allowable compensation.  
71 Subsequent compensation shall be determined as provided in  
72 section 50.333.

73 5. Effective January 1, 1997, the county coroner in  
74 any county not having a charter form of government may, upon  
75 the approval of the county commission, receive additional  
76 compensation for any month during which investigations or  
77 other services are performed for three or more decedents in

78 the same incident during such month. The additional  
79 compensation shall be an amount that when added to the  
80 regular compensation the sum shall equal the monthly  
81 compensation of the county sheriff.

2 [58.200. When the office of sheriff shall  
3 be vacant, by death or otherwise, the coroner of  
4 the county is authorized to perform all the  
5 duties which are by law required to be performed  
6 by the sheriff, until another sheriff for such  
7 county shall be appointed and qualified and such  
8 coroner shall have notice thereof. In such  
9 case, said coroner may appoint one or more  
10 deputies, with the approbation of the judge of  
11 the circuit court, and every such appointment,  
12 with the oath of office endorsed thereon, shall  
13 be filed in the office of the clerk of the  
14 circuit court of the county. If the coroner  
15 becomes the acting sheriff and the sheriff is no  
16 longer receiving the sheriff's salary, the  
17 coroner may be paid, in addition to the  
18 coroner's salary, the difference between the  
19 salaries of sheriff and coroner so that the  
20 coroner receives the equivalent of the sheriff's  
salary while serving as acting sheriff.]

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2 death or otherwise, the coroner of the county is authorized  
3 to perform all the duties which are by law required to be  
4 performed by the sheriff, until another sheriff for such  
5 county shall be appointed and qualified[, ] and such coroner  
6 shall have notice thereof[, and]. In such case, said  
7 coroner may appoint one or more deputies, with the  
8 approbation of the judge of the circuit court; and every  
9 such appointment, with the oath of office endorsed thereon,  
10 shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit  
11 court of the county. **If the coroner becomes the acting**  
12 **sheriff and the sheriff is no longer receiving the sheriff's**  
13 **salary, the coroner may be paid, in addition to the**



14 coroner's salary, the difference between the salaries of  
15 sheriff and coroner so that the coroner receives the  
16 equivalent of the sheriff's salary while serving as acting  
17 sheriff.

[473.742. 1. Each public administrator in  
2 counties of the second, third or fourth  
3 classification and in the City of St. Louis  
4 shall make a determination within thirty days  
5 after taking office whether such public  
6 administrator shall elect to receive a salary as  
7 defined herein or receive fees as may be allowed  
8 by law to executors, administrators and personal  
9 representatives. The election by the public  
10 administrator shall be made in writing to the  
11 county clerk. Should the public administrator  
12 elect to receive a salary, the public  
13 administrator's office may not then elect to  
14 change at any future time to receive fees in  
15 lieu of salary. Every public administrator who  
16 begins his or her first term on or after January  
17 1, 2023, shall be deemed to have elected to  
18 receive a salary as provided in this section.

19 2. If a public administrator elects to be  
20 placed on salary, the salary shall be based upon  
21 the average number of open letters in the two  
22 years preceding the term when the salary is  
23 elected, based upon the following schedule:

24 (1) Zero to five letters: salary shall be  
25 a minimum of seven thousand five hundred dollars;

26 (2) Six to fifteen letters: salary shall  
27 be a minimum of fifteen thousand dollars;

28 (3) Sixteen to twenty-five letters:  
29 salary shall be a minimum of twenty thousand  
30 dollars;

31 (4) Twenty-six to thirty-nine letters:  
32 salary shall be a minimum of twenty-five  
33 thousand dollars;

34 (5) Public administrators with forty or  
35 more letters shall be considered full-time  
36 county officials and shall be paid according to  
37 the assessed valuation schedule set forth below:

	Assessed Valuation	Salary
38		
39	\$ 8,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$29,000
40	\$ 41,000,000 to 53,999,999	\$30,000
41	\$ 54,000,000 to 65,999,999	\$32,000
42	\$ 66,000,000 to 85,999,999	\$34,000
43	\$ 86,000,000 to 99,999,999	\$36,000
44	\$ 100,000,000 to 130,999,999	\$38,000
45	\$ 131,000,000 to 159,999,999	\$40,000
46	\$ 160,000,000 to 189,999,999	\$41,000
47	\$ 190,000,000 to 249,999,999	\$41,500
48	\$ 250,000,000 to 299,999,999	\$43,000
49	\$ 300,000,000 to 449,999,999	\$45,000
50	\$ 450,000,000 to 599,999,999	\$47,000
51	\$ 600,000,000 to 749,999,999	\$49,000
52	\$ 750,000,000 to 899,999,999	\$51,000
53	\$ 900,000,000 to 1,049,999,999	\$53,000
54	\$ 1,050,000,000 to 1,199,999,999	\$55,000
55	\$ 1,200,000,000 to 1,349,999,999	\$57,000
56	\$ 1,350,000,000 and over	\$59,000

57 (6) The public administrator in the City  
 58 of St. Louis shall receive a salary not less  
 59 than sixty-five thousand dollars;

60 (7) Two thousand dollars of the  
 61 compensation authorized in this section shall be  
 62 payable to the public administrator only if he

63 or she has completed at least twenty hours of  
64 instruction each calendar year relating to the  
65 operations of the public administrator's office  
66 when approved by a professional association of  
67 the county public administrators of Missouri  
68 unless exempted from the training by the  
69 professional association. The professional  
70 association approving the program shall provide  
71 a certificate of completion to each public  
72 administrator who completes the training program  
73 and shall send a list of certified public  
74 administrators to the treasurer of each county.  
75 Expenses incurred for attending the training  
76 session shall be reimbursed to the county public  
77 administrator in the same manner as other  
78 expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

79 3. If a public administrator is appointed  
80 by the court as both a guardian and a  
81 conservator to the same ward or protectee, it  
82 shall be considered two letters.

83 4. Notwithstanding subsection 2 or 5 of  
84 this section, upon majority approval by the  
85 salary commission, a public administrator may be  
86 paid according to the assessed valuation  
87 schedule set forth in subdivision (5) of  
88 subsection 2 of this section. If the salary  
89 commission elects to pay a public administrator  
90 according to the assessed valuation schedule,  
91 the salary commission shall not elect to change  
92 at any future time to pay the public  
93 administrator's office according to the average  
94 number of open letters in lieu of paying them  
95 according to the assessed valuation schedule.

96 5. The initial compensation of the public  
97 administrator who elects to be put on salary  
98 shall be determined by the average number of  
99 letters for the two years preceding the term  
100 when the salary is elected. Salary increases or  
101 decreases according to the minimum schedule set  
102 forth in this section shall be adjusted only  
103 after the number of open letters places the  
104 workload in a different subdivision for two  
105 consecutive years. Minimum salary increases or  
106 decreases shall only take effect upon a new term

107 of office of the public administrator. The  
108 number of letters each year shall be determined  
109 in accordance with the reporting requirements  
110 set forth in law.

111 6. All fees collected by a public  
112 administrator who elects to be salaried shall be  
113 deposited in the county treasury or with the  
114 treasurer for the City of St. Louis.

115 7. Any public administrator in a county of  
116 the first classification without a charter form  
117 of government with a population of less than one  
118 hundred thousand inhabitants who elects to  
119 receive fees in lieu of a salary pursuant to  
120 this section may elect to join the Missouri  
121 local government employees' retirement system  
122 created pursuant to sections 70.600 to 70.755.

123 8. (1) A letter of guardianship and a  
124 letter of conservatorship shall be counted as  
125 separate letters.

126 (2) For purposes of this subsection:

127 (a) "Letter of conservatorship" means the  
128 appointment of a conservatorship of an estate by  
129 the court to a protectee adjudged to be disabled;

130 (b) "Letter of guardianship" means the  
131 appointment of a guardianship by the court to a  
132 ward adjudged to be incapacitated.]

473.742. 1. Each public administrator in counties of  
2 the second, third or fourth classification and in the city  
3 of St. Louis shall make a determination within thirty days  
4 after taking office whether such public administrator shall  
5 elect to receive a salary as defined herein or receive fees  
6 as may be allowed by law to executors, administrators and  
7 personal representatives. The election by the public  
8 administrator shall be made in writing to the county clerk.  
9 Should the public administrator elect to receive a salary,  
10 the public administrator's office may not then elect to  
11 change at any future time to receive fees in lieu of  
12 salary. **Every public administrator who begins his or her**

13 **first term on or after January 1, 2024, shall be deemed to**  
 14 **have elected to receive a salary as provided in this section.**

15 2. If a public administrator elects to be placed on  
 16 salary, the salary shall be based upon the average number of  
 17 open letters in the two years preceding the term when the  
 18 salary is elected, based upon the following schedule:

19 (1) Zero to five letters: salary shall be a minimum  
 20 of seven thousand five hundred dollars;

21 (2) Six to fifteen letters: salary shall be a minimum  
 22 of fifteen thousand dollars;

23 (3) Sixteen to twenty-five letters: salary shall be a  
 24 minimum of twenty thousand dollars;

25 (4) Twenty-six to thirty-nine letters: salary shall  
 26 be a minimum of twenty-five thousand dollars;

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 28 shall be considered full-time county officials and shall be  
 29 paid according to the assessed valuation schedule set forth  
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 55 shall receive a salary not less than sixty-five thousand  
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 59 administrator only if he or she has completed at least  
 60 twenty hours of instruction each calendar year relating to  
 61 the operations of the public administrator's office when  
 62 approved by a professional association of the county public  
 63 administrators of Missouri unless exempted from the training  
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 65 association approving the program shall provide a  
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 69 county. Expenses incurred for attending the training

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71 administrator in the same manner as other expenses as may be  
72 appropriated for that purpose.

73 **3. If a public administrator is appointed by the court**  
74 **as both a guardian and a conservator to the same ward or**  
75 **protectee, it shall be considered two letters.**

76 **4. Notwithstanding subsection 2 or 5 of this section**  
77 **to the contrary, upon majority approval by the salary**  
78 **commission, a public administrator may be paid according to**  
79 **the assessed valuation schedule set forth in subdivision (5)**  
80 **of subsection 2 of this section. If the salary commission**  
81 **elects to pay a public administrator according to the**  
82 **assessed valuation schedule, the salary commission shall not**  
83 **elect to change at any future time to pay the public**  
84 **administrator's office according to the average number of**  
85 **open letters in lieu of paying them according to the**  
86 **assessed valuation schedule.**

87 **5. The initial compensation of the public**  
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89 **determined by the average number of letters for the two**  
90 **years preceding the term when the salary is elected. Salary**  
91 **increases or decreases according to the minimum schedule set**  
92 **forth in [subsection 1 of] this section shall be adjusted**  
93 **only after the number of open letters places the workload in**  
94 **a different subdivision for two consecutive years. Minimum**  
95 **salary increases or decreases shall only take effect upon a**  
96 **new term of office of the public administrator. The number**  
97 **of letters each year shall be determined in accordance with**  
98 **the reporting requirements set forth in law.**

99 **[4.] 6. All fees collected by a public administrator**  
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101 **treasury or with the treasurer for the city of St. Louis.**

102 [5.] 7. Any public administrator in a county of the  
103 first classification without a charter form of government  
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105 inhabitants who elects to receive fees in lieu of a salary  
106 pursuant to this section may elect to join the Missouri  
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109 **8. (1) A letter of guardianship and a letter of**  
110 **conservatorship shall be counted as separate letters.**

111 **(2) For purposes of this subsection, the following**  
112 **terms mean:**

113 **(a) "Letter of conservatorship", the appointment of a**  
114 **conservatorship of an estate by the court to a protectee**  
115 **adjudged to be disabled;**

116 **(b) "Letter of guardianship", the appointment of a**  
117 **guardianship by the court to a ward adjudged to be**  
118 **incapacitated.**

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