

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5487S.01I  
Bill No.: SB 995  
Subject: Judges; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; St. Louis City  
Type: Original  
Date: January 22, 2026

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Bill Summary: This proposal provides that the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall be appointed by the judges of the 22nd judicial circuit, rather than elected.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	\$0	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

\***Oversight** assumes the unknown impact will be under \$250,000.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

#### **§§57.450 and 57.452 – Appointment of the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis**

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state there may be some impact but there is no way to quantify that currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

**Oversight** notes OSCA assumes this proposal may have some impact on their organization although it can't be quantified at this time. As OSCA is unable to provide additional information regarding the potential impact, Oversight assumes the proposed legislation will have a \$0 or (Unknown) cost to the General Revenue Fund. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight also assumes the impact will be under \$250,000 annually. If this assumption is incorrect, this would alter the fiscal impact as presented in this fiscal note. If additional information is received, Oversight will review it to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials from the **City of St. Louis** state the proposed legislation would provide that the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis be appointed by the Judges of the 22nd Judicial Circuit rather than appointed. It is not anticipated that this proposal would have any fiscal impact on the City other than perhaps the avoidance of costs associated with any special election required to fill a vacancy.

**Oversight** notes the office is currently filled by an interim appointee following the removal of the previously elected sheriff. A special election has been scheduled by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen for March 3, 2026 to select a permanent sheriff to serve the remainder of the term. The person elected will serve through the end of the term in 2028 (December 31, 2028). Oversight assumes if this legislation is enacted, the next sheriff would be appointed by the majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit judges of the 22<sup>nd</sup> judicial circuit for the next term beginning January 1, 2029, and no special election will be needed going forward. Therefore, Oversight will assume no additional fiscal impact to the City of St. Louis from this proposal.

### **Rule Promulgation**

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the

office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost – OSCA (§§57.450 and 57.452)</u> Potential additional costs under the provisions of this proposal p.3	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

#### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the sheriff of the City of St. Louis is elected. This act instead provides that a majority of the circuit and associate circuit judges of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, consisting of the City of St. Louis, shall appoint the sheriff. The sheriff is removable for cause by a majority of the judges pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court rules. The elected sheriff holding office on August 28, 2026, shall continue to hold office for the remainder of his or her term.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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