

HCS SCS SB 1220 -- SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

SPONSOR: Caskey (Sutherland)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on General Laws by a vote of 7 to 2.

This substitute increases the maximum amount of compensation that certain county officials may receive if the local salary commission decides to increase salaries and extends the assessed valuation tables upon which the salaries are based to include higher assessed values. The officers include county commissioners in all counties, except charter counties and certain counties of the first classification; recorders of deeds, county collectors, county treasurers, county auditors, part-time prosecutors, and county coroners in all counties, except charter counties; county clerks and county assessors in all counties, except those of the first classification; county treasurer ex officio collectors in third and fourth classification township counties; county sheriffs in all counties, except St. Louis, St. Charles, Jackson, Platte, Clay, and Cass counties; and public administrators in second, third, or fourth classification counties.

The assessed values used in salary schedules will not be modified due to the existence of enterprise zones or financing under Chapter 100, RSMo. Expenses incurred for the training of certain county officials must be reimbursed in the same manner as other appropriated expenses. The election authority in each county without a board of election commissioners will receive an additional \$7,500 to perform duties in compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The treasurer ex officio collectors in third and fourth classification township counties must employ at least one full-time deputy but may employ as many deputies and assistants as necessary.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that it has been several years since the maximum salaries have been adjusted. The bill attempts to maintain parity in salaries across county classifications.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Caskey; Missouri County Collectors Association; Missouri Association of County Clerks; Missouri Assessors' Association; County Commissioners Association of Missouri; Missouri Coroners and Medical Examiners Association; Missouri County Treasurers Association; Missouri Recorders Association; Missouri Sheriffs Association; Missouri Association of Public Administrators; and Darryl Kempf, Cooper County Clerk.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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