

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1644

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (118).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 473.742, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to salaries for county public administrators.

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

Section A. Section 473.742, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 473.742, to read as follows:

473.742. 1. **Except as provided in subsection 5 of this section**, each public administrator in counties of the second, third or fourth classification and in the city of St. Louis shall make a determination within thirty days after taking office whether such public administrator shall elect to receive a salary as defined herein or receive fees as may be allowed by law to executors, administrators and personal representatives. The election by the public administrator shall be made in writing to the county clerk. Should the public administrator elect to receive a salary, the public administrator's office may not then elect to change at any future time to receive fees in lieu of salary.

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

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

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

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

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.

16 (4) Twenty-six to thirty-nine letters: Salary shall be a minimum of twenty-five thousand  
17 dollars;

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

20	Assessed valuation	Salary
21	\$ 8,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$29,000
22	\$ 41,000,000 to 53,999,999	\$30,000
23	\$ 54,000,000 to 65,999,999	\$32,000
24	\$ 66,000,000 to 85,999,999	\$34,000
25	\$ 86,000,000 to 99,999,999	\$36,000
26	\$ 100,000,000 to 130,999,999	\$38,000
27	\$ 131,000,000 to 159,999,999	\$40,000
28	\$ 160,000,000 to 189,999,999	\$41,000
29	\$ 190,000,000 to 249,999,999	\$41,500
30	\$ 250,000,000 to 299,999,999	\$43,000
31	\$ 300,000,000 to 449,999,999	\$45,000
32	\$ 450,000,000 to 599,999,999	\$47,000
33	\$ 600,000,000 to 749,999,999	\$49,000
34	\$ 750,000,000 to 899,999,999	\$51,000
35	\$ 900,000,000 to 1,049,999,999	\$53,000
36	\$1,050,000,000 to 1,199,999,999	\$55,000
37	\$1,200,000,000 to 1,349,999,999	\$57,000
38	\$1,350,000,000 and over	\$59,000;

39 (6) The public administrator in the city of St. Louis shall receive a salary not less than  
40 sixty-five thousand dollars.

41 3. The initial compensation of the public administrator who elects to be put on salary  
42 shall be determined by the average number of letters for the two years preceding the term when  
43 the salary is elected. Salary increases or decreases according to the minimum schedule set forth  
44 in subsection 1 of this section shall be adjusted only after the number of open letters places the  
45 workload in a different subdivision for two consecutive years. Minimum salary increases or  
46 decreases shall only take effect upon a new term of office of the public administrator. The  
47 number of letters each year shall be determined in accordance with the reporting requirements  
48 set forth in law.

49 4. All fees collected by a public administrator [who elects to be salaried] shall be  
50 deposited in the county treasury or with the treasurer for the city of St. Louis.

51           5. [Any public administrator in a county of the first classification without a charter form  
52 of government with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants who elects to  
53 receive fees in lieu of a salary pursuant to this section may elect to join the Missouri local  
54 government employees' retirement system created pursuant to sections 70.600 to 70.755, RSMo]  
55 **Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the contrary, any public administrator**  
56 **of any county or city governed by this section who is first elected after August 28, 2006,**  
57 **shall receive a salary according to the schedule in subsection 2 of this section.**

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