

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2041

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COOPER (158).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 50.339, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to county government.

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

Section A. Section 50.339, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 50.032, 50.339, and 67.048, to read as follows:

**50.032. No county shall receive any state funds unless the county has determined, by order or ordinance, to agree to engage in mandatory mediation in any dispute regarding the portion of expenses the county shall pay in any matter involving financial expenditures by such county and another county to determine the portion of expenses each county shall be responsible for paying. Mediation under this section shall be nonbinding and independently administered. The counties shall mutually agree upon a qualified independent and neutral county commissioner of a county not involved in the dispute to serve as mediator, and shall share the costs of the mediator. If the counties cannot mutually agree upon county commissioner to serve as mediator, the matter shall be resolved by a three-person mediation panel consisting of county commissioner selected by each county, and one person selected by such selected county commissioners. In the event that a three-person mediation panel is necessary, each county shall bear the expense of its own mediator, and shall jointly and equally bear with the other county the expense of the third mediator and the mediation. The mediation shall take place within thirty days of the selection of the mediator or mediators. If the mediator issues a decision, either county may**

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 **appeal the decision to the circuit court to determine the portion of expenses each county**  
17 **shall be responsible for paying.**

50.339. 1. In any county of the first classification with more than seventy-one thousand  
2 three hundred but less than seventy-one thousand four hundred inhabitants, the salary  
3 commission at its meeting in 2003 and at any meeting held in 2004 may equalize the base salary  
4 for each office to an amount not greater than that set by law as the maximum compensation.  
5 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent offices which have additional compensation  
6 specified in law from receiving such compensation or from having such compensation added to  
7 the base compensation in excess of the equalized salary.

8 2. Notwithstanding any provision of section **50.333** or 50.343 to the contrary, in any  
9 county of the first classification with more than sixty-eight thousand six hundred but less than  
10 sixty-eight thousand seven hundred inhabitants, the salary commission may meet in the year  
11 [2004] to determine whether to equalize the base salary for the office of treasurer **and public**  
12 **administrator** with the base salaries of [other county officers at an amount not greater than the  
13 amount set as the maximum compensation in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 50.343]  
14 **the offices of auditor and recorder of deeds.**

**67.048. Any county board that receives funding from the county treasury and**  
2 **whose members are appointed by the county commission shall submit an annual report at**  
3 **the end of each fiscal year itemizing its expenditures.**

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