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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1928

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 58.095 and 58.160, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to coroners.

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

Section A. Sections 58.095 and 58.160, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 58.095, 58.160, and 58.165, to read as follows:

58.095. 1. **Beginning January 1, 2009**, the county coroner in any county, other than in a [first classification chartered] county **with a charter form of government**, shall receive an annual salary computed on a basis as set forth in the following schedule. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of coroner on January 1, [1997] **2009**:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	[\$8,000] <b>\$11,200</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[ 8,500] <b>11,900</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[ 9,000] <b>12,600</b>
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[ 9,500] <b>13,300</b>
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[10,000] <b>14,000</b>
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[11,000] <b>15,400</b>
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[12,000] <b>16,800</b>
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[13,000] <b>18,200</b>
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[14,000] <b>19,600</b>

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.

16 250,000,000 to 299,999,999 [15,000] **21,000**

17 300,000,000 or more [16,000] **22,400**

18 2. [One] **Two** thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable  
19 to the coroner only if the coroner has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction  
20 each calendar year relating to the operations of the coroner's office when approved by a  
21 professional association of the county coroners of Missouri unless exempted from the training  
22 by the professional association. The professional association approving the program shall  
23 provide a certificate of completion to each coroner who completes the training program and shall  
24 send a list of certified coroners to the treasurer of each county. Expenses incurred for attending  
25 the training session [may] **shall** be reimbursed to the county coroner in the same manner as other  
26 expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

27 3. The county coroner in any county, other than a [first classification charter] county  
28 **with a charter form of government**, shall not, except upon two-thirds vote of all the members  
29 of the salary commission, receive an annual compensation in an amount less than the total  
30 compensation being received for the office of county coroner in the particular county for services  
31 rendered or performed on the date the salary commission votes.

32 4. For the term beginning in 1997, the compensation of the coroner, in counties in which  
33 the salary commission has not voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum allowable  
34 salary, shall be a percentage of the maximum allowable salary established by this section. The  
35 percentage applied shall be the same percentage of the maximum allowable salary received or  
36 allowed, whichever is greater, to the presiding commissioner or sheriff, whichever is greater, of  
37 that county for the year beginning January 1, 1997. In those counties in which the salary  
38 commission has voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum allowable salary, the  
39 compensation of the coroner shall be based on the maximum allowable salary in effect at each  
40 time a coroner's term of office commences following the vote to pay one hundred percent of the  
41 maximum allowable compensation. Subsequent compensation shall be determined as provided  
42 in section 50.333, RSMo.

43 5. Effective January 1, [1997] **2009**, the county coroner in any county[, other than a  
44 county of the first classification with a charter form of government, may, upon the approval of  
45 the county commission,] **shall** receive additional compensation for any month during which  
46 investigations or other services are performed for three or more decedents in the same incident  
47 during such month. The additional compensation shall be an amount that when added to the  
48 regular compensation the sum shall equal the monthly compensation of the county sheriff.

58.160. 1. The coroner, in all counties in this state in which a coroner is required by  
2 section 58.010 may have a deputy. In such counties which now contain or may hereafter contain  
3 a city of seventy-five thousand inhabitants and less than two hundred thousand inhabitants, may

4 have such a number of deputies and assistants, to be recommended by the coroner and appointed  
5 by the county commission as deemed necessary for the prompt and proper discharge of the duties  
6 of his office, and such deputies and assistants shall be divided into classes as follows: Class "A",  
7 assistants or deputies; class "B", assistants or deputies; class "C", office clerks and copyists.  
8 Class "A" assistants or deputies shall be paid **a minimum of** sixteen hundred and eighty dollars  
9 per year. Class "B" assistants or deputies shall be paid **a minimum of** fifteen hundred dollars  
10 per year. Class "C" office clerks and copyists shall be paid **a minimum of** twelve hundred  
11 dollars per year.

12       **2.** All other counties shall appoint a deputy coroner, at the request of and upon the  
13 recommendation of the coroner, who may discharge all duties and exercise all powers of the  
14 coroner, and shall receive the compensation of the coroner while serving in the coroner's  
15 absence, be compensated as provided by the county commission [or serve without compensation]  
16 **with an annual minimum compensation of two thousand dollars.**

**58.165. 1.** All coroners, deputy coroners, and assistants to the coroner in all  
2 counties of this state shall be registered with the executive director of the Missouri  
3 Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association immediately after election by the people  
4 of their county or appointment by the governor, county commission, county coroner, or  
5 any other official having authorization to appoint such position but prior to discharging  
6 or exercising any duties or powers of that position.

7       **2.** All elected or appointed coroners, deputy coroners, and assistants to the coroner  
8 shall fulfill the obligations and requirements of that office within six months after election  
9 or appointment.

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