

HOUSE _____ AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 829, Page 1,
2 Section A, Line 8, by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 “66.010. 1. Any county framing and adopting a charter for its own government under the
4 provisions of section 18, article VI of the constitution of this state, may prosecute and punish violations of
5 its county ordinances in the circuit court of such counties in the manner and to the extent herein provided
6 or in a county municipal court. In addition, the county may prosecute and punish municipal ordinance
7 violations in the county municipal court pursuant to a contract with any municipality within the county.
8 Any county municipal court established pursuant to the provisions of this section shall have jurisdiction
9 over violations of that county's ordinances and the ordinances of municipalities with which the county has
10 a contract to prosecute and punish violations of municipal ordinances of the city. Costs and procedures in
11 any such county municipal court shall be governed by the provisions of law relating to municipal
12 ordinance violations in municipal divisions of circuit courts.

13 2. In any county which has elected to establish a county municipal court pursuant to this section,
14 the judges for such court shall be appointed by the county executive of such county, subject to
15 confirmation by the legislative body of such county in the same manner as confirmation for other county
16 appointed officers. The number of judges appointed, and qualifications for their appointment, shall be
17 established by ordinance of the county.

18 3. The number of divisions of such county municipal court and its term shall be established by
19 ordinance of the county.

20 4. Except in any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred
21 thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, the ordinance of the county shall provide for
22 regular sessions of court in the evening hours after 6:00 p.m. and at locations outside the county seat. In
23 any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than
24 seven hundred thousand inhabitants, the ordinance of the county may provide for regular sessions of court
25 in the evening hours after 6:00 p.m. and at locations outside the county seat.

26 5. Judges of the county municipal court shall be licensed to practice law in this state and shall be
27 residents of the county in which they serve. Municipal court judges shall not accept or handle cases in
28 their practice of law which are inconsistent with their duties as a municipal court judge and full-time
29 municipal judges shall not be a judge or prosecutor for any other court.

30 6. Whenever any judge of the county municipal court shall become temporarily ill or otherwise
31 unavailable, any county municipal court judge may appoint an acting county municipal court judge to take
32 his or her place on a temporary basis. The acting county municipal court judge appointed shall be a
33 person who already serves as a municipal court judge within the same judicial circuit. The provisions of

1 subsection 5 of this section shall not apply to acting county municipal court judges.

2 7. In establishing the county municipal court, provisions shall be made for appropriate
3 circumstances whereby defendants may enter not guilty pleas and obtain trial dates by telephone or
4 written communication without personal appearance, or to plead guilty and deliver by mail or electronic
5 transfer or other approved method the specified amount of the fine and costs as otherwise provided by
6 law, within a specified period of time.

7 [7.] 8. In a county municipal court established pursuant to this section, the county may provide by
8 ordinance for court costs not to exceed the sum which may be provided by municipalities for municipal
9 violations before municipal courts. The county municipal judge may assess costs against a defendant who
10 pleads guilty or is found guilty except in those cases where the defendant is found by the judge to be
11 indigent and unable to pay the costs. The costs authorized in this subsection are in addition to service
12 costs, witness fees and jail costs that may otherwise be authorized to be assessed, but are in lieu of other
13 court or judge costs or fees. Such costs shall be collected by the authorized clerk and deposited into the
14 county treasury.

15 [8.] 9. Provisions shall be made for recording of proceedings, except that if such proceedings are
16 not recorded, then, in that event, a person aggrieved by a judgment of a traffic judge or commissioner shall
17 have the right of a trial de novo. The procedures for perfecting the right of a trial de novo shall be the
18 same as that provided under sections 512.180 to 512.320, RSMo, except that the provisions of subsection
19 2 of section 512.180, RSMo, shall not apply to such cases. In the event that such proceedings are
20 recorded, all final decisions of the county municipal court shall be appealable on such record to the
21 appellate court with appropriate jurisdiction.

22 [9.] 10. Any person charged with the violation of a county ordinance in a county which has
23 established a county municipal court under the provisions of this section shall, upon request, be entitled to
24 a trial by jury before a county municipal court judge. Any jury trial shall be heard with a record being
25 made.

26 [10.] 11. In the event that a court is established pursuant to this section, the circuit judges of the
27 judicial circuit with jurisdiction within that county may authorize the judges of the county municipal court
28 to act as commissioners to hear in the first instance nonfelony violations of state law involving motor
29 vehicles as provided by local rule.”; and

30 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
31 accordingly.