

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 843

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGAUGH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 50.740, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county budgets.

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

Section A. Section 50.740, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 50.740, to read as follows:

50.740. 1. It is hereby made the first duty of the county commission in counties of classes three and four at its regular January term to go over the estimates and revise and amend the same in such way as to promote efficiency and economy in county government. The commission may alter or change any estimate as public interest may require and to balance the budget, first giving the person preparing supporting data an opportunity to be heard. After the county commission shall have revised the estimate it shall be the duty of the clerk of said commission forthwith to enter such revised estimate on the record of the said commission and the commission shall forthwith enter thereon its approval.

2. The county clerk shall within five days after the date of approval of such budget estimate file a certified copy thereof with the county treasurer, taking a receipt therefor, and he shall also forward a certified copy thereof to the state auditor by registered mail **or by electronic means under subsection 4 of this section**. The county treasurer shall not pay nor enter protest on any warrant except payroll for the current year until such budget estimate shall have been so filed. If any county treasurer shall pay or enter for protest any warrant except payroll before the budget estimate shall have been filed, as by sections 50.525 to 50.745 provided, the county treasurer shall be liable on the official bond for such act. Immediately upon receipt of the

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.

17 estimated budget the state auditor shall send to the county clerk the receipt therefor by registered
18 mail **or by electronic means under subsection 4 of this section.**

19 3. Any order of the county commission of any county authorizing or directing the
20 issuance of any warrant contrary to any provision of this law shall be void and of no binding
21 force or effect; and any county clerk, county treasurer, or other officer participating in the
22 issuance or payment of any such warrant shall be liable therefor upon the official bond.

23 **4. For the purposes of fulfilling their respective requirements under subsection 2**
24 **of this section, the county clerk and state auditor may correspond with the other by email**
25 **or other electronic system established by the state auditor for that purpose.**

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