

SS SCS SB 568 -- COUNTY OFFICIALS' SALARIES

SPONSOR: Cunningham

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 6 to 1 and 1 present.

This bill modifies provisions relating to salaries of county officials.

This bill provides that a county salary commission may increase the base salaries of all county office holders, other than the sheriff and full-time prosecutor, by up to \$2,000, as the increase in pay applies to all such positions.

The salary of the county sheriff may have a base increase of up to \$6,000 subject to the approval of the county salary commission.

Currently, salary commissions may only meet in odd-numbered years. This bill authorizes a commission to meet in even-numbered years.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill gives the county salary commission the authority to raise salaries of county officials a set amount but does not mandate that it do so. These decisions should be made locally.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Cunningham; Roye Cole; and the Missouri Sheriff's Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.