

HB 2542 -- APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFFS' DEPUTIES

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Currently, the sheriff of certain counties is required to appoint deputies, assistants, and other employees the sheriff deems necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of the office. This bill adds the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis to the sheriffs required to appoint such deputies, assistants, and employees.

The sheriff in second class counties is required to appoint deputies, but such appointments do not, currently, become effective until they have been approved by a majority of the circuit judges of the circuit court of the county. This bill repeals the provision requiring such approval. A statement regarding how many deputies a sheriff is allowed, as well as what the deputies' compensation will be, must be in writing and signed by at least a majority of the circuit judges of the county. A majority of the circuit judges of the circuit court in a county of the third or fourth class determine to how many deputies and assistants a sheriff in such a county is entitled.