

HB 2588 -- COUNTY OFFICIALS

SPONSOR: Reedy

COUNTY CORONERS (Sections 50.327, 58.095, and 58.200)

Currently, a raise is authorized for county coroners in counties of the second classification. The bill changes the authorization to apply to all non-charter counties. This bill provides that the salary commission of any third class county may amend the base salary schedules as provided by law for the computation of salaries for county officials to include assessed valuation factors in excess of \$300 million dollars, provided that the percentage of any adjustments must be equal for all county officials in that county. The bill also authorizes a coroner who is acting as sheriff under the law, to receive a salary equivalent to the sheriff's salary while acting as such.

COUNTY AUDITOR (Section 55.160)

In counties of the first and second classification, the county auditor is authorized to have access to and the ability to audit and examine claims of every kind and character for which a county officer has a fiduciary duty.

BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF (Section 57.317)

Excludes the sheriff of Boone County from the requirement that sheriffs in counties of the first and second classification receive an annual salary equal to 80% of the compensation of an associate circuit judge of the county.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX AUCTIONS (Sections 140.170 and 140.190)

This bill allows a county collector to hold an auction of lands with delinquent property taxes through electronic media, including the internet, at the same time as the auction is held in person.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS (Section 473.742)

The bill provides that if a public administrator is appointed by the court as both a guardian and a conservator to the same ward or protectee, it will be considered two letters. Upon majority approval of the county salary commission, a public administrator may be paid according to the assessed valuation schedule set forth in the bill. If the salary commission elects to pay a public administrator according to the salary schedule it cannot thereafter change to paying the public administrator according to the average number of open letters. Beginning January 1, 2024, public

administrators whose terms start on or after that date shall be deemed to have elected to receive a salary as provided in the bill.

This bill is similar to SB 1363 (2024), and CCS SS SCS HCS HB 1606 (2022).