

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0670H.01P
Bill No.: Perfected HB 1122
Subject: County Officials; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Medical
Procedures and Personnel; Public Officers; Salaries
Type: Original
Date: March 27, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal changes provisions relating to county coroners.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	Unknown to (Unknown)	Unknown to (Unknown)	Unknown to (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§58.030, 58.095, 58.097, 58.200, 58.208, 193.145 & 193.265 – County Coroners

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Office of the State Auditor** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

In response to the previous version, officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Office of the State Treasurer**, the **Phelps County Sheriff's Office**, and the **Sheriff's Retirement System** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight notes §58.095.2 adds an additional compensation of \$2,000 to the deputy coroner and assistants to complete at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year. Oversight is unaware of the number of deputies and assistants for each non-charter county on staff that this provision would apply to. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will reflect a \$0 to unknown cost for this section of the proposal.

Oversight notes §58.095.2(2) adds language regarding §58.208.1(2). Oversight notes (c) of this section does not exist within the current statute.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary in §58.200. Should the sheriff's position become vacant and the county coroner becomes acting sheriff until the position is filled, the salary of the coroner should be increased by the difference between the sheriff's salary and the coroner's salary. Oversight assumes this would occur on an infrequent basis and would have

a minimal fiscal impact on counties. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this section.

Oversight assumes §58.208.1 is changing the name of the Missouri Coroners' Training Fund (0846) and it will remain the same fund and have no fiscal impact. The ending balance in the fund as of December 31, 2024 was \$906,906. Subsection 1 of this section also adds additional language on how the funds will be utilized. Subsection 4 of this section allows for a professional association of the county coroners of Missouri to establish a grant program for 2nd, 3rd and 4th class counties and apply for awards of money for not more than \$500. Should this be enabled by an association, this could generate additional income for those counties. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a potential revenue of \$0 or unknown for this section of the proposal.

House Amendment #1

Oversight assumes this amendment restores §58.095.1 back to what is currently in statute and will therefore result in no fiscal impact to the current salary chart for coroners. Oversight also assumes this amendment restores §58.095.2 (1) on salaries authorized for training from \$2,000 to \$1,000. The \$1,000 amount that is authorized for training is currently in statute. However, this section keeps the training reimbursement for deputy coroners and assistants. Therefore, Oversight will continue to reflect the fiscal impact of \$0 to an unknown cost for this section of the amendment.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other counties, county circuit clerks, sheriff departments, the City of St. Louis and the Daviess County Coroner were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
COUNTY CORONERS' FUNDS			
<u>Revenue</u> – possible award money from grant programs from associations (§58.095.4)	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Cost</u> – compensation for deputies and assistants for training annually (§58.095.2)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY CORONERS' FUNDS	<u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u>	<u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u>	<u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal modifies provisions relating to county coroners.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator
 Department of Commerce and Insurance
 Department of Health and Senior Services
 Office of the State Treasurer
 Phelps County Sheriff's Office

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