

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1559H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 529  
Subject: Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Saint Louis City  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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

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

- ☐ 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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(More or Less than \$1,666,667)</b>	<b>(More or Less than \$2,000,000)</b>	<b>(More or Less than \$2,000,000)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §§57.010 & 57.530 – Sheriff of the City of St. Louis

In response to similar legislation from this year, SB 192, officials from the **Sheriff's Retirement System** assumed the impact is unknown at this time. The sheriff department identified in this legislation is part of the retirement system and benefits are determined based on the salary. This legislation sets the minimum salary for the sheriff not the maximum. Once the salary is known, an impact could be calculated.

**Oversight** does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the unknown estimate as provided by the Sheriff's Retirement System.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (Office of the Director)** and the **Office of the Secretary of State** 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 similar legislation from 2024, Perfected SB 1363, officials from the **City of St. Louis** assumed this proposal would fix the compensation for Sheriff's deputies within the City of St. Louis to be no less than \$50,000 annually. Based on the number of deputies and salaries included in the FY24 budget this would increase costs of the Sheriff's department by an estimated \$2.0M per year including pay and benefits. The FY24 budget for the Sheriff authorizes 170 total positions. Of this total there are budgeted 151 deputies with an average salary of \$39,333. The differential between this average salary and the \$50,000 is \$10,667. Multiply this amount by the 151 positions and the total increase in salaries would amount to \$1.6M. Adding fringe benefits (social security, life insurance, pension, etc.) would bring total costs to just over \$2M per year.

**Oversight** does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the City of St. Louis.

<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
<b>ST. LOUIS CITY SHERIFF OFFICE FUNDS</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - §§57.010 & 57.530 – to increase deputy salaries to \$50k per year	<u>(More or Less than \$1,666,667)</u>	<u>(More or Less than \$2,000,000)</u>	<u>(More or Less than \$2,000,000)</u>
<u>Cost</u> – Sheriff’s Retirement System - proportional increase in fringe benefit costs with an increase in salary for St. Louis City Sheriff Deputies §§57.010 & 57.530	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ST. LOUIS CITY SHERIFF OFFICE FUNDS</b>	<u><b>(More or Less than \$1,666,667)</b></u>	<u><b>(More or Less than \$2,000,000)</b></u>	<u><b>(More or Less than \$2,000,000)</b></u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

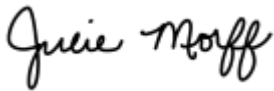
Currently, sheriffs other than the sheriffs of the City of St. Louis and of St. Louis County are required to hold a valid peace officer license to be eligible to hold the office of sheriff. This bill repeals the provision excluding the sheriff of the City of St. Louis, thus requiring him or her to have a valid peace officer license to qualify to be sheriff.

The bill also requires the annual compensation for sheriffs' deputies in the City of St. Louis to be at least \$50,000, and it requires the sheriff to fix the compensation for deputy assistants.

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

Sheriff's Retirement System  
Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director  
Office of the Secretary of State  
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