

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5057S.04T  
 Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SS for SCS for HB 1825  
 Subject: Attorneys; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Counties; County Officials; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Political Subdivisions  
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Bill Summary: This proposal removes the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff from the county salary commission.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$1,083,443)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$1,278,412)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$1,278,412)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §48.020 – Classification of Counties

**Oversight** assumes this provision allows 4<sup>th</sup> class counties who would move to a 3<sup>rd</sup> class county to remain as a 4<sup>th</sup> class county and operate through December 31, 2030. Oversight assumes no fiscal impact from this provision.

#### §§49.082, 50.327, 50.334, 51.281, 52.269, 53.082, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091 and 58.095 – Minimum Salary Base Amounts for Certain Non-Charter County Officials

In response to similar legislation, HCS for HB 3496 (2026), officials from the **Christian County Auditor's Office (CCA)** assumed a cost impact of \$110,500 from this proposal.

**Oversight** will reflect a \$0 or unknown cost for county officials that could exceed \$108,600 (as estimated by the Christian County Auditor's Office – not including the public administrator).

Oversight notes the county officials in these sections that begin a term after August 28, 2026, shall receive an annual salary computed as set forth in the provisions of these sections. Oversight notes this proposal includes all officials (including St. Louis City, charter and non-charter 1<sup>st</sup> class counties) who are elected after August 28, 2026. Oversight does not have the information to determine how many counties would increase salaries for the various positions in this proposal. However, Oversight assumes no increase in salaries would take place without the approval by the salary commission.

#### §50.333 – Removal of Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff from the County Salary Commission

**Oversight** assumes this provision allows the prosecuting attorney and sheriff of Boone County to remain as members of the Salary Commission. This provision also adds any county that utilizes assistant prosecuting attorneys to also be members of the Salary Commission. Oversight assumes no fiscal impact for this provision.

#### §56.265 – Compensation for Prosecuting Attorneys

**Oversight** notes the provisions of §56.265.1(1) state a full-time prosecuting attorney of a charter, first or second class county, or of a city not within a county shall receive a compensation of 100% of a circuit judge salary (\$182,427). There are five charter counties, thirteen 1<sup>st</sup> class counties and three 2<sup>nd</sup> class counties along with the City of St. Louis.

Oversight notes the provisions of §56.265.1(2) state a full-time prosecuting attorney of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class counties shall receive compensation equal to 100% of an associate circuit judge or (\$167,833). There are 89 3<sup>rd</sup> class counties and four 4<sup>th</sup> class counties.

Oversight notes a part-time prosecuting attorney shall receive compensation equal to 30-60% of an associate circuit judge or (\$50,350 to \$100,700).

Oversight does not have the information to determine which counties have full-time or part-time prosecuting attorneys on staff and what their current salaries are. Therefore, Oversight will show a \$0 or unknown cost for prosecuting attorneys in local political subdivisions for this proposal.

#### §473.742 – Salaries of Public Administrators

**Oversight** notes each county has a public administrator (PA), including the City of St. Louis. Oversight also notes that, currently, an incoming public administrator may elect to receive a salary or receive fees as may be allowed by law. Under terms of this proposal, every public administrator with 40 or more letters who begins a term after August 28, 2026, shall receive an annual salary as provided in this section. Oversight assumes this proposal would potentially increase the salaries in certain counties based on assessed valuation.

Using information gathered from various websites, Oversight was able to access salary information for several county public administrators. Oversight calculated the difference between the new base salary that will be used for PAs after August 28, 2026 and the PAs current salaries. Based on the calculation, Oversight assumes there could be salary increases collectively exceeding \$1,044,382. Adding additional payroll taxes and workers' compensation would yield a potential cost that could exceed \$1,169,812 and Oversight will reflect this amount in the fiscal note for this proposal.

**Oversight** notes the county public administrators in this section that begin a term after August 28, 2026, shall receive an annual salary computed as set forth in the provisions of these sections. Oversight notes this proposal includes all county public administrators (including St. Louis City, charter and non-charter 1<sup>st</sup> class counties) who are elected after August 28, 2026.

Oversight notes §58.095 is included in the salary adjustments under the provisions of §50.327 of this proposal. While §58.095.1 of this proposal is being changed to reflect the adjustment reference to subsection 4 and not 3, Oversight assumes subsection 1 and 2 that reflect salary increases based on increased assessed values and anniversary dates of county officials will not apply to §58.095.

Oversight notes in §50.327, no salary adjustment after August 28, 2026, shall decrease the current salary of any officials in §§49.082, 50.327, 50.334, 51.281, 52.269, 53.082, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, 58.095 and 473.742. To the extent that the salary of any official exceeds the amount set forth in the salary schedule (after August 28, 2026) of these sections, shall only be increased as a result of further increases to assessed value as provided in these sections. Salaries shall also be adjusted each year on the anniversary date of each official's current term based on the provisions of §50.327.2. Oversight does not have information to determine what those

increases would be, therefore, Oversight will reflect an unknown cost beginning in FY28 and each year thereafter.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri Department of Conservation, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, State Tax Commission, Phelps County Sheriff’s Office** and the **South River Drainage District** 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.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other counties, county recorders, county assessors, county auditors, county collectors, county prosecutors, county treasurers, county public administrators, sheriffs and levee districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Cost – County Officials (§§49.082, 50.334 51.281, 52.269, 53.082, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091 and 58.095) Potential salary adjustment increases p.3</u>	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$108,600)	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$108,600)	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$108,600)
<u>Cost – County Officials (§50.327) Potential salary increases on anniversary date p.4-5</u>	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost – (§56.265) To counties to supplement 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class counties salaries for prosecuting attorneys p.4</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost – County Public Administrators (§473.742) Potential salary increases p.4</u>	\$0 or (Could exceed \$974,843)	\$0 or (Could exceed \$1,169,812)	\$0 or (Could exceed \$1,169,812)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$1,083,443)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$1,278,412)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$1,278,412)</b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that all fourth class counties that would otherwise become third class counties on January 1, 2027, will remain fourth class counties until December 31, 2030 (Section 48.020, RSMo).

Every noncharter county has a salary commission, the members of which are specified in state statute. This bill removes the county prosecuting attorney and county sheriff from the list of members of the salary commission, except in Boone County, where the prosecuting attorney and sheriff will remain on the salary commission.

The bill makes part-time prosecuting attorneys members of the salary commission in any county that utilizes them (Section 50.333).

The bill increases the statutory salary schedules for various county officials. The salary increase will affect all terms beginning after August 28, 2026. Certain salary schedules will be adjusted each year based on a calculation provided in the bill.

County officials included are county commissioners, county recorders of deeds, county clerks, county collectors, county assessors, county treasurers, county collector-treasurers, county auditors, and county public administrators (Sections 49.082, 50.327, 50.334, 51.281, 52.269, 53.082, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, 58.095, and 473.742).

This bill modifies the compensation of county prosecuting attorneys. Full-time prosecuting attorneys of charter, first, and second class counties, or of a city not within a county, will receive compensation equal to 100% of the compensation of a circuit judge. Full-time prosecuting attorneys of third and fourth class counties will receive compensation equal to 100% of the compensation of an associate circuit judge, or upon approval by a majority of the county commission, the prosecuting attorney will receive compensation equal to 95% of the compensation of the circuit judge. Part-time prosecuting attorneys will receive compensation equal to between 30% and 60% of the compensation of an associate circuit judge. No prosecuting attorney who has held the office of prosecuting attorney prior to January 1, 2027, will have their compensation lowered by the implementation of the compensation procedures of this bill, nor will any prosecuting attorney have their compensation lowered during their tenure of office.

The bill also allows a county with a vacancy in the office of prosecuting attorney for more than 60 days to, upon a unanimous vote of the county commission of that county and the commission of a contiguous county, establish a cooperative regional prosecuting attorney's office. The prosecuting attorney of the contiguous county will then become the prosecuting attorney of the county with a vacancy until a new prosecuting attorney is appointed or elected in the county. Such regional prosecuting attorneys will be compensated as full-time prosecuting attorneys. No two counties that each have sitting prosecuting attorneys will be permitted to consolidate in the manner described in this bill (Section 56.265).

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

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