

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 605
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government, March 4, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 48.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county classification, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 48.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 48.020, to read as follows:

48.020. 1. All counties of this state are hereby classified, for the purpose of establishing organization and powers in accordance with the provisions of section 8, article VI, Constitution of Missouri, into four classifications determined as follows:

Classification 1. All counties having an assessed valuation of **[six] eight** hundred million dollars and over shall automatically be in the first classification after that county has maintained such valuation for the time period required by section 48.030; however, any county of the second classification which, on August 13, 1988, has had an assessed valuation of at least four hundred million dollars for at least one year may, by resolution of the governing body of the county, elect to be classified as a county of the first classification after it has maintained such valuation for the period of time required by the provisions of section 48.030.

Classification 2. All counties having an assessed valuation of **[four] six** hundred **[fifty]** million dollars and less than the assessed valuation necessary for that county to be in the first classification shall automatically be in the second classification after that county has maintained such valuation for the time period required by section 48.030.

Classification 3. All counties having an assessed valuation of less than

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 the assessed valuation necessary for that county to be in the second classification
20 shall automatically be in the third classification.

21 Classification 4. All counties which have attained the second
22 classification prior to August 13, 1988, and which would otherwise return to the
23 third classification after August 13, 1988, because of changes in assessed
24 valuation shall remain a county in the second classification and shall operate
25 under the laws of this state applying to the second classification.

26 **2. The required assessed valuation for each classification under**
27 **subsection 1 of this section shall be increased annually by an amount**
28 **equal to the percentage change in the annual average of the Consumer**
29 **Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) or zero, whichever is**
30 **greater. The state tax commission shall calculate and publish this**
31 **amount so that it is available to all counties.**

Section B. To ensure the continuation of efficient and proper
2 administration of county government, the repeal and reenactment of section A of
3 this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health,
4 welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within
5 the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section A of
6 this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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