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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KEAVENY.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 57.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the appointment of sheriffs in the city of St. Louis.

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

Section A. Section 57.010, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted  
2 in lieu thereof, to be known as section 57.010, to read as follows:

57.010. 1. At the general election to be held in 1948, and at each general  
2 election held every four years thereafter, the voters in every county in this state  
3 shall elect some suitable person sheriff. No person shall be eligible for the office  
4 of sheriff who has been convicted of a felony. Such person shall be a resident  
5 taxpayer and elector of said county, shall have resided in said county for more  
6 than one whole year next before filing for said office and shall be a person capable  
7 of efficient law enforcement. When any person shall be elected sheriff, such  
8 person shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of such person's office as chief  
9 law enforcement officer of that county on the first day of January next succeeding  
10 said election.

11 2. No person shall be eligible for the office of sheriff who does not hold a  
12 valid peace officer license pursuant to chapter 590. Any person filing for the  
13 office of sheriff shall have a valid peace officer license at the time of filing for  
14 office. This subsection shall not apply to the sheriff of any county of the first  
15 classification with a charter form of government with a population over nine  
16 hundred thousand or of any city not within a county.

17 3. **The sheriff of the city of St. Louis shall be appointed by a**  
18 **majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit judges of the**  
19 **twenty-second judicial circuit, en banc. The sheriff in such circuit shall**  
20 **be removable for cause by a majority of the circuit judges and associate**

21 circuit judges of such circuit, en banc, in accordance with supreme  
22 court administrative rules governing court personnel. Such sheriff  
23 shall meet the same qualifications and requirements specified in  
24 subsection 1 of this section for elected sheriffs. The elected sheriff  
25 holding office on August 28, 2015, shall continue to hold such office for  
26 the remainder of his or her term. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
27 section 57.080 to the contrary, should a vacancy occur from any cause  
28 in the office of sheriff of the city of St. Louis during the remainder of  
29 the current term of the elected sheriff, the vacancy shall be filled by  
30 appointment by a majority of the circuit judges and associate circuit  
31 judges of the twenty-second judicial circuit, en banc.

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