

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 1220

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CASKEY.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 52.269, 53.082, 54.261, 54.320, and 58.095, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections relating to maximum allowable compensation for certain county officials.

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

Section A. Sections 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 52.269, 53.082, 54.261, 54.320, and 58.095, RSMo, are repealed and eight new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 52.269, 53.082, 54.261, 54.320, and 58.095, to read as follows:

50.334. 1. In all counties, except counties of the first classification having a charter form of government and counties of the first classification not having a charter form of government and not containing any part of a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, each recorder of deeds, if the recorder's office is separate from that of the circuit clerk, shall receive as total compensation for all services performed by the recorder, except as provided pursuant to section 50.333, an annual salary which shall be computed on an assessed valuation basis as set forth in the following schedule. The assessed valuation factor shall be the amount thereof as computed for the year next preceding the computation. The county recorder of deeds whose office is separate from that of the circuit clerk in any county, other than a county of the first classification having a charter form of government or a county of the first classification not having a charter form of government and not containing any part of a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, shall not, except upon two-thirds vote of all the members of the salary commission, receive an annual compensation in an amount less than the total compensation being received for the office of county recorder of deeds in the particular county for services rendered or performed on January 1, [1997] **2004**.

Assessed Valuation

Salary

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

\$ 8,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$[29,000]	<b>36,540</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[30,000]	<b>37,800</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[32,000]	<b>40,320</b>
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[34,000]	<b>42,840</b>
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[36,000]	<b>45,360</b>
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[38,000]	<b>47,880</b>
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[40,000]	<b>50,400</b>
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[41,000]	<b>51,660</b>
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[41,500]	<b>52,290</b>
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	[43,000]	<b>54,180</b>
300,000,000 [or more] to <b>310,999,999</b>	[45,000]	<b>56,700</b>
<b>311,000,000 to 330,999,999</b>		<b>58,200</b>
<b>331,000,000 to 359,999,999</b>		<b>59,700</b>
<b>360,000,000 to 389,999,999</b>		<b>61,200</b>
<b>390,000,000 to 449,999,999</b>		<b>62,700</b>
<b>450,000,000 to 499,999,999</b>		<b>64,200</b>
<b>500,000,000 to 549,999,999</b>		<b>65,700</b>
<b>550,000,000 or more</b>		<b>67,200</b>

2. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to the recorder only if he has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the recorder's office when approved by a professional association of the county recorders of deeds of Missouri unless exempted from the training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program shall provide a certificate of completion to each recorder who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified recorders to the treasurer of each county. Expenses incurred for attending the training session shall be reimbursed to the county recorder in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

50.343. 1. Other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, in any first classification nonchartered county, including any county containing any part of a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, the annual salary of a county recorder of deeds, clerk, auditor, county commissioner, collector, treasurer, assessor or salaried public administrator may be computed on an assessed valuation basis as set forth in the following schedule except as provided in subsection 2 of this section. The assessed valuation factor shall be the amount thereof as shown for the year next preceding the computation. The provisions of this section shall not permit a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid on January 1, [1997] **2004**, for any of the offices subject to this section on January 1, [1997] **2004**.

(1) For a recorder of deeds, clerk, auditor, presiding commissioner, collector,

treasurer, assessor, or salaried public administrator:

	Assessed Valuation	Salary
[	\$ 450,000,001 to 600,000,000	\$47,000
	600,000,001 to 750,000,000	49,000
	750,000,001 to 900,000,000	51,000
	900,000,001 to 1,050,000,000	53,000
	1,050,000,001 to 1,200,000,000	55,000
	1,200,000,001 to 1,350,000,000	57,000
	1,350,000,000 and over	59,000]
\$	<b>450,000,000 to 499,999,999</b>	..... <b>\$64,200</b>
	<b>500,000,000 to 649,999,999</b>	..... <b>65,700</b>
	<b>650,000,000 to 799,999,999</b>	..... <b>67,200</b>
	<b>800,000,000 to 949,999,999</b>	<b>68,700</b>
	<b>950,000,000 to 1,099,999,999</b>	<b>70,200</b>
	<b>1,100,000,000 to 1,249,999,999</b>	<b>71,700</b>
	<b>1,250,000,000 to 1,399,999,999</b>	<b>73,200</b>
	<b>1,400,000,000 to 1,549,999,999</b>	<b>74,700</b>
	<b>1,550,000,000 to 1,699,999,999</b>	<b>76,200</b>
	<b>1,700,000,000 to 1,849,999,999</b>	<b>77,700</b>
	<b>1,850,000,000 to 1,999,999,999</b>	<b>79,200</b>
	<b>2,000,000,000 and over</b>	<b>80,700</b>

(2) Presiding commissioners shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars more than the salary received by the associate commissioners.

2. After December 31, 1990, in any county of the second classification which becomes a first classification county without a charter form of government, the annual compensation of county recorder of deeds, clerk, auditor, county commissioner, collector, treasurer, assessor and the public administrator in counties where the public administrator is paid a salary under the provisions of section 473.740, RSMo, may be set at the option of the salary commission. On or before October first of the year immediately prior to the beginning of the county fiscal year following the general election after the certification by the state equalizing agency that the county possesses an assessed valuation placing it in first classification status, the salary commission shall meet for the purpose of setting compensation for such county **offices or** officials and such compensation shall be payable immediately except that no compensation of any **county office or** county official shall be reduced and the compensation of presiding county commissioners in any of such counties shall be two thousand dollars more than the compensation paid to the associate commissioners in that county. Thereafter in all such counties the salary commission shall meet for the purpose of setting the compensation of the **offices or** officers in this subsection who will be elected at the next general election,

and such compensation shall be payable upon the beginning of the next term of office of such **offices or** officers; except that, no compensation of any **office or** officer shall be reduced and the compensation of presiding county commissioners in any of such counties shall be two thousand dollars more than the compensation paid to the associate commissioners in that county. Two thousand dollars of the compensation established under the procedures authorized pursuant to this subsection shall be payable to a county officer only if the officer has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction in the operation of the office in the same manner as provided by law for **the offices and** officers subject to the provisions of section 50.333. At the salary commission meeting which establishes the percentage rate to be applied to **the county offices or** officers during the next term of office, the salary commission may authorize the further adjustment of such officers' compensation as a cost-of-living component and effective January first of each year, the compensation for county **offices or** officers may be adjusted by the county commission, not to exceed the percentage increase given to the other county employees.

3. Other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, at the option of a majority of the county salary commission members, the salary of associate commissioners of a county of the first classification without a charter form of government with a population of at least eighty-two thousand but not more than eighty-five thousand inhabitants may be set at no more than sixty-five percent of the amount on the salary schedule for the county affected.

51.281. 1. The county clerk in any county, other than in a first classification county, shall receive an annual salary computed as set forth in the following schedule. The assessed valuation factor shall be the amount thereof as shown for the year next preceding the computation. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of clerk on January 1, [1997] **2004**.

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$[29,000] <b>36,540</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[30,000] <b>37,800</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[32,000] <b>40,320</b>
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[34,000] <b>42,840</b>
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[36,000] <b>45,360</b>
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[38,000] <b>47,880</b>
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[40,000] <b>50,400</b>
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[41,000] <b>51,660</b>
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[41,500] <b>52,290</b>
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	[43,000] <b>54,180</b>
300,000,000 [or more] to <b>310,999,999</b>	[45,000] <b>56,700</b>
<b>311,000,000 to 330,999,999</b>	<b>58,200</b>

<b>331,000,000 to 359,999,999</b>	<b>59,700</b>
<b>360,000,000 to 389,999,999</b>	<b>61,200</b>
<b>390,000,000 to 449,999,999</b>	<b>62,700</b>
<b>450,000,000 to 499,999,999</b>	<b>64,200</b>
<b>500,000,000 to 549,999,999</b>	<b>65,700</b>
<b>550,000,000 or more</b>	<b>67,200</b>

2. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to the clerk only if the clerk has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the clerk's office when approved by a professional association of the county clerks of Missouri unless exempted from the training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program shall provide a certificate of completion to each clerk who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified clerks to the treasurer of each county. Expenses incurred for attending the training session [may] shall be reimbursed to the county clerk in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

3. [The county clerk may retain any fees to which he is entitled for services performed in the issuance of fish and game licenses or permits.

4.] The county clerk in any county, other than a first classification charter county or a first classification county not having a charter form of government and not containing any part of a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, shall not, except upon two-thirds vote of all the members of the salary commission, receive an annual compensation in an amount less than the total compensation being received for the office of county clerk in the particular county for services rendered or performed on the date the salary commission votes.

52.269. 1. In all counties, except first classification counties having a charter form of government and first classification counties not having a charter form of government and not containing any part of a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, the county collector shall receive an annual salary which shall be paid in equal monthly installments by the county. The salary shall be computed on an assessed valuation basis as provided in this subsection. The assessed valuation factor shall be the amount as shown for the year next preceding the annual salary computation. A county collector subject to the provisions of this section shall not receive an annual compensation less than the total compensation being received by the county collector in that county for services rendered or performed for the period beginning March 1, 1987, and ending February 29, 1988. The county collector shall receive the same percentage adjustments provided by the county salary commissions for county officers in that county pursuant to section 50.333, RSMo. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of county collector on January 1, [1997] 2004, or less

than the total compensation being received for the services rendered or performed for the period beginning March 1, 1987, and ending February 29, 1988. The salary shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$[29,000] <b>36,540</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[30,000] <b>37,800</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[32,000] <b>40,320</b>
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[34,000] <b>42,840</b>
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[36,000] <b>45,360</b>
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[38,000] <b>47,880</b>
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[40,000] <b>50,400</b>
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[41,000] <b>51,660</b>
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[41,500] <b>52,290</b>
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	[43,000] <b>54,180</b>
300,000,000 [or more] <b>310,999,999</b>	[45,000] <b>56,700</b>
<b>311,000,000 to 330,999,999</b>	<b>58,200</b>
<b>331,000,000 to 359,999,999</b>	<b>59,700</b>
<b>360,000,000 to 389,999,999</b>	<b>61,200</b>
<b>390,000,000 to 449,999,999</b>	<b>62,700</b>
<b>450,000,000 to 499,999,999</b>	<b>64,200</b>
<b>500,000,000 to 549,999,999</b>	<b>65,700</b>
<b>550,000,000 or more</b>	<b>67,200</b>

2. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to the collector only if the collector has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the collector's office when approved by a professional association of the county collectors of Missouri unless exempted from the training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program shall provide a certificate of completion to each collector who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified collectors to the treasurer of each county. Expenses incurred for attending the training session [may] **shall** be reimbursed to the county collector in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

3. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any fee provided for in section 52.250 or 52.275, when collected on ditch and levee taxes, shall not be collected on behalf of the county and deposited into the county general revenue fund. Such fee shall be retained by the collector as compensation for his services, in addition to any amount provided for such collector in this section. Any fee which may be retained by the collector under the terms of such contract may be retained in addition to all other compensation provided by law.

4. Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, after the next general election

following January 1, 1988, all fees collected by the collector shall be collected on behalf of the county and deposited in the county general revenue fund.

53.082. 1. The county assessor in any county, other than in a first classification county, shall receive an annual salary computed as set forth in the following schedule provided in this subsection. The assessed valuation factor shall be the amount thereof as shown for the year next preceding the computation. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of assessor on September 1, [1997] **2005**.

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	[\$29,000] <b>36,540</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[30,000] <b>37,800</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[32,000] <b>40,320</b>
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[34,000] <b>42,840</b>
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[36,000] <b>45,360</b>
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[38,000] <b>47,880</b>
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[40,000] <b>50,400</b>
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[41,000] <b>51,660</b>
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[41,500] <b>52,290</b>
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	[43,000] <b>54,180</b>
300,000,000 [or more] to <b>310,999,999</b>	[45,000] <b>56,700</b>
<b>311,000,000 to 330,999,999</b>	<b>58,200</b>
<b>331,000,000 to 359,999,999</b>	<b>59,700</b>
<b>360,000,000 to 389,999,999</b>	<b>61,200</b>
<b>390,000,000 to 449,999,999</b>	<b>62,700</b>
<b>450,000,000 to 499,999,999</b>	<b>64,200</b>
<b>500,000,000 to 549,999,999</b>	<b>65,700</b>
<b>550,000,000 or more</b>	<b>67,200</b>

2. The compensation for county assessors in second, third and fourth classification counties for the term of office beginning September 1, [1997] **2005**, shall be calculated pursuant to the salary schedule in this section using the percentage increase approved by the county salary commission when establishing the compensation for the office of county assessor at the salary commission meeting in [1997] **2005**. This salary shall become effective on September 1, [1997] **2005**.

3. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to the assessor only if the assessor has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the assessor's office when approved by a professional association of the county assessors of Missouri unless exempted from the training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program

shall provide a certificate of completion to each assessor who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified assessors to the treasurer of each county. Expenses incurred for attending the training session [may] shall be reimbursed to the county assessor in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

4. The county assessor in any county, except a first classification county, shall not, except upon two-thirds vote of all the members of the salary commission, receive an annual compensation in an amount less than the total compensation being received for the office of county assessor in the particular county for services rendered or performed on the date the salary commission votes.

54.261. 1. The county treasurer in counties of the first classification, not having a charter form of government and containing a portion of a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, and in counties of the second, third and fourth classifications of this state, shall receive as compensation for services performed by the treasurer an annual salary based upon the assessed valuation of the county. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction, nor shall require an increase, in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of treasurer on January 1, [2002] **2004**.

2. The amount of salary based upon assessed valuation shall be computed according to the following schedule:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$[29,000] <b>36,540</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[30,000] <b>37,800</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[32,000] <b>40,320</b>
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[34,000] <b>42,840</b>
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[36,000] <b>45,360</b>
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[38,000] <b>47,880</b>
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[40,000] <b>50,400</b>
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[41,000] <b>51,660</b>
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[41,500] <b>52,290</b>
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	[43,000] <b>54,180</b>
300,000,000 [or more] to <b>310,999,999</b>	[45,000] <b>56,700</b>
<b>311,000,000 to 330,999,999</b>	<b>58,200</b>
<b>331,000,000 to 359,999,999</b>	<b>59,700</b>
<b>360,000,000 to 389,999,999</b>	<b>61,200</b>
<b>390,000,000 to 449,999,999</b>	<b>62,700</b>
<b>450,000,000 to 499,999,999</b>	<b>64,200</b>
<b>500,000,000 to 549,999,999</b>	<b>65,700</b>
<b>550,000,000 or more</b>	<b>67,200</b>

3. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to



the treasurer only if the treasurer has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the treasurer's office when approved by a professional association of the county treasurers or county collectors of Missouri unless exempted from the training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program shall provide a certificate of completion to each treasurer who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified treasurers to the county commission of each county. Expenses incurred for attending the training session [may] **shall** be reimbursed to the county treasurer in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

4. The county treasurer in any county, other than a county of the first classification having a charter form of government or a county of the first classification not having a charter form of government and not containing any part of a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, shall not, except upon two-thirds vote of all the members of the commission, receive an annual compensation in an amount less than the total compensation being received for the office of county treasurer in the particular county for services rendered or performed on the date the salary commission votes.

5. In the event of a vacancy in the office of treasurer in any county except a county of the first classification with a charter form of government, when there is no deputy treasurer, the county commission shall appoint a qualified acting treasurer until such time as the vacancy is filled by the governor pursuant to section 105.030, RSMo.

54.320. 1. The county treasurer ex officio collector in counties of the third and fourth classifications adopting township organization shall receive an annual salary as set forth in the following schedule. The assessed valuation factor shall be the amount thereof as shown for the year next preceding the computation. A county treasurer ex officio collector subject to the provisions of this section shall not receive an annual compensation less than the total compensation being received by the county treasurer ex officio collector in that county for services rendered or performed for the period beginning March 1, 1987, and ending February 29, 1988. The county treasurer ex officio collector shall receive the same percentage adjustments provided by county salary commissions for county officers in that county pursuant to section 50.333, RSMo. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of county treasurer ex officio collector on January 1, [1997] **2004**, or less than the total compensation being received for the services rendered or performed for the period beginning March 1, 1987, and ending February 29, 1988. The salary shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$[29,000] <b>36,540</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[30,000] <b>37,800</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[32,000] <b>40,320</b>

66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[34,000]	42,840
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[36,000]	45,360
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[38,000]	47,880
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[40,000]	50,400
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[41,000]	51,660
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[41,500]	52,290
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	[43,000]	54,180
300,000,000 to [449,999,999]	[45,000]	56,700
<b>311,000,000 to 330,999,999</b>		<b>58,200</b>
<b>331,000,000 to 359,999,999</b>		<b>59,700</b>
<b>360,000,000 to 389,999,999</b>		<b>61,200</b>
<b>390,000,000 to 449,999,999</b>		<b>62,700</b>
<b>450,000,000 to 499,999,999</b>		<b>64,200</b>
<b>500,000,000 to 549,999,999</b>		<b>65,700</b>
<b>550,000,000 or more</b>		<b>67,200</b>

In addition, the ex officio collector shall be allowed to retain a commission for the collection of all back taxes and all delinquent taxes of two percent on all sums collected to be added to the face of the tax bill, and collected from the party paying the tax. The ex officio collector shall be allowed a commission of three percent on all licenses, and all taxes, including current taxes, back taxes, delinquent taxes and interest collected by the ex officio collector, to be deducted from the amounts collected. The three percent allowed to be retained shall be withheld on behalf of the county and shall be deposited in the county treasury or as provided by law and beginning January 1, 1989, the two percent allowed to be retained for collection of all back taxes and delinquent taxes shall be withheld on behalf of the county and shall be deposited in the county treasury or as provided by law. **Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, or any other provision of law in conflict with the provisions of this section,** the treasurer ex officio collector in each of the third and fourth classification counties which have adopted the township form of county government **shall be allowed to employ not less than one full time deputy and is entitled to employ such a number of deputies and assistants, as may be necessary to promptly and correctly perform the duties of the office of treasurer ex officio collector,** and for the deputies and assistants is allowed not less than the amount allowed in [1992 or 1993] **2001 or 2002,** whichever is greater, **and shall be allowed not less than any greater amount approved for any subsequent year.**

2. Two thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to the treasurer ex officio collector only if such officer has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the treasurer ex officio collector's office when approved by a professional association of the county treasurers or

county collectors of Missouri unless exempted from the training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program shall provide a certificate of completion to each treasurer ex officio collector who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified treasurer ex officio collectors to the county commission of each county. Expenses incurred for attending the training session [may] **shall** be reimbursed to the county treasurer ex officio collector in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

58.095. 1. The county coroner in any county, other than in a first classification chartered county, shall receive an annual salary computed on a basis as set forth in the following schedule. The provisions of this section shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of coroner on January 1, [1997] **2004**:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$ 18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$[8,000] <b>10,080</b>
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	[8,500] <b>10,710</b>
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	[9,000] <b>11,340</b>
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	[9,500] <b>11,970</b>
86,000,000 to 99,999,999	[10,000] <b>12,600</b>
100,000,000 to 130,999,999	[11,000] <b>13,860</b>
131,000,000 to 159,999,999	[12,000] <b>15,120</b>
160,000,000 to 189,999,999	[13,000] <b>16,380</b>
190,000,000 to 249,999,999	[14,000] <b>17,640</b>
250,000,000 to 299,999,999	[15,000] <b>18,900</b>
300,000,000 or more	[16,000] <b>20,160</b>

2. One thousand dollars of the salary authorized in this section shall be payable to the coroner only if the coroner has completed at least twenty hours of classroom instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of the coroner's office when approved by a professional association of the county coroners of Missouri unless exempted from the training by the professional association. The professional association approving the program shall provide a certificate of completion to each coroner who completes the training program and shall send a list of certified coroners to the treasurer of each county. Expenses incurred for attending the training session [may] **shall** be reimbursed to the county coroner in the same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

3. The county coroner in any county, other than a first classification charter county, shall not, except upon two-thirds vote of all the members of the salary commission, receive an annual compensation in an amount less than the total compensation being received for the office of county coroner in the particular county for services rendered or performed on the date the salary commission votes.

4. For the term beginning in 1997, the compensation of the coroner, in counties in

which the salary commission has not voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum allowable salary, shall be a percentage of the maximum allowable salary established by this section. The percentage applied shall be the same percentage of the maximum allowable salary received or allowed, whichever is greater, to the presiding commissioner or sheriff, whichever is greater, of that county for the year beginning January 1, 1997. In those counties in which the salary commission has voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum allowable salary, the compensation of the coroner shall be based on the maximum allowable salary in effect at each time a coroner's term of office commences following the vote to pay one hundred percent of the maximum allowable compensation. Subsequent compensation shall be determined as provided in section 50.333, RSMo.

5. Effective January 1, 1997, the county coroner in any county, other than a county of the first classification with a charter form of government, may, upon the approval of the county commission, receive additional compensation for any month during which investigations or other services are performed for three or more decedents in the same incident during such month. The additional compensation shall be an amount that when added to the regular compensation the sum shall equal the monthly compensation of the county sheriff.

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