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## Sen. Griesheimer Selected to Chair Senate Interim Committee on Funding for County Sheriff Offices

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, has been named chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Funding for County Sheriff Offices.

The committee reviews current court costs, fees, and other funding mechanisms relating to the operation of law enforcement or civil justice-related activities of county sheriff departments, studies the current compensation formula for deputy sheriffs in Missouri counties, and compares compensation of deputy sheriffs across different county classifications in Missouri and neighboring states.

"Our county sheriffs and their deputies play a crucial role in law enforcement in this state, particularly in rural areas of Missouri," Sen. Griesheimer said. "We will help make sure they are fairly compensated for the job they do to make sure they continue to have the people and equipment to keep everyone safe."

The bi-partisan panel consists of three Senate members of the majority party and two from the minority party. Sens. Robert Mayer, R-Dexter; Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau; Wes Shoemyer, D-Clarence; and Ryan McKenna, D-Crystal City, fill the rest of the seats. They will meet at times and places to be determined by Sen. Griesheimer. The committee will issue a report of its findings for any legislative action to the General Assembly no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

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