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Sen. Kevin Engler Announces Sheriff's Deputy Pay Raise

Legislation Creates Fund to Increase Deputy Salaries

JEFFERSON CITY – Deputies in rural Missouri will see a rise in their salary thanks to legislation passed during the recently completed legislative session. Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, announced that county sheriff's deputies in the 3rd Senate District and throughout the state will receive better pay. The bill that passed during the 2008 legislative session creates a fund specifically to increase the salaries of sheriff's deputies.

House Bill 2224 and Senate Bill 935, co-sponsored by Engler, allows sheriffs to receive an additional \$10 fee for processing any civil summons, writ, subpoena or other court order. This money will go into the newly created "Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation Fund," which will be used to bolster the pay of county deputy sheriffs.

"Some counties are poor and deputies are required to purchase their uniforms and weapons or drive their own car, man can't do that making twenty thousand dollars a year," said Sen. Engler. "This raise, at the very least, will help lessen that burnden."

The average salary for county deputies is just more than \$22,000, with most taking home only about \$15,500 per year. This salary puts those with families below the federal poverty level. Lawmakers met with officials last summer in order to discuss ways to solve the problem. House Bill 2224 is a result of those discussions.

"It is a disgrace that a lot of deputies across the state are on public assistance because their salaries are so low," said Sen. Engler. "These people have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving the public and they deserve better."

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