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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 57.280 and 488.435, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to deputy sheriffs' salaries.

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

Section A. Sections 57.280 and 488.435, RSMo, are repealed and three

- 2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 57.278, 57.280, and
- 3 488.435, to read as follows:
- 57.278. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
- 2 "Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation Fund", which shall consist of
- 3 money collected from charges for service received by county sheriffs
- 4 under subsection 4 of section 57.280. The money in the fund shall be
- 5 used solely to supplement the salaries of county deputy sheriffs. The
- 6 state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall approve
- 7 disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and
- 8 30.180, RSMo. The department of public safety shall designate a
- 9 statewide association representing the interest of county sheriffs to
- 10 administer the fund through an independent, bipartisan advisory board
- 11 of county sheriffs.
- 12 2. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations
- 13 regarding the administration of the fund and the designated
- 14 association shall administer the fund in accordance with such rules and
- 15 regulations. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
- 16 section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in
- 17 this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
- 18 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable,
- 19 section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are
- 20 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly

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pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.

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- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.
- 4. The designated association administering the fund shall provide an annual written report to the department of public safety providing detailed accounting and distribution of the fund.

57.280. 1. Sheriffs shall receive a charge for service of any summons, writ or other order of court, in connection with any civil case, and making on the same either a return indicating service, a non est return or a nulla bona return, the sum of twenty dollars for each item to be served, except that a sheriff shall receive a charge for service of any subpoena, and making a return on the same, the sum of ten dollars; however, no such charge shall be collected in any proceeding when court costs are to be paid by the state, county or municipality. In addition to such charge, the sheriff shall be entitled to receive for each mile actually traveled in serving any summons, writ, subpoena or other order of court, the rate prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for all allowable expenses for 10 11 motor vehicle use expressed as an amount per mile, provided that such mileage 12shall not be charged for more than one subpoena or summons or other writ served 13 in the same cause on the same trip. All of such charges shall be received by the sheriff who is requested to perform the service. Except as otherwise provided by 14law, all charges made pursuant to this section shall be collected by the court clerk 15 16 as court costs and are payable prior to the time the service is rendered; provided that if the amount of such charge cannot be readily determined, then the sheriff 17shall receive a deposit based upon the likely amount of such charge, and the 18 balance of such charge shall be payable immediately upon ascertainment of the 19 proper amount of said charge. A sheriff may refuse to perform any service in any 20 21action or proceeding, other than when court costs are waived as provided by law, 22until the charge provided by this section is paid. Failure to receive the charge shall not affect the validity of the service.

2. The sheriff shall receive for receiving and paying moneys on execution or other process, where lands or goods have been levied and advertised and sold, five percent on five hundred dollars and four percent on all sums above five hundred dollars, and half of these sums, when the money is paid to the sheriff without a levy, or where the lands or goods levied on shall not be sold and the money is paid to the sheriff or person entitled thereto, his agent or attorney. The party at whose application any writ, execution, subpoena or other process has issued from the court shall pay the sheriff's costs for the removal, transportation, storage, safekeeping and support of any property to be seized pursuant to legal process before such seizure. The sheriff shall be allowed for each mile, going and returning from the courthouse of the county in which he resides to the place where the court is held, the rate prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for all allowable expenses for motor vehicle use expressed as an amount per mile. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to garnishment proceeds.

- 3. The sheriff upon the receipt of the charge herein provided for shall pay into the treasury of the county any and all charges received pursuant to the provisions of this section; however, in any county, any funds, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars in any calendar year, other than as a result of regular budget allocations or land sale proceeds, coming into the possession of the sheriff's office, such as from the sale of recovered evidence, shall be held in a fund established by the county treasurer, which may be expended at the discretion of the sheriff for the furtherance of the sheriff's set duties. Any such funds in excess of fifty thousand dollars, other than regular budget allocations or land sale proceeds, shall be placed to the credit of the general revenue fund of the county. Moneys in the fund shall be used only for the procurement of services and equipment to support the operation of the sheriff's office. Moneys in the fund established pursuant to this subsection shall not lapse to the county general revenue fund at the end of any county budget or fiscal year.
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 of this section to the contrary, the sheriff shall receive ten dollars for service of any summons, writ, subpoena, or other order of the court included under subsection 1 of this section, in addition to the charge for such service that each sheriff receives under subsection 1 of this section. The sheriff shall receive the additional ten dollars authorized under this subsection if service is performed by the sheriff or a private process server, except when such service is performed by a person representing

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himself or herself in court and charges no fee for service. When the service is performed by a private process server, the circuit clerk shall verify through written documentation presented by the process server that the ten dollar fee was paid to the credit of the sheriff upon the return being filed with the court. If the private process server cannot provide the necessary documentation of payment, the clerk shall notify the sheriff that the fee has not yet been paid for the service performed. The sheriff shall have the authority to contact the process server to require payment of the fee. The money received by the sheriff under this subsection shall be paid into the county treasury and the county treasurer shall make such money payable to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit such moneys in the deputy sheriff salary supplementation fund created under section 57.278.

488.435. 1. Sheriffs shall receive a charge, as provided in section 57.280, RSMo, for service of any summons, writ or other order of court, in connection with any civil case, and making on the same either a return indicating service, a non est return or a nulla bona return, the sum of twenty dollars for each item to be served, as provided in section 57.280, RSMo, except that a sheriff shall receive a charge for service of any subpoena, and making a return on the same, the sum of ten dollars, as provided in section 57.280, RSMo; however, no such charge shall be collected in any proceeding when court costs are to be paid by the state, county 9 or municipality. In addition to such charge, the sheriff shall be entitled, as provided in section 57.280, RSMo, to receive for each mile actually traveled in 10 11 serving any summons, writ, subpoena or other order of court, the rate prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for all allowable expenses for motor vehicle use 1213 expressed as an amount per mile, provided that such mileage shall not be charged for more than one subpoena or summons or other writ served in the same cause 1415 on the same trip. All of such charges shall be received by the sheriff who is 16 requested to perform the service. Except as otherwise provided by law, all charges made pursuant to section 57.280, RSMo, shall be collected by the court 17clerk as court costs and are payable prior to the time the service is rendered; 18 provided that if the amount of such charge cannot be readily determined, then the 19 sheriff shall receive a deposit based upon the likely amount of such charge, and 20 21the balance of such charge shall be payable immediately upon ascertainment of the proper amount of such charge. A sheriff may refuse to perform any service 22in any action or proceeding, other than when court costs are waived as provided

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- 42 3. As provided in subsection 4 of section 57.280, RSMo, the sheriff shall receive ten dollars for service of any summons, writ, subpoena, or 43 44 other order of the court included under subsection 1 of such section, in addition to the charge for such service that each sheriff receives under 45 subsection 1 of such section. The sheriff shall receive the additional 46 ten dollars authorized under subsection 4 of section 57.280, RSMo, if 47 service is performed by the sheriff or a private process server, except 48 49 when such service is performed by a person representing himself or 50 herself in court and charges no fee for service. When the service is performed by a private process server, the circuit clerk shall verify 51through written documentation presented by the process server that 52the ten dollar fee was paid to the credit of the sheriff upon the return 53 being filed with the court. If the private process server cannot provide 54 the necessary documentation of payment, the clerk shall notify the 55 sheriff that the fee has not yet been paid for the service 56 performed. The sheriff shall have the authority to contact the process 57 server to require payment of the fee. The money received by the sheriff 58under subsection 4 of section 57.280, RSMo, shall be paid into the

60 county treasury and the county treasurer shall make such money

- 61 payable to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit such
- 62 moneys in the deputy sheriff salary supplementation fund created

63 under section 57.278, RSMo.

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