

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 692

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR STOUFFER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 50.622, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to procedures for decreasing county budgets.

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

Section A. Section 50.622, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted

2 in lieu thereof, to be known as section 50.622, to read as follows:

50.622. 1. Any county may amend the annual budget during any fiscal  
2 year in which the county receives additional funds, and such amount or source,  
3 including but not limited to, federal or state grants or private donations, could  
4 not be estimated when the budget was adopted. The county shall follow the same  
5 procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 for adoption of the annual  
6 budget to amend its budget during a fiscal year.

7       2. Any county may decrease the annual budget twice during any  
8 fiscal year in which the county experiences a verifiable decline in  
9 funds of two percent or more, and such amount could not be estimated  
10 or anticipated when the budget was adopted, provided that any  
11 decrease in appropriations shall not unduly affect any one  
12 officeholder. Before any reduction affecting an independently elected  
13 officeholder can occur, negotiations shall take place with all  
14 officeholders who receive funds from the affected category of funds in  
15 an attempt to cover the shortfall. The county shall follow the same  
16 procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 to decrease the  
17 annual budget, except that the notice provided for in section 50.600  
18 shall be extended to thirty days for purposes of this subsection. Such  
19 notice shall include a published summary of the proposed reductions  
20 and an explanation of the shortfall. If the county has a website,

21 publication on the website shall satisfy the notice requirement for this  
22 subsection.

23 3. Any decrease in an appropriation authorized under subsection  
24 2 of this section shall not impact any dedicated fund otherwise  
25 provided by law.

26 4. County commissioners may reduce budgets of departments  
27 under their direct supervision and responsibility at any time without  
28 the restrictions imposed by this section.

29 5. Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall expire on July 1,  
30 2015.

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