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SENATE BILL NO. 137

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SATER.

Read 1st time January 14, 2013, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time January 31, 2013, and referred to the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government.

Reported from the Committee February 28, 2013, with recommendation that the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Removed from the Consent Calendar March 5, 2013.

Re-reported from the Committee March 7, 2013, with recommendation that the bill do pass.

Taken up for Perfection March 13, 2013. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

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 counties to decrease their budgets.

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Section A. Section 50.622, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted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

21 3. Any decrease in an appropriation authorized under subsection
22 2 of this section shall not impact any dedicated fund otherwise
23 provided by law.

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

27 5. Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall expire on July 1,
28 2016.

29 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no charter
30 county shall be restricted from amending its budget pursuant to the
31 terms of its charter.

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