

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 576

AN ACT

To repeal sections 50.166 and 54.140, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the duties of county officials, with existing penalty provisions.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,  
AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Sections 50.166 and 54.140, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 50.166 and 54.140, to read as follows:

50.166. 1. In all cases of claims allowed against the county, and in all cases of grants, salaries, pay and expenses allowed by law, the county clerk may fill in on a form of warrant the amount due as approved by the county commission and other necessary information. The form of the warrant thus filled in by the county clerk may be transmitted to the county treasurer. The warrant may be in such form that a single instrument may serve as the warrant and the county treasurer's draft or check, and may be so designed that it is a nonnegotiable warrant when signed by the county clerk and becomes a negotiable check or draft after it has been signed by the county treasurer.

2. Upon request, the county treasurer shall have access to any financially relevant document in the possession of any county official for the purposes of processing a warrant, unless such warrant is received in the absence of a check then the county

treasurer shall have access to the information necessary to process the warrant.

3. No official of any county shall refuse a request from the county treasurer for access to or a copy of any document in the possession of a county official that is financially relevant to his or her duties under section 50.330.

54.140. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer to separate and divide the revenues of such county in his or her hands and as they come into his or her hands in compliance with the provision of law; and it shall be [his] the treasurer's duty to pay out the revenues thus subdivided, on warrants issued by order of the commission, on the respective funds so set apart and subdivided, and not otherwise; and for this purpose the treasurer shall keep a separate account with the county commission of each fund which several funds shall be known and designated as provided by law; and no warrant shall be paid out of any fund other than that upon which it has been drawn by order of the commission as aforesaid. Any county treasurer or other county officer, who shall fail or refuse to perform the duties required of him or [them] her under the provisions of this section and chapters 136 to 154, and in the express manner provided and directed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, and not more than five hundred dollars[, and in addition to such punishment, his office shall become vacant].