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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 473.742, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to salaries of public administrators, with a delayed effective date.

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

Section A. Section 473.742, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 473.742, to read as follows:

473.742. 1. Each public administrator in counties of the second, third or
2 fourth classification and in the city of St. Louis shall make a determination
3 within thirty days after taking office whether such public administrator shall
4 elect to receive a salary as defined [herein] **in this section** or receive fees as
5 may be allowed by law to executors, administrators and personal
6 representatives. The election by the public administrator shall be made in
7 writing to the county clerk. Should the public administrator elect to receive a
8 salary, the public administrator's office may not then elect to change at any
9 future time to receive fees in lieu of salary. **Each public administrator in**
10 **counties of the second, third, or fourth classification and in the city of**
11 **St. Louis who begins his or her first term on or after January 1, 2021,**
12 **shall be deemed to have elected to receive a salary as defined in this**
13 **section.**

14 2. If a public administrator elects to be placed on salary, the salary shall
15 be [based upon the average number of open letters in the two years preceding the
16 term when the salary is elected, based upon the following schedule:

17 (1) Zero to five letters: salary shall be a minimum of seven thousand five
18 hundred dollars;

19 (2) Six to fifteen letters: salary shall be a minimum of fifteen thousand

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 dollars;

21 (3) Sixteen to twenty-five letters: salary shall be a minimum of twenty
 22 thousand dollars;

23 (4) Twenty-six to thirty-nine letters: salary shall be a minimum of
 24 twenty-five thousand dollars;

25 (5) Public administrators with forty or more letters shall be considered
 26 full-time county officials and shall be] paid according to the assessed valuation
 27 schedule set forth below:

| 28 | Assessed Valuation | Salary |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 29 | \$ 8,000,000 to 40,999,999 | \$29,000 |
| 30 | \$ 41,000,000 to 53,999,999 | \$30,000 |
| 31 | \$ 54,000,000 to 65,999,999 | \$32,000 |
| 32 | \$ 66,000,000 to 85,999,999 | \$34,000 |
| 33 | \$ 86,000,000 to 99,999,999 | \$36,000 |
| 34 | \$ 100,000,000 to 130,999,999 | \$38,000 |
| 35 | \$ 131,000,000 to 159,999,999 | \$40,000 |
| 36 | \$ 160,000,000 to 189,999,999 | \$41,000 |
| 37 | \$ 190,000,000 to 249,999,999 | \$41,500 |
| 38 | \$ 250,000,000 to 299,999,999 | \$43,000 |
| 39 | \$ 300,000,000 to 449,999,999 | \$45,000 |
| 40 | \$ 450,000,000 to 599,999,999 | \$47,000 |
| 41 | \$ 600,000,000 to 749,999,999 | \$49,000 |
| 42 | \$ 750,000,000 to 899,999,999 | \$51,000 |
| 43 | \$ 900,000,000 to 1,049,999,999 | \$53,000 |
| 44 | \$1,050,000,000 to 1,199,999,999 | \$55,000 |
| 45 | \$1,200,000,000 to 1,349,999,999 | \$57,000 |
| 46 | \$1,350,000,000 and over | \$59,000; |

47 (6) The public administrator in the city of St. Louis shall receive a salary
 48 not less than sixty-five thousand dollars;

49 (7) Two thousand dollars of the compensation authorized in this section
 50 shall be payable to the public administrator only if he or she has completed at
 51 least twenty hours of instruction each calendar year relating to the operations of
 52 the public administrator's office when approved by a professional association of
 53 the county public administrators of Missouri unless exempted from the training
 54 by the professional association. The professional association approving the
 55 program shall provide a certificate of completion to each public administrator who

56 completes the training program and shall send a list of certified public
57 administrators to the treasurer of each county. Expenses incurred for attending
58 the training session shall be reimbursed to the county public administrator in the
59 same manner as other expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose.

60 3. [The initial compensation of the public administrator who elects to be
61 put on salary shall be determined by the average number of letters for the two
62 years preceding the term when the salary is elected. Salary increases or
63 decreases according to the minimum schedule set forth in subsection 1 of this
64 section shall be adjusted only after the number of open letters places the
65 workload in a different subdivision for two consecutive years. Minimum salary
66 increases or decreases shall only take effect upon a new term of office of the
67 public administrator. The number of letters each year shall be determined in
68 accordance with the reporting requirements set forth in law.

69 4.] All fees collected by a public administrator who elects to be salaried
70 shall be deposited in the county treasury or with the treasurer for the city of St.
71 Louis.

72 [5.] 4. Any public administrator in a county of the first classification
73 without a charter form of government with a population of less than one hundred
74 thousand inhabitants who elects to receive fees in lieu of a salary pursuant to
75 this section may elect to join the Missouri local government employees' retirement
76 system created pursuant to sections 70.600 to 70.755.

Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

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