

# SENATE BILL NO. 1128

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CRAWFORD.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 50.327 and 58.095, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the compensation of county coroners.

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

Section A. Sections 50.327 and 58.095, RSMo, are repealed  
2 and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as  
3 sections 50.327 and 58.095, to read as follows:

50.327. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of  
2 law to the contrary, the salary schedules contained in  
3 sections 49.082, 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 51.282, 52.269,  
4 53.082, 53.083, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, 56.265, [58.095,]  
5 and 473.742 shall be set as a base schedule for those county  
6 officials. Except when it is necessary to increase newly  
7 elected or reelected county officials' salaries, in  
8 accordance with Section 13, Article VII, Constitution of  
9 Missouri, to comply with the requirements of this section,  
10 the salary commission in all counties except charter  
11 counties in this state shall be responsible for the  
12 computation of salaries of all county officials **except**  
13 **county coroners**; provided, however, that any percentage  
14 salary adjustments in a county shall be equal for all such  
15 officials in that county **excluding the county coroner**.

16 2. Upon majority approval of the salary commission,  
17 the annual compensation of part-time prosecutors contained  
18 in section 56.265 and the county offices contained in

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

19 sections 49.082, 50.334, 50.343, 51.281, 51.282, 52.269,  
 20 53.082, 53.083, 54.261, 54.320, 55.091, [58.095,] and  
 21 473.742 may be increased by up to two thousand dollars  
 22 greater than the compensation provided by the salary  
 23 schedules; provided, however, that any vote to increase  
 24 compensation be effective for all county offices in that  
 25 county subject to the salary commission **excluding the county**  
 26 **coroner.**

27 3. Upon the majority approval of the [salary] county  
 28 commission, the annual compensation of a county coroner of  
 29 any county [of the second classification] **not having a**  
 30 **charter form of government** as provided in section 58.095 may  
 31 be increased up to fourteen thousand dollars greater than  
 32 the compensation provided by the salary schedule of such  
 33 section.

58.095. 1. The county coroner in any county not  
 2 having a charter form of government shall receive an annual  
 3 salary computed on a basis as set forth in the following  
 4 schedule **and subject to any adjustment authorized under**  
 5 **subsection 3 of section 50.327.** The provisions of this  
 6 section shall not permit or require a reduction in the  
 7 amount of compensation being paid for the office of coroner  
 8 on January 1, 1997:

Assessed Valuation	Salary
\$18,000,000 to 40,999,999	\$8,000
41,000,000 to 53,999,999	8,500
54,000,000 to 65,999,999	9,000
66,000,000 to 85,999,999	9,500

14	86,000,000 to 99,999,999	10,000
15	100,000,000 to 130,999,999	11,000
16	131,000,000 to 159,999,999	12,000
17	160,000,000 to 189,999,999	13,000
18	190,000,000 to 249,999,999	14,000
19	250,000,000 to 299,999,999	15,000
20	300,000,000 or more	16,000

21           2. One thousand dollars of the salary authorized in  
22 this section shall be payable to the coroner only if the  
23 coroner has completed at least twenty hours of classroom  
24 instruction each calendar year as established by the coroner  
25 standards and training commission unless exempted from the  
26 training by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners'  
27 Association for good cause. The Missouri Coroners' and  
28 Medical Examiners' Association shall provide a certificate  
29 of completion to each coroner who completes the training  
30 program and shall send a list of certified coroners to the  
31 treasurer of each county and the department of health and  
32 senior services. The coroner standards and training  
33 commission may certify training programs that satisfy the  
34 requirements of this section in lieu of the training  
35 provided by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners'  
36 Association. Certified training completion shall be  
37 submitted to the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners'  
38 Association which, upon validating the certified training,  
39 shall submit the individual's name to the county treasurer  
40 and department of health and senior services indicating the  
41 individual is compliant with the training requirements.

42 Expenses incurred for attending the training session may be  
43 reimbursed to the county coroner in the same manner as other  
44 expenses as may be appropriated for that purpose. All  
45 elected or appointed coroners, deputy coroners, and  
46 assistants to the coroner shall complete the annual training  
47 described in this subsection within six months of election  
48 or appointment.

49 3. The **annual compensation of the** county coroner in  
50 any county not having a charter form of government shall  
51 not[, ] **be less than the annual compensation of the preceding**  
52 **year** except upon two-thirds vote of all the members of the  
53 [salary] **county** commission[, receive an annual compensation  
54 in an amount less than the total compensation being received  
55 for the office of county coroner in the particular county  
56 for services rendered or performed on the date the salary  
57 commission votes.

58 4. For the term beginning in 1997, the compensation of  
59 the coroner, in counties in which the salary commission has  
60 not voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum  
61 allowable salary, shall be a percentage of the maximum  
62 allowable salary established by this section. The  
63 percentage applied shall be the same percentage of the  
64 maximum allowable salary received or allowed, whichever is  
65 greater, to the presiding commissioner or sheriff, whichever  
66 is greater, of that county for the year beginning January 1,  
67 1997. In those counties in which the salary commission has  
68 voted to pay one hundred percent of the maximum allowable  
69 salary, the compensation of the coroner shall be based on  
70 the maximum allowable salary in effect at each time a  
71 coroner's term of office commences following the vote to pay  
72 one hundred percent of the maximum allowable compensation.

73 Subsequent compensation shall be determined as provided in  
74 section 50.333.

75 5. Effective January 1, 1997, the county coroner in  
76 any county not having a charter form of government may, upon  
77 the approval of the county commission, receive additional  
78 compensation for any month during which investigations or  
79 other services are performed for three or more decedents in  
80 the same incident during such month. The additional  
81 compensation shall be an amount that when added to the  
82 regular compensation the sum shall equal the monthly  
83 compensation of the county sheriff].

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