

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4889S.03P  
 Bill No.: Perfected SCS for SB 944  
 Subject: Attorneys; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Public Officers; City of St. Louis; Salaries  
 Type: Original  
 Date: March 24, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies the salary for the Attorney of the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

**§57.540 – Compensation for the Attorney of the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis**

In response to a previous version, officials from the **City of St. Louis** stated the proposed legislation would raise the salary limit for the position of Attorney of the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis. The current limit under the existing statute is \$15,000 (although payroll records may indicate current salary of \$25,000). Should the Sheriff of the City elect to raise this position's salary to the new limit, there would be an increase in cost to the City of at least \$50,000 in salary plus another \$14,000 in fringe benefits (FICA, pension, life insurance, etc.) bringing the total additional cost to nearly \$65,000.

**Oversight** notes in this version of the bill, the \$15,000 salary per annum is repealed and the sheriff will set the compensation for an attorney hired. Oversight is unaware how much the compensation will be should this proposal be enacted. Therefore, Oversight will reflect an unknown cost for this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Cost – City of St. Louis (§57.540)</u> Attorney’s salary set by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis p.3	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

**FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business**

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Current law provides that compensation for the attorney for the sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall be not less than \$3,000 and not more than \$15,000 per year. This act provides that the sheriff shall set the rate of compensation for the attorney, and the attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the sheriff.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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