

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 878
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 57.010, 57.452, 57.475, and 57.530, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the sheriff of the city of St. Louis, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Sections 57.010, 57.452, 57.475, and 57.530, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 57.010 and 57.530, to read as follows:

57.010. 1. At the general election to be held in 1948, and at each general election held every four years thereafter, the voters in every county in this state shall elect some suitable person sheriff. No person shall be eligible for the office of sheriff who has been convicted of a felony. Such person shall be a resident taxpayer and elector of said county, shall have resided in said county for more than one whole year next before filing for said office and shall be a person capable of efficient law enforcement. When any person shall be elected sheriff, such person shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of such person's office as chief law enforcement officer of that county on the first day of January next succeeding said election.

2. No person shall be eligible for the office of sheriff who does not hold a valid peace officer license pursuant to chapter 590. Any person filing for the office of sheriff shall have a valid peace officer license at the time of filing for office. This subsection shall not apply to the sheriff of any county of the first classification with a charter form of government with a population over nine hundred thousand ~~[or of any city not within a county]~~.

57.530. 1. The sheriff of the city of St. Louis shall ~~[with the approval of a majority of the circuit judges of the circuit court of said city,]~~ appoint as many deputies and assistants as may be necessary to perform the duties of his **or her** office, and fix the compensation for their

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

4 services, which compensation, however, shall not in any case exceed the annual rate of
5 compensation fixed by the board of aldermen of the city of St. Louis therefor.

6 **2. Any person appointed as deputy, or any like position, under subsection 1 of this**
7 **section shall hold a valid peace officer license under chapter 590.**

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2 ~~[57.452. The provisions of section 590.180 shall not apply to any elected~~
3 ~~or appointed sheriff of a city not within a county.]~~

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2 ~~[57.475. Whenever the appointment of deputies and assistants is required~~
3 ~~by law to be approved by the circuit or associate circuit judges of the city of St.~~
4 ~~Louis, and an investigation or examination of the applicants is caused to be made~~
5 ~~by such judges, the sheriff of the city of St. Louis shall conduct the examination~~
6 ~~or investigation.]~~

2 Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to allow the sheriff to appoint deputies
3 as expeditiously as possible for efficient performance of the position, section A of this act is
4 deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety,
5 and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section
6 A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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