

CCS#2 HCS SCS SB 932 -- COUNTY OFFICIALS

This bill changes the laws regarding political subdivisions. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Allows a county commission to reject the transfer of title of real property to the county by donation or dedication if it is in the best interest of the county to do so. The preparer of a document donating or dedicating real property to a county cannot submit the document for recording unless the grantee's acceptance is proved or acknowledged (Section 49.292, RSMo);

(2) Establishes the salary schedule for public administrators in second, third, and fourth classification counties who choose to be paid by salary and who are considered full-time county officials as the base schedule for those officials, unless the current salary is lower than the compensation in the schedule (Section 50.327);

(3) Authorizes the salary commission in Cape Girardeau County to meet to determine whether to equalize the base salaries of the treasurer and public administrator with the base salaries of the auditor and recorder of deeds (Section 50.339);

(4) Requires all noncharter counties to mail property tax statements and receipts to taxpayers at least 30 days before being due. Currently, statements are required to be mailed at least 15 days before the due date (Section 52.230);

(5) Adds new requirements for candidates seeking the office of county treasurer (Section 54.040);

(6) Allows sensitive personal identifying information, including Social Security numbers, contained in recordable documents to be redacted or removed by the preparer of the document or the recorder of deeds (Sections 59.331 and 59.332);

(7) Allows county commissions, at their discretion, to open a county road and conclusively establishes the status as a public road of any county road for which the county has received county aid road trust funds for at least five years after January 1, 1990. The county highway engineer is no longer required to examine and approve a road or road change before the county commission takes action on the road (Sections 228.040, 228.070, and 228.190); and

(8) Makes any term or provision in a contract unenforceable if it requires a public administrator who is acting as a guardian to personally pay or guarantee the debt of a ward or protectee (Section 473.748).