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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOBBS (Sponsor), KELLY, STILL,
QUINN AND WEBBER (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 56.700, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to certain county counselors.

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

Section A. Section 56.700, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 56.700, to read as follows:

- 56.700. 1. The prosecuting attorney in each county of the second, third or fourth class which contains a mental health facility able to serve at least eighty persons on an overnight, inpatient basis at any one time, and which is operated by the state department of mental health, division of psychiatric services, may employ an assistant prosecuting attorney to assist in carrying out the duties of the office of prosecuting attorney relating to mental health and mental health facilities. The assistant prosecuting attorney authorized by this subsection shall be in addition to any other assistant prosecuting attorney authorized by law. The assistant prosecuting attorney employed under this subsection shall receive an annual compensation of fifteen thousand dollars payable out of the state treasury from funds appropriated for that purpose.
2. The county counselor or circuit attorney in each county of the first class with a charter form of government containing part of a city with a population of over four hundred fifty thousand and in each city not within a county may employ an assistant county counselor or circuit attorney to assist in carrying out the duties of the office of the county counselor or circuit attorney relating to mental health and mental health facilities. The assistant authorized by this subsection shall be in addition to any other assistants authorized by law. The assistant county counselor or circuit attorney employed under this subsection shall receive an annual

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.

17 compensation of fifteen thousand dollars payable out of the state treasury from funds
18 appropriated for that purpose.

19 3. The prosecuting attorney in each county of the second, third or fourth class which
20 contains a mental health facility able to serve at least eighty persons on an overnight, inpatient
21 basis at any one time, and which is operated by the state department of mental health, division
22 of psychiatric services, may employ additional investigative and clerical personnel to assist in
23 carrying out the duties of the office of prosecuting attorney relating to mental health and mental
24 health facilities. The investigative and clerical personnel authorized by this subsection shall be
25 in addition to any other personnel authorized by law. The compensation for such additional
26 investigative and clerical personnel, not to exceed a total of fifteen thousand dollars annually for
27 each eligible county, shall be paid out of the state treasury from funds appropriated for that
28 purpose.

29 4. The county counselor or circuit attorney in each county of the first class with a charter
30 form of government containing part of a city with a population of over four hundred fifty
31 thousand and in each city not within a county may employ additional investigative and clerical
32 personnel to assist in carrying out the duties of the office of the county counselor or circuit
33 attorney relating to mental health and mental health facilities. The investigative and clerical
34 personnel authorized by this subsection shall be in addition to any other personnel authorized by
35 law. The compensation for such additional investigative and clerical personnel, not to exceed
36 a total of fifteen thousand dollars annually for each eligible county or city not within a county,
37 shall be paid out of the state treasury from funds appropriated for that purpose.

38 **5. In each county of the first classification with more than one hundred thirty-five**
39 **thousand four hundred but fewer than one hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred**
40 **inhabitants, the county counselor shall receive fifteen thousand dollars annually for duties**
41 **relating to mental health and mental health facilities, and an additional sum not to exceed**
42 **fifteen thousand dollars annually for investigative and clerical personnel costs to assist in**
43 **carrying out the duties of the office of county counselor relating to mental health and**
44 **mental health facilities. The sums provided in this subsection shall be paid out of the state**
45 **treasury from funds appropriated for such purposes.**

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