

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4673-01  
Bill No.: HB 1997  
Subject: Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; County Officials; Counties; Salaries  
Type: Original  
Date: March 2, 2020

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding the compensation of sheriffs.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<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.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<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 \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$100,000)</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials at **Cole County** assume a cost increase of \$81,000 annually. There would be an increase in salary of \$58,000 and an increase in benefits of \$23,000.

In response to similar legislation from 2019, HB 644, officials at **Johnson County** and the **Boone County Sheriff's Office** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective entities from this proposal.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other non-chartered counties and sheriff departments were requested to respond to this proposed legislation, but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

**Oversight** does not have sheriff salary information by county to determine how much of an increase in county budgets would be effected. Oversight has inquired the Department of Public Safety and the Missouri Sheriff's Association for that information. The Department of Public Safety has deferred their response to the Missouri Sheriff's Association. Oversight assumes there could be an increase in sheriff's salaries for the other first class counties but is unclear by how much. Therefore, until more information becomes available from other counties and sheriff departments, Oversight will reflect an unknown cost to county budgets for sheriffs that could exceed \$100,000.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FUNDS</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - increase in salaries and benefits for first class county sheriffs	(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FUNDS</b>	<b>(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill changes the salary of a sheriff of a county of the first classification from being based upon the county's assessed valuation to being 90% of the salary of the prosecuting attorney of the county.

Currently, the salary of a sheriff for a county of the second, third, or fourth classification with an assessed valuation of between \$750,000,000 and \$899,999,999 is \$56,000, and the salary increases by \$2,000 for each of four higher assessed valuation brackets, with a maximum of \$64,000. This bill caps a sheriff's salary at \$56,000 for an assessed valuation of \$750,000,000 or higher, with no additional brackets.

These provisions shall not permit or require a reduction in the amount of compensation being paid for the office of sheriff on January 1, 1997.

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

Cole County  
Johnson County  
Boone County Sheriff's Office



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Ross Strope  
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