

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 401**  
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government, April 30, 2015, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 50.622, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to amending a county budget.

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

Section A. Section 50.622, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted  
2 in lieu thereof, to be known as section 50.622, to read as follows:

50.622. 1. Any county may amend the annual budget during any fiscal  
2 year in which the county receives additional funds, and such amount or source,  
3 including, but not limited to, federal or state grants or private donations, could  
4 not be estimated when the budget was adopted. The county shall follow the same  
5 procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 for adoption of the annual  
6 budget to amend its budget during a fiscal year.

7 2. Any county may decrease the annual budget twice during any fiscal  
8 year in which the county experiences a verifiable decline in funds of two percent  
9 or more, and such amount could not be estimated or anticipated when the budget  
10 was adopted, provided that any decrease in appropriations shall not unduly affect  
11 any one officeholder. Before any reduction affecting an independently elected  
12 officeholder can occur, negotiations shall take place with all officeholders who  
13 receive funds from the affected category of funds in an attempt to cover the  
14 shortfall. The county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections  
15 50.525 to 50.745 to decrease the annual budget, except that the notice provided  
16 for in section 50.600 shall be extended to thirty days for purposes of this  
17 subsection. Such notice shall include a published summary of the proposed  
18 reductions and an explanation of the shortfall.

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19           3. Any decrease in an appropriation authorized under subsection 2 of this  
20 section shall not impact any dedicated fund otherwise provided by law.

21           4. County commissioners may reduce budgets of departments under their  
22 direct supervision and responsibility at any time without the restrictions imposed  
23 by this section.

24           5. Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall expire on July 1, [2016]  
25 **2026**.

26           6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no charter county shall  
27 be restricted from amending its budget under and pursuant to the terms of its  
28 charter.

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