

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 237

AN ACT

To repeal sections 105.030 and 485.060, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to court personnel.

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

Section A. Sections 105.030 and 485.060, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 105.030 and 485.060, to read as follows:

105.030. 1. Whenever any vacancy, caused in any manner or by any means whatsoever, occurs or exists in any state or county office originally filled by election of the people, other than in the offices of lieutenant governor, state senator or representative, sheriff, or recorder of deeds in the City of St. Louis, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor except that when a vacancy occurs in the office of county assessor after a general election at which a person other than the incumbent has been elected, the person so elected shall be appointed to fill the remainder of the unexpired term; and the person appointed after duly qualifying and entering upon the discharge of his duties under the appointment shall continue in office until the first Monday in January next following the first ensuing general election, at which general election a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term, or for the ensuing regular term, as the case may be, and the person so elected shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office the first Monday in January next following his election, except that when the term to be filled begins on any day other than the first

Monday in January, the appointee of the governor shall be entitled to hold the office until such other date.

2. (1) Notwithstanding subsection 1 of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, when any vacancy, caused in any manner or by any means whatsoever, occurs or exists in any county office, the county commission of all noncharter counties shall, no later than fourteen days after the occurrence of the vacancy, fill the vacancy by appointment, and the person so appointed by the county commission, after duly qualifying and entering upon the discharge of his or her duties under the appointment, shall continue in office until the governor fills the vacancy by appointment under subsection 1 of this section or until the vacancy is filled by operation of another provision of law.

(2) In any county with only two county commissioners, if the commissioners cannot agree upon an appointee, the two remaining county commissioners and the presiding judge of the circuit court shall vote to make the appointment required under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(3) The term "county office" as it appears in this subsection shall not include any associate circuit judge or circuit judge.

3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(1) Vacancies in county offices in any county which has adopted a charter for its own government under Section 18, Article VI of the Constitution; or

(2) Vacancies in the office of any associate circuit judge, circuit judge, circuit clerk, prosecuting attorney, or circuit attorney.

4. Any vacancy in the office of recorder of deeds in the City of St. Louis shall be filled by appointment by the mayor of that city.

485.060. 1. Each court reporter for a circuit judge shall receive an annual salary of twenty-six thousand nine hundred dollars beginning January 1, 1985, until December 31, 1985, and beginning January 1, 1986, an annual salary of thirty thousand dollars.

2. Such annual salary shall be modified by any salary adjustment provided by section 476.405[,,].

3. Beginning January 1, 2022, the annual salary, as modified under section 476.405, shall be adjusted upon meeting the minimum number of cumulative years of service as a court reporter with a circuit court of this state by the following schedule:

(1) For each court reporter with zero to five years of service: the annual salary shall be increased only by any salary adjustment provided by section 476.405;

(2) For each court reporter with six to ten years of service: the annual salary shall be increased by five and one-quarter percent;

(3) For each court reporter with eleven to fifteen years of service: the annual salary shall be increased by eight and one-quarter percent;

(4) For each court reporter with sixteen to twenty years of service: the annual salary shall be increased by eight and one-half percent; or

(5) For each court reporter with twenty-one or more years of service: the annual salary shall be increased by eight and three-quarters percent.

A court reporter may receive multiple adjustments under this subsection as his or her cumulative years of service increase, but only one percentage listed in subdivisions (1) to (5) of this subsection shall apply to the annual salary at a time.

4. Salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments on the certification of the judge of the court or division in whose court the reporter is employed. **[When]** If paid by the state, the salaries of such court reporters shall be paid in semimonthly or monthly installments, as designated by the commissioner of administration.