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SENATE BILL NO. 676

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SATER.

Pre-filed December 1, 2015, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time January 11, 2016, and referred to the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government.

Reported from the Committee February 25, 2016, with recommendation that the bill do pass.

Taken up for Perfection March 2, 2016. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

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 the authority for counties to decrease their budgets.

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Section A. Section 50.622, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted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

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

17 subsection. Such notice shall include a published summary of the proposed
18 reductions and an explanation of the shortfall.

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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