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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# HOUSE BILL NO. 257

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 48.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to counties changing classification.

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

Section A. Section 48.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 48.030, to read as follows:

48.030. 1. Other than as otherwise provided for in this section, after September 28, 1979, no county shall move from a lower class to a higher class or from a higher class to a lower class until the assessed valuation of the county is such as to place it in the other class for five successive years.

2. No second class county shall become a third class county until the assessed valuation of the county is such as to place it in the third class for at least five successive years [and until the assessed valuations for calendar year 1985 have been entered on the tax rolls of each county in accordance with subsections 6 and 7 of section 137.115, RSMo].

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, a county may become a first class county at any time after the assessed valuation of the county is such as to be a first class county and the governing body of the county elects to change classifications. The effective date of such change of classification shall be in accordance with the provisions of this section.

4. **Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than thirty-eight thousand nine hundred but fewer than thirty-nine thousand inhabitants may become a second class county at any time after the assessed valuation of the county is such as to be**

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 **a second class county and the governing body of the county elects to change classifications.**  
18 **The effective date of such change of classification shall be at the beginning of the county**  
19 **fiscal year following the election by the governing body of the county.**

20 **5. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section,** the change from one  
21 classification to another shall become effective at the beginning of the county fiscal year  
22 following the next general election after the certification by the state equalizing agency for the  
23 required number of successive years that the county possesses an assessed valuation placing it  
24 in another class. If a general election is held between the date of the certification and the end of  
25 the current fiscal year, the change of classification shall not become effective until the beginning  
26 of the county fiscal year following the next succeeding general election.

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