

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 257**  
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government, April 15, 2009, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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Section A. Section 48.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 48.030, to read as follows: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

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

19 class county at any time after the assessed valuation of the county is  
20 such as to be a second class county and the governing body of the  
21 county elects to change classifications. The effective date of such  
22 change of classification shall be at the beginning of the county fiscal  
23 year following the election by the governing body of the county.

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

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