

HB 340 -- COUNTY FACILITIES

This bill allows a county of any classification to erect and maintain a jail or holding cell facility at a site other than the county seat. Currently, only fourth classification and certain third classification counties are allowed this option.

Currently, the circuit court in Cape Girardeau County is required to hold court and maintain an office of the probate division in the courthouses in the cities of Jackson and Cape Girardeau and the circuit clerk is required to maintain offices in both courthouses. The bill removes that requirement and specifies that the circuit court may hold court and maintain an office of the probate division in Jackson and Cape Girardeau and the circuit clerk may maintain an office at both locations.

The bill contains an emergency clause for the provisions regarding counties erecting and maintaining a jail or holding cell facility at a site other than the county seat.