

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 572, Page 1,
2 Section 71.980, Line 6, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "479.020. 1. Any city, town or village, including those operating under a constitutional or
5 special charter, may, and cities with a population of four hundred thousand or more shall, provide by
6 ordinance or charter for the selection, tenure and compensation of a municipal judge or judges
7 consistent with the provisions of this chapter who shall have original jurisdiction to hear and
8 determine all violations against the ordinances of the municipality.

9 The method of selection of municipal judges shall be provided by charter or ordinance. Each
10 municipal judge shall be selected for a term of not less than two years as provided by charter or
11 ordinance.

12 2. Except where prohibited by charter or ordinance, the municipal judge may be a part-time
13 judge and may serve as municipal judge in more than one municipality.

14 3. No person shall serve as a municipal judge of any municipality with a population of
15 seven thousand five hundred or more or of any municipality in a county of the first class with a
16 charter form of government unless the person is licensed to practice law in this state unless, prior to
17 January 2, 1979, such person has served as municipal judge of that same municipality for at least
18 two years.

19 4. Notwithstanding any other statute, a municipal judge need not be a resident of the
20 municipality or of the circuit in which the municipal judge serves except where ordinance or charter
21 provides otherwise. Municipal judges shall be residents of Missouri.

22 5. Judges selected under the provisions of this section shall be municipal judges of the
23 circuit court and shall be divisions of the circuit court of the circuit in which the municipality, or
24 major geographical portion thereof, is located. The judges of these municipal divisions shall be
25 subject to the rules of the circuit court which are not inconsistent with the rules of the supreme
26 court. The presiding judge of the circuit shall have general administrative authority over the judges
27 and court personnel of the municipal divisions within the circuit.

28 6. No municipal judge shall hold any other office in the municipality which the municipal
29 judge serves as judge. The compensation of any municipal judge and other court personnel shall not
30 be dependent in any way upon the number of cases tried, the number of guilty verdicts reached or
31 the amount of fines imposed or collected.

32 7. Municipal judges shall be at least twenty-one years of age. No person shall serve as
33 municipal judge after that person has reached that person's seventy-fifth birthday.

34 8. Within six months after selection for the position, each municipal judge who is not
35 licensed to practice law in this state shall satisfactorily complete the course of instruction for
36 municipal judges prescribed by the supreme court. The state courts administrator shall certify to the

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1 supreme court the names of those judges who satisfactorily complete the prescribed course. If a
2 municipal judge fails to complete satisfactorily the prescribed course within six months after the
3 municipal judge's selection as municipal judge, the municipal judge's office shall be deemed vacant
4 and such person shall not thereafter be permitted to serve as a municipal judge, nor shall any
5 compensation thereafter be paid to such person for serving as municipal judge.

6 9. No municipal judge shall serve as a municipal judge in more than three municipalities at
7 one time."; and

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9 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 479.350, Line 16, by inserting immediately after the word
10 "village" on said line the following:

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12 "and any certified cost to be included in a special tax bill or added to the annual real estate tax bill
13 under section 67.398"; and

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15 Further amend said bill, Section 479.353, Page 3, Line 15, by deleting the second appearance of the
16 word "and" on said line; and

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18 Further amend said bill, section and page, Line 17, by inserting immediately after the word
19 "dismissed" on said line the following:

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22 (6) If a person fails to appear on the scheduled court date for a municipal ordinance
23 violation, the court may schedule a show cause hearing where the person shall be given the
24 opportunity to show whether there is any good cause for their failure to appear. If the person fails to
25 appear at the show cause hearing, the court may issue a warrant to secure the person's appearance
26 on the municipal ordinance violation; and

27 (7) Persons charged with violations of municipal ordinances may be released on bond by a
28 municipal judge or other judge who hears and determines municipal ordinance violation cases of the
29 municipality involved under the same conditions and in the same manner as provided in section
30 544.455 for release by an associate circuit judge"; and

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32 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
33 accordingly.