

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE repealing section 1540.1, of the Jackson County Code, 1984 and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject requiring that the County Legislative Auditor maintain a permanent position on the Board responsible for the Administration and Oversight of County Pension and Retirement Systems with an effective date.

ORDINANCE NO. 6098, June 15, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the County Legislature hereby finds that the pension and retirement systems of Jackson County represent substantial public assets and long-term financial obligations requiring strong independent oversight, transparency, and accountability; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the participation of the County Legislative Auditor on the pension board promotes sound fiscal management and public confidence in the administration of County retirement systems; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED the Jackson County Code is hereby amended to provide that the County Auditor shall serve as a permanent member of any board, commission, committee, or governing body established for the administration, management, oversight, or investment of any Jackson County pension or retirement system; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Legislative County Auditor shall serve as a permanent non-voting member of such board or governing body; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED no amendment, administrative action, reorganization, policy change, or restructuring of the pension board shall eliminate, diminish, or otherwise remove the Legislative County Auditor's position on the pension board except through an ordinance duly adopted by the Jackson County Legislature; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County Missouri as follows:

Section A. Enacting Clause, Section 1540.1., Jackson County Code 1984 is hereby enacted to be known as Section 1540.1 to read as follows:

1540.1 Composition.

The composition and membership of the Board of Trustees shall be established as follows:

- a. Employer's Chief Administrative Officer, while holding said office;
- b. Employer's Director of Human Resources, while holding said office;
- c. Employer's County Legislative Auditor shall be a non-voting member, while holding said office;
- d. Nine (9) members appointed by the County Executive, subject to the disapproval of the County Legislature, as follows:

i. one (1) active Member of the Plan employed by the Circuit Court of Jackson County;

ii. one (1) active Member of the Plan from a bargaining unit within the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney with which the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has a valid Memorandum of Understanding, whose initial term will be no more than two years and any and all subsequent terms for the initial appointee or his successor shall be for no more than four years or the term of the Memorandum of Understanding, whichever is less;

iii. two (2) other active Members of the Plan, but not more than one from any one department;

iv. four (4) independent business executives with special consideration to be given to those with investment experience; and,

v. one (1) labor leader or union representative affiliated with a labor organization or union with which the Employer has a current Memorandum of Understanding.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon signature by the County Executive or upon becoming law in the manner provided by the Jackson County Charter.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 6098 introduced on June 15, 2026, was duly passed on June 29, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

6.29.2026
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 6098.

6-30-26
Date


Phil LeVeta, County Executive