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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION requesting the County Executive to initiate a search/competitive bid process for persons or firms to investigate suspects who have not complied with the requirements of the Sexual Offender Registration Act.

RESOLUTION # 16231, March 19, 2007

INTRODUCED BY Henry C. Rizzo, Dan Tarwater, and Dennis Waits, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the Missouri Sexual Offender Registration Act (SORA), §§ 589.400 et seq., RSMo, requires persons who have been convicted of certain crimes relating to sexual misconduct to register with the Sheriffs of their counties of residence on a periodic basis; and,

WHEREAS, SORA also prescribes certain penalties for those who fail to register as required; and,

WHEREAS, in Jackson County, the Sheriff had previously retained retired law enforcement officers on a contract basis to investigate persons suspected of not registering as required by SORA; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has advised that he has no funds to retain these contract investigators in his 2007 budget, but has announced that he will temporarily reassign two deputies on his staff to this function until other arrangements are made; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that investigating cases of noncompliance with SORA should be a priority for those charged with its enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature and County Executive are committed to finding the funds and retaining the persons necessary to perform this function in a competent and professional manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that, due to a change in state law regarding the County Executive's authority to retain experts and consultants, if the County Executive is going to retain investigators for this purpose, there must be a competitive bid/search process; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature requests the County Executive to immediately initiate a search/competitive bid process for persons or firms to investigate SORA offenses; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Legislature to identify funding for this function by the time the bid/search process has concluded.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chief Deputy County Counselor

County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Resolution, Resolution # 16231 of March 19, 2007 was duly passed on March 19, 2007 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature