

Legislation Text

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the County Assessor being an elected position in Jackson County.

RESOLUTION NO. 21553, February 26, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV and Donna Peyton, County Legislators

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an eleven-

month contract with two twelve-month options to extend Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City (Jackson

County) MO, to serve as the Legislature's Chief Lobbyist; and,

WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Chief Lobbyist's responsibilities include assessing the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommending appropriate strategies that would benefit the County, informing the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and providing lobbying service as requested; and,

WHEREAS, currently Jackson County's Assessor is appointed by the County Executive and is not an elected position; and,

WHEREAS, during the Jackson County's Legislative meeting dated July 10, 2023, the Chief Lobbyist reported expecting a Missouri bi-partisan bill to require the Jackson County Assessor to be elected; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri House Joint Resolution 115 introduced and read on January 9, 2024, is proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri to require Jackson County to have an elected county assessor; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature for the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly to have the County Assessor of Jackson County to be an elected official; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of an elected County Assessor.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

File #: 21553, Version: 0

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21553 of February 26, 2024, was duly passed on ______, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____ Nays _____

Abstaining _____

Absent _____

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature