HOUSE BILL NO. 729

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 66, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to elections of certain county officials.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 66, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 66.800, to read as follows:

66.800. 1. This section shall apply to each election for the county executive, prosecuting attorney, or county assessor in any county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants.

2. If no candidate receives at least fifty percent of the votes cast in the general election for such office, the election authority shall, immediately after the results of the election have been announced, issue a proclamation stating that fact and ordering a special election to determine which candidate is elected to the office. The proclamation shall set the date of the election, which shall be not fewer than fourteen or more than thirty days after the proclamation is issued. Only the names of the two candidates who have received the highest percentages of the votes cast in the election for such office shall appear on the special election ballot, and the proclamation shall specify the name of each such candidate. The special election shall be conducted and the votes counted as in other general elections.

3. The election authority shall publish legal notice of the special election once at least ten days before the election. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the election authority's jurisdiction and shall include the date and time of the election and a sample ballot. The election authority may provide any additional notice of the election it deems desirable.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.