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SENATE BILL 22-065

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Local Government

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE STATUS OF ELECTED COUNTY CORONERS IN CLASS II,
102 III, AND IV COUNTIES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Beginning January 1, 2023, the bill increases the salary of newly elected or reelected category II county coroners to match the salary of category II county treasurers. The bill also allows a category II county coroner position to be a part-time position, if desired by a coroner.

The bill allows category III and category IV county coroners to work full-time if full-time work is agreed upon in consultation with the

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county commissioners. For a category III or category IV county that has a full-time county coroner only, the bill increases the salary of a newly elected or reelected county coroner to match the salary of the county treasurer.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-2-102, **amend**
 3 (2.3)(a); and **add** (2.3)(c), (2.3)(d), (2.3)(e), and (2.3)(f) as follows:

4 **30-2-102. Categorization of counties for fixing salaries of**
 5 **county officers - salary amounts - legislative declaration.**

6 (2.3) (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (2.3)~~
 7 SUBSECTIONS (2.3)(b) TO (2.3)(f) OF THIS SECTION, on and after January
 8 1, 2016, the annual salary of a county officer whose term of office begins
 9 on or after such date is as follows:

	County	County	County	County	County	
	Commis-	Sheriffs	Treasurers,	Coroners	Surveyors	
	sioners		Assessors,			
			and Clerks			
14	Category I-A	113,490	144,430	113,490	113,490	7,150
15	Category I-B	104,760	133,320	104,760	104,760	6,600
16	Category I-C	96,030	122,210	96,030	96,030	6,050
17	Category I-D	87,300	111,100	87,300	87,300	5,500
18	Category II-A	94,250	114,010	94,250	57,460	5,720
					94,250	
19	Category II-B	87,000	105,240	87,000	53,040	5,280
					87,000	
20	Category II-C	79,750	96,470	79,750	48,620	4,840
					79,750	

1	Category II-D	72,500	87,700	72,500	44,200 72,500	4,400
2	Category III-A	76,050	98,800	76,050	43,030 76,050	4,290
3	Category III-B	70,200	91,200	70,200	39,720 70,200	3,960
4	Category III-C	64,350	83,600	64,350	36,410 64,350	3,630
5	Category III-D	58,500	76,000	58,500	33,100 58,500	3,300
6	Category IV-A	64,610	86,580	64,610	28,730 64,610	2,860
7	Category IV-B	59,640	79,920	59,640	26,520 59,640	2,640
8	Category IV-C	54,670	73,260	54,670	24,310 54,670	2,420
9	Category IV-D	49,700	66,600	49,700	22,100 49,700	2,200
10	Category V-A	56,940	63,830	56,940	12,870	1,430
11	Category V-B	52,560	58,920	52,560	11,880	1,320
12	Category V-C	48,180	54,010	48,180	10,890	1,210
13	Category V-D	43,800	49,100	43,800	9,900	1,100
14	Category VI-A	51,610	60,450	51,610	11,700	1,300
15	Category VI-B	47,640	55,800	47,640	10,800	1,200
16	Category VI-C	43,670	51,150	43,670	9,900	1,100
17	Category VI-D	39,700	46,500	39,700	9,000	1,000

18 (c) THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF FULL-TIME CORONERS FOR
19 CATEGORY II, III, AND IV COUNTIES INDICATED BY THE TABLE IN
20 SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION APPLY ONLY TO CORONERS WHOSE

1 TERMS BEGIN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, AND MUST BE ADJUSTED
2 PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2024, AND PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 EACH TWO YEARS
3 THEREAFTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2.3)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (d) THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME CATEGORY II CORONER IS EQUAL
5 TO THE SALARY OF A CATEGORY II COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CATEGORY II
6 COUNTY TREASURER, CATEGORY II COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND CATEGORY II
7 COUNTY CLERK AS INDICATED BY THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF
8 THIS SECTION. A CORONER IN A CATEGORY II COUNTY MAY CHOOSE TO
9 WORK PART-TIME AT A PRO RATA SALARY ADJUSTED BY THE BOARD OF
10 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

11 (e) A CORONER IN A CATEGORY III COUNTY MAY, IN
12 CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DETERMINE
13 IF A FULL-TIME POSITION IS APPROPRIATE. IF A FULL-TIME POSITION IS
14 AGREED UPON, THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME CATEGORY III CORONER IS
15 EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A CATEGORY III COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
16 CATEGORY III COUNTY TREASURER, CATEGORY III COUNTY ASSESSOR,
17 AND CATEGORY III COUNTY CLERK AS INDICATED BY THE TABLE IN
18 SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (f) A CORONER IN A CATEGORY IV COUNTY MAY, IN
20 CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DETERMINE IF A
21 FULL-TIME POSITION IS APPROPRIATE. IF A FULL-TIME POSITION IS AGREED
22 UPON, THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME CATEGORY IV CORONER SHALL BE
23 EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A CATEGORY IV COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
24 CATEGORY IV COUNTY TREASURER, CATEGORY IV COUNTY ASSESSOR,
25 AND CATEGORY IV COUNTY CLERK AS INDICATED BY THE TABLE IN
26 SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

27 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
3 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
4 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
5 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
6 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.