

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 2010

TO: Members, Legislative Commission's Committee to Study Powers Delegated to Local Governments (Senate Bill 264, Chapter 462, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*)

FROM: Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst
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SUBJECT: **Salaries of Local Elected County Officials—Salary Table and Pertinent Enclosed Materials**

Please find attached a table listing the salaries of elected county officials between 1979 and fiscal year (FY) 2010–2011. The table highlights the changes made to the salaries set forth in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 245.043 during the 1979, 1981, 1985, 1989, 1995, 2003, and 2007 Sessions of the Nevada State Legislature. Counties in the table are grouped by salary scale, which is based roughly on county population. It should be noted that Assembly Bill 23 of the 2003 Legislative Session (Chapter 444, *Statutes of Nevada*) removed the office of County Commissioner from NRS 245.043 and gave each Board of County Commissioners in Nevada the authority to increase their own salaries. Moreover, Senate Bill 516 of the 2007 Legislative Session (Chapter 455, *Statutes of Nevada*) authorizes each Board to increase the annual salaries of county commissioners at a maximum increase of 4 percent per year for the next four fiscal years beginning in FY 2007–2008 (using the January 1, 2003, salary level as a base).

In addition, please find attached the following documents that may also be helpful during today's committee discussion on local elected official salaries (Agenda Item No. VII. A.):

- Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 1991 Legislative Session (no action);
- Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 17th Special Session (2001) along with an official "bill summary" for the measure

(NOTE: The resolution originated as Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14 of the 2001 Legislative Session, but was reintroduced as A.J.R. 1 during the 17th Special Session. The resolution was approved during the special

session, but was not subsequently approved during the 2003 Legislative Session.

- Assembly Bill 23 of the 2003 Legislative Session (Chapter 444, *Statutes of Nevada*) along with an official “bill summary” for the measure;
- Senate Bill 516 of the 2007 Legislative Session (Chapter 455, *Statutes of Nevada*) along with an official “floor statement” for the measure;
- A Research Division memorandum from Susan E. Scholley, Senior Research Analyst, and Michelle Van Geel, Senior Research Analyst, regarding Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 17th Special Session (2001), dated March 10, 2003 (includes a 1995 Issue Brief from the National Association of Counties entitled, “State Law and the Compensation of County Governing Body Members”); and
- City of Las Vegas Ordinance No. 5947 (approved on September 25, 2007) regarding the setting of salaries of the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Las Vegas.

I trust the attached table, legislation, memorandum, and ordinance are useful during today’s discussion regarding local elected official salaries. As always, please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance to you.

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Attachments