

EMERGENCY REQUEST OF ASSEMBLY MINORITY LEADER

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 529—ASSEMBLYMEN O’NEILL, ANDERSON, TAYLOR; DELONG, DICKMAN, LA RUE HATCH, NEWBY AND PETERS

JUNE 3, 2023

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS GOICOECHEA, SCHEIBLE, D. HARRIS; AND DALY

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the compensation of certain county officers. (BDR 20-1229)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 2) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to counties; revising provisions relating to the annual compensation of elected county officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law sets forth the annual compensation to be paid to elected county
2 officers, including district attorneys, sheriffs, county clerks, county assessors,
3 county recorders, county treasurers, county administrators and county
4 commissioners. (NRS 245.043) **Section 1** of this bill increases the annual
5 compensation to be paid to elected county officers for: (1) Fiscal Year 2024-2025,
6 115 percent of the annual salary that was in effect for the elected county officer for
7 Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and (2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and each fiscal year
8 thereafter, the amount that was in effect for the elected county officer for the
9 immediately preceding fiscal year plus the average percentage increase in the
10 salaries of the classified employees of this State during the immediately preceding
11 fiscal year. **Section 1** also: (1) authorizes a board of county commissioners, by a
12 majority vote of all the members of the board, to reduce the compensation to be
13 paid to elected county officers for any fiscal year; (2) requires such reduction to



14 apply equally to all elected county officers; and (3) eliminates obsolete language
15 relating to salaries for certain fiscal years.

16 **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change to reflect a change in the
17 numbering made by **section 1**.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 245.043 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 245.043 1. As used in this section:

3 (a) "County" includes Carson City.

4 (b) "County commissioner" includes the Mayor and supervisors
5 of Carson City.

6 2. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection]~~ **subsections 3,**
7 **5 and 7** and by any special law, the elected officers of the counties
8 of this State are entitled to receive, for the appropriate fiscal year,
9 annual salaries in the base amounts specified in the following table
10 commencing on July 1 of the fiscal year. The annual salaries are in
11 full payment for all services required by law to be performed by
12 such officers. Except as otherwise provided by law, all fees and
13 commissions collected by such officers in the performance of their
14 duties must be paid into the county treasury each month without
15 deduction of any nature.

ANNUAL SALARIES

Class	County	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
1	Clark							
		FY 2015-2016	\$187,563	\$161,692	\$109,757	\$109,757	\$109,757	\$109,757
		FY 2016-2017	193,190	166,543	113,050	113,050	113,050	113,050
		FY 2017-2018	198,986	171,540	116,441	116,441	116,441	116,441
		FY 2018-2019	204,955	176,685	119,934	119,934	119,934	119,934
2	Washoe							
		FY 2015-2016	165,573	133,234	100,610	100,610	100,610	100,610
		FY 2016-2017	170,540	137,231	103,629	103,629	103,629	103,629
		FY 2017-2018	175,656	141,348	106,738	106,738	106,738	106,738
		FY 2018-2019	180,926	145,588	109,940	109,940	109,940	109,940
3	Carson City							
		FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
		FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
		FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
		FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Churchill							
		FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
		FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
		FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
		FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----



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Class	County	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
	Douglas							
	FY 2015-2016	\$118,872	\$98,567	\$78,293	\$78,293	\$78,293	\$78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Elko							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Humboldt							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Lyon							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Nye							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
4	Lander							
	FY 2015-2016	112,268	88,711	65,305	65,305	65,305	65,305	-----
	FY 2016-2017	115,636	91,372	67,264	67,264	67,264	67,264	-----
	FY 2017-2018	119,105	94,113	69,282	69,282	69,282	69,282	-----
	FY 2018-2019	122,678	96,937	71,361	71,361	71,361	71,361	-----
	Storey							
	FY 2015-2016	112,268	88,711	65,305	65,305	65,305	65,305	-----
	FY 2016-2017	115,636	91,372	67,264	67,264	67,264	67,264	-----
	FY 2017-2018	119,105	94,113	69,282	69,282	69,282	69,282	-----
	FY 2018-2019	122,678	96,937	71,361	71,361	71,361	71,361	-----
	White Pine							
	FY 2015-2016	112,268	88,711	65,305	65,305	65,305	65,305	-----
	FY 2016-2017	115,636	91,372	67,264	67,264	67,264	67,264	-----
	FY 2017-2018	119,105	94,113	69,282	69,282	69,282	69,282	-----
	FY 2018-2019	122,678	96,937	71,361	71,361	71,361	71,361	-----
5	Eureka							
	FY 2015-2016	99,060	70,968	58,537	58,537	58,537	58,537	-----
	FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293	-----
	FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102	-----
	FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965	-----
	Lincoln							
	FY 2015-2016	99,060	70,968	58,537	58,537	58,537	58,537	-----
	FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293	-----
	FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102	-----
	FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965	-----



Class	County	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
	Mineral							
		FY 2015-2016	\$99,060	\$70,968	\$58,537	\$58,537	\$58,537	\$58,537
		FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293
		FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102
		FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965
	Pershing							
		FY 2015-2016	99,060	70,968	58,537	58,537	58,537	58,537
		FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293
		FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102
		FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965
6	Esmeralda							
		FY 2015-2016	78,657	63,083	51,220	51,220	51,220	51,220
		FY 2016-2017	81,017	64,976	52,756	52,756	52,756	52,756
		FY 2017-2018	83,447	66,926	54,339	54,339	54,339	54,339
		FY 2018-2019	85,951	68,933	55,969	55,969	55,969	55,969

↳ Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection]~~ *subsections 3, 5 ~~[.]~~ and 7*, the annual salaries set forth in this subsection for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 are effective for that fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter ~~[.]~~ *until the end of Fiscal Year 2023-2024.*

3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 7, the annual salary for an elected officer of a county listed in subsection 2 is:*

(a) *For Fiscal Year 2024-2025, 115 percent of the amount that was in effect for the elected officer for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and*

(b) *For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount in effect for the immediately preceding fiscal year for the elected officer plus the average percentage increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State during the immediately preceding fiscal year.*

4. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection]~~ *subsections 5 ~~[.]~~ and 7*, the annual salary for county commissioners commencing on July 1 of the fiscal year is:

(a) ~~[F]or Fiscal Year 2015-2016, 103.00 percent;~~

~~—(b) For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, 106.09 percent;~~

~~—(c) For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 109.273 percent; and~~

~~—(d)] For Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and each fiscal year thereafter ~~[.]~~ until the end of Fiscal Year 2023-2024, 112.551 percent ~~[.]~~~~

~~↳)] of the amount of the annual salary for the county commissioners of that county that was in effect on January 1, 2015; ~~[.]~~~~

~~—4.] (b) For Fiscal Year 2024-2025, 115 percent of the amount that was in effect for the county commissioner for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and~~

(c) *For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount in effect for the county commissioner for the*



1 *immediately preceding fiscal year plus the average percentage*
2 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*
3 *during the immediately preceding fiscal year.*

4 5. A board of county commissioners may, by a majority vote
5 of all the members of the board, approve a salary that is less than
6 the amount set forth pursuant to this section for any fiscal year.
7 Any salary reduced by a board of county commissioners pursuant
8 to this subsection must apply equally to each elected county officer
9 in such county.

10 6. Any elected officer or county commissioner who is entitled
11 to a salary pursuant to subsection 2 , ~~or~~ 3 or 4 may elect not to
12 receive any part of the salary to which he or she is entitled pursuant
13 to subsection 2 , ~~or~~ 3 ~~or~~ 4, as applicable.

14 ~~5.~~ 7. The increased annual salaries for all elected county
15 officers provided for in subsections 2 , ~~and~~ 3 and 4 for a fiscal
16 year must not be paid in a fiscal year if the board of county
17 commissioners determines that sufficient financial resources are not
18 available to pay increased annual salaries in that fiscal year and the
19 annual salaries paid for those officers in the immediately preceding
20 fiscal year must continue to be paid. If increased annual salaries are
21 paid in a subsequent fiscal year:

22 (a) Those increased annual salaries must be in the amounts
23 provided for in subsections 2 , ~~and~~ 3 and 4 starting with the first
24 fiscal year in which increased salaries were not paid because
25 sufficient financial resources were not available.

26 (b) An elected county officer is not entitled to any retroactive
27 payment of the salary increase for any previous fiscal year in which
28 increased annual salaries were not paid.

29 **Sec. 2.** NRS 245.044 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 245.044 1. On and after July 1, 1973, if an elected county
31 officer has served in his or her office for more than 4 years, the
32 officer is entitled to an additional salary of 2 percent of his or her
33 base salary for the appropriate fiscal year as provided in
34 ~~subsection~~ subsections 2 and 3 of NRS 245.043 or his or her
35 annual salary set pursuant to subsection ~~3~~ 4 of NRS 245.043, as
36 applicable, for each full calendar year the officer has served in his or
37 her office.

38 2. The additional salary to which an elected county officer is
39 entitled pursuant to subsection 1:

40 (a) Must be calculated on July 1 of each year by multiplying 2
41 percent of the base salary for the appropriate fiscal year as provided
42 in ~~subsection~~ subsections 2 and 3 of NRS 245.043 or the annual
43 salary set pursuant to subsection ~~3~~ 4 of NRS 245.043, as
44 applicable, by the number of full calendar years the elected county
45 officer has served in his or her office; and



1 (b) Must not exceed 20 percent of the base salary for the
2 appropriate fiscal year as provided in ~~subsection~~ *subsections 2 and*
3 *3* of NRS 245.043 or the annual salary set pursuant to subsection ~~3~~
4 *4* of NRS 245.043, as applicable.

5 3. Any elected county officer who is entitled to additional
6 salary pursuant to subsection 1 may elect not to receive the
7 additional salary or any part of the additional salary.

8 4. Service on the Board of Supervisors of Carson City for the
9 initial term which began on July 1, 1969, and ended on the first
10 Monday of January, 1973, shall be deemed to constitute 4 full
11 calendar years of service for the purposes of this section.

12 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and
13 218D.435, a committee may vote on this act before the expiration of
14 the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS
15 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after June 2,
16 2023.

17 **Sec. 4.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
18 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
19 provisions of this act.

20 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

