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STATE OF COLORADO

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SENATE BILL 17-288

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Gardner,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DECOUPLING OF THE COMPENSATION OF A MEMBER
102 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE COMPENSATION OF A
103 COUNTY COURT JUDGE.

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>.)

Members of the general assembly currently receive an annual salary of \$30,000. For terms commencing on or after 2019, current law provides that the salary will be an amount equal to 25% of the total annual salary paid to the judges of the county court in a Class B county.

The bill establishes the salary for members of the general assembly

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

at \$38,000 for terms commencing on or after 2019. Starting in 2025, the director of research of the legislative council would adjust the \$38,000 salary amount for inflation from 2019 through 2025, and then adjust the amount again every 2 years thereafter.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-307, **amend**
3 (1)(b); and **add** (1)(c) as follows:

4 **2-2-307. Compensation of members - reimbursement of**
5 **expenses - repeal.** (1) (b) Commencing on the first day of the legislative
6 session beginning in January of 2019, ~~and the first day of each legislative~~
7 ~~session beginning in January each two years thereafter,~~ all members of the
8 general assembly ~~whose terms commence on such day~~ ELECTED AT THE
9 2018 GENERAL ELECTION AND THEREAFTER, THROUGH THE 2022 GENERAL
10 ELECTION, and members appointed to fill vacancies for unexpired terms
11 of those members, shall receive as ~~an annual~~ base compensation for their
12 services ~~an amount equal to twenty-five percent of the total annual salary~~
13 ~~paid as of such day to the judges of the county court in Class B counties,~~
14 ~~as defined in section 13-6-201, C.R.S.~~ The base compensation shall be
15 THE SUM OF THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ANNUM, payable in
16 twelve equal monthly amounts. ~~The director of research of the legislative~~
17 ~~council appointed pursuant to section 2-3-304 (1), C.R.S., shall post the~~
18 ~~amount of the current annual base compensation payable to a member of~~
19 ~~the general assembly pursuant to this paragraph (b) on the website of the~~
20 ~~general assembly.~~

21 (c) (I) COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH LEGISLATIVE
22 SESSION BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY OF 2025, ALL MEMBERS OF THE
23 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IMMEDIATELY

1 PRECEDING THE FIRST DAY OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND MEMBERS
2 APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCIES FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF THOSE
3 MEMBERS, SHALL RECEIVE AS BASE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES
4 THE MOST RECENTLY ADJUSTED AMOUNT CALCULATED PURSUANT TO
5 SUBSECTION (1)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION, PAYABLE IN TWELVE EQUAL
6 MONTHLY AMOUNTS.

7 (II) PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION
8 BEGINNING IN JANUARY OF 2025, AND PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE
9 LEGISLATIVE SESSION EACH TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR OF
10 RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
11 SECTION 2-3-304 (1), SHALL ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE
12 COMPENSATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION IN
13 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE SINCE JANUARY 1, 2019, IN
14 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR
15 STATISTICS, CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DENVER-BOULDER-GREELEY,
16 ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX. THE
17 DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH SHALL POST THE ADJUSTED BASE COMPENSATION
18 AMOUNT ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

19 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
22 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.