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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Status: House Trans & Local Gov
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Bill Topic: CHANGE SALARY CATEGORIZATIONS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

For the purpose of setting the salaries of elected county officers, this bill reclassifies Alamosa County from category III-A to category III-B, and reclassifies Yuma County from category IV-B to category IV-C. Reclassifying these counties reduces county expenditures for officer salaries.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The salary of county officers is set in statute and determined by the category of the county in which the officer serves (I through VI). Four subcategories, A through D were added to each category in 2015 for the purpose of increasing or decreasing county officer salaries. The statutory salary amounts are adjusted every two years for inflation and take effect for terms commencing after any change is made.

This bill reclassifies Alamosa County from category III-A to category III-B (7.7% decrease), and reclassifies Yuma County from category IV-B to category IV-C (8.3% decrease).

Local Government

The bill reduces county government expenditures for salaries for the designated officials whose salary is set in state statute. The bill categorizes two counties into lower tiers, resulting in lower salaries for commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors, clerks, coroners, and surveyors in those counties.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Local Government

Counties