

CHAPTER 45

GOVERNMENT - LOCAL

SENATE BILL 22-065

BY SENATOR(S) Hisey and Story, Cooke, Liston, Rankin, Simpson;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Gray and Will, Bird, Bockenfeld, Hooton, Lindsay, Lontine, McLachlan.

AN ACT

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

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

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

30-2-102. Categorization of counties for fixing salaries of county officers - salary amounts - legislative declaration. (2.3) (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (2.3)~~ SUBSECTIONS (2.3)(b) TO (2.3)(f) OF THIS SECTION, on and after January 1, 2016, the annual salary of a county officer whose term of office begins on or after such date is as follows:

	County Commis- sioners	County Sheriffs	County Treasurers, Assessors, and Clerks	County Coroners	County Surveyors
Category I-A	113,490	144,430	113,490	113,490	7,150
Category I-B	104,760	133,320	104,760	104,760	6,600
Category I-C	96,030	122,210	96,030	96,030	6,050
Category I-D	87,300	111,100	87,300	87,300	5,500
Category II-A	94,250	114,010	94,250	57,460 <i>(94,250)</i>	5,720

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

Category II-B	87,000	105,240	87,000	53,040 (87,000)	5,280
Category II-C	79,750	96,470	79,750	48,620 (79,750)	4,840
Category II-D	72,500	87,700	72,500	44,200 (72,500)	4,400
Category III-A	76,050	98,800	76,050	43,030 (76,050)	4,290
Category III-B	70,200	91,200	70,200	39,720 (70,200)	3,960
Category III-C	64,350	83,600	64,350	36,410 (64,350)	3,630
Category III-D	58,500	76,000	58,500	33,100 (58,500)	3,300
Category IV-A	64,610	86,580	64,610	28,730 (64,610)	2,860
Category IV-B	59,640	79,920	59,640	26,520 (59,640)	2,640
Category IV-C	54,670	73,260	54,670	24,310 (54,670)	2,420
Category IV-D	49,700	66,600	49,700	22,100 (49,700)	2,200
Category V-A	56,940	63,830	56,940	12,870	1,430
Category V-B	52,560	58,920	52,560	11,880	1,320
Category V-C	48,180	54,010	48,180	10,890	1,210
Category V-D	43,800	49,100	43,800	9,900	1,100
Category VI-A	51,610	60,450	51,610	11,700	1,300
Category VI-B	47,640	55,800	47,640	10,800	1,200
Category VI-C	43,670	51,150	43,670	9,900	1,100
Category VI-D	39,700	46,500	39,700	9,000	1,000

(c) THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF FULL-TIME CORONERS FOR CATEGORY **II**, **III**, AND **IV** COUNTIES, AS DISPLAYED IN BOLD TEXT AND WITHIN PARENTHESES IN THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION, APPLY ONLY TO CORONERS WHOSE TERMS BEGIN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, AND MUST BE ADJUSTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2024, AND PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 EACH TWO YEARS THEREAFTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2.3)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

(d) THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME CATEGORY **II** CORONER IS EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A CATEGORY **II** COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CATEGORY **II** COUNTY TREASURER, CATEGORY **II** COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND CATEGORY **II** COUNTY CLERK AS INDICATED BY THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DECLINE THE FULL-TIME STATUS OF A CATEGORY **II** CORONER FOR CAUSE, BUT ONLY AFTER THE CORONER IS GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN A PUBLIC HEARING.

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

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

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

Approved: March 24, 2022