

CHAPTER 122

GOVERNMENT - COUNTY

SENATE BILL 02-166

BY SENATOR(S) Teck, Entz, Epps, Pascoe, and Taylor;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sinclair, Hodge, Kester, Miller, and Stafford.

AN ACT**CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF COUNTY CORONERS.**

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

SECTION 1. 30-2-102 (2.1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

30-2-102. Categorization of counties for fixing salaries of county officers.

(2.1) On and after January 1, 2002, the annual salaries of county officers whose term of office begins on or after such date shall be as follows:

	County Commissioners	County Sheriffs	County Treasurers, Assessors, and Clerks	COUNTY CORONERS
(a) Category I	63,203	95,000	75,500	75,500
(b) Category II	51,827	75,000	62,000	32,000
(c) Category III	41,714	65,000	50,000	25,000
(d) Category IV	35,394	57,000	42,500	17,000
(e) Category V	32,613	42,000	37,500	6,500

SECTION 2. 30-2-108 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

30-2-108. Coroner - compensation - mileage. (1) (a) In counties of every class,

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

~~the~~ ANY coroner WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2002, shall be compensated at a rate approved by the board of county commissioners of the respective county. ~~and~~ ANY CORONER WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002, SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY AT THE RATE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30-2-102 (2.1).

(b) IN COUNTIES OF EVERY CLASS, THE CORONER shall be reimbursed for such mileage as shall be determined by resolution of the board of county commissioners of the county or as provided by the charter of a home rule county, within the limits provided under section 30-11-107 (1) (t), for each mile actually and necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the place of investigation or the place of inquest, ~~all of which compensation~~ REIMBURSEMENT shall be paid out of the county treasury. ~~No county coroner shall have his compensation increased during the term of office to which he has been elected or appointed.~~

(c) IN COUNTIES OF EVERY CLASS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO CORONERS FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO TRAVEL BY THE CORONER FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTIFYING AS A WITNESS OR ACTING IN ANY OTHER OFFICIAL CAPACITY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING A DEATH INVESTIGATED BY THAT CORONER. SUCH REIMBURSEMENT MAY INCLUDE A MILEAGE ALLOWANCE FOR EACH MILE ACTUALLY AND NECESSARILY TRAVELED IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE BOARD WITHIN THE LIMITS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 30-11-107 (1) (t) AND ACTUAL AND NECESSARY LODGING, SUBSISTENCE, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD. SUCH REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE COUNTY TREASURY.

(d) IN COUNTIES OF EVERY CLASS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO ANY CORONER WHO PERFORMS A POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION OF THE BODY OF A DECEASED PERSON PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-10-606 (2), WHICH COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE COUNTY TREASURY.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

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