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Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

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SENATE BILL 26-092

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Simpson,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Suckla and Velasco,

Senate Committees
Local Government & Housing

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE MODIFICATION OF THE SALARY CATEGORIZATION OF**
102 **LOCALLY ELECTED OFFICERS IN SPECIFIED COUNTIES.**

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>.)

Current law categorizes each county for purposes of establishing the salaries of elected officers in the county. The statutory salary amounts are adjusted every 2 years for inflation and take effect for terms commencing after any change is made.

The bill changes the category of Dolores County from category V-C to category V-D and changes the category of Pitkin County from

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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category II-B to category I-A. The category changes will decrease Dolores County official salaries as follows:

- County commissioner salary decreases from \$67,360 to \$61,236;
- County sheriff salary decreases from \$75,511 to \$68,646;
- County treasurer, assessor, and clerk salary decreases from \$67,360 to \$61,236; and
- Part-time county coroner salary decreases from \$15,225 to \$13,841.

Pitkin County is a home rule county that may set the compensation for its officers and employees. The category changes may increase Pitkin County official salaries as follows:

- County commissioner salary increases from \$121,634 to \$158,669;
- County sheriff salary increases from \$147,135 to \$201,926;
- County treasurer, assessor, and clerk salary increases from \$121,634 to \$158,669; and
- Full-time county coroner salary increases from \$121,634 to \$158,669.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-2-102, **amend**
3 (1.5)(a)(V)(C) and (1.5)(a)(V)(D) as follows:

4 **30-2-102. Categorization of counties for fixing salaries of**
5 **county officers - salary amounts - legislative declaration.**

6 (1.5) (a) For the purpose of establishing the salaries of county
7 officers whose terms of office begin on or after January 1, 2016:

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9 (V) (C) Category V-C counties consist of the ~~counties~~ COUNTY of
10 Bent; ~~and Dolores~~;

11 (D) Category V-D counties consist of the ~~county~~ COUNTIES of
12 Cheyenne AND DOLORES.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
2 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.