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SENATE BILL 25-140

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ADJUSTING DOLLAR AMOUNTS RELATED TO THE**
102 **ADMINISTRATION OF IRRIGATION DISTRICTS FORMED PURSUANT**
103 **TO THE IRRIGATION DISTRICT LAWS FIRST ENACTED IN 1905 TO**
104 **ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION.**

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>.)

Under current law, each member of a board of directors of an irrigation district (board of directors) and each judge of election of an irrigation district (judge of election) receives compensation of not more

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than \$100 per day. In addition, a contract entered into by a board of directors that involves a consideration that exceeds \$250,000 but does not exceed \$400,000 must be authorized and ratified in writing by no less than one-third of the electors of the irrigation district according to the number of votes cast at the last district election. A contract that exceeds \$400,000 must be authorized and ratified at an election in the manner provided for the issuance of bonds.

To account for inflation, the bill:

- Increases the amount of compensation for members of a board of directors and judges of election to up to \$150 per day; and
- Requires that, to be binding, a contract entered into by a board of directors that exceeds \$400,000 but does not exceed \$650,000 must be authorized and ratified in writing by no less than one-third of the electors of the irrigation district according to the number of votes cast at the last district election, and a contract that exceeds \$650,000 must be authorized and ratified at an election in the manner provided for the issuance of bonds.

The bill requires that the dollar amounts related to compensation of members of a board of directors and judges of election, as well as those related to contracts entered into by a board of directors, must be increased every 5 years, beginning July 1, 2029, according to the rate of inflation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-41-107, **amend**
3 (5) as follows:

4 **37-41-107. Office of board - elections.** (5) Each judge of
5 election shall receive as compensation the sum of up to one hundred
6 FIFTY dollars per day, to be paid by the district.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 37-41-108 as
8 follows:

9 **37-41-108. Directors - secretary - salaries.** Each member of the
10 board of directors may receive compensation at the rate of up to one
11 hundred FIFTY dollars per day while attending meetings and shall be
12 reimbursed for ~~his or her~~ THEIR actual and necessary expenses while

1 engaged in official business. ~~No~~ A director or officer named in this ~~article~~
2 ARTICLE 41 shall NOT be interested, directly or indirectly, in any manner,
3 in any contract awarded or to be awarded by the board or in the profits to
4 be derived ~~therefrom~~ FROM THE CONTRACT, nor shall ~~he or she~~ THEY
5 receive any bonds, gratuity, or bribe. For any violation of this section,
6 such officer commits a class 6 felony and shall be punished as provided
7 in section 18-1.3-401. ~~C.R.S.~~ He or she shall also forfeit ~~his or her~~ THEIR
8 office upon conviction.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-41-113, **amend**
10 (4) as follows:

11 **37-41-113. Board of directors - duties - contracts - rules.**

12 (4) (a) ~~No~~ A contract involving a consideration exceeding ~~two hundred~~
13 ~~fifty~~ FOUR HUNDRED thousand dollars ~~and~~ BUT not exceeding ~~four~~ SIX
14 hundred FIFTY thousand dollars ~~shall be~~ IS NOT binding unless ~~such~~ THE
15 contract has been authorized and ratified in writing by not less than
16 one-third of the legal electors of ~~said~~ THE district according to the number
17 of votes cast at the last district election. ~~nor shall any~~

18 (b) A contract in excess of ~~four~~ SIX hundred FIFTY thousand
19 dollars ~~be~~ IS NOT binding until ~~such~~ THE contract has been authorized and
20 ratified at an election in the manner provided for the issue of bonds.

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 37-41-161 as
22 follows:

23 **37-41-161. Dollar amounts adjusted for inflation - definition.**

24 (1) EVERY FIVE YEARS, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2029, THE DOLLAR
25 AMOUNTS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 37-41-107 (5), 37-41-108, AND
26 37-41-113 (4) INCREASE BY THE RATE OF INFLATION, ROUNDED TO THE
27 NEAREST DOLLAR.

1 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
2 REQUIRES, "INFLATION" MEANS THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE
3 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
4 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX, FOR
5 DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD FOR ALL ITEMS PAID FOR BY URBAN
6 CONSUMERS.

7 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
8 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
9 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
10 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
11 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
12 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
13 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
14 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
15 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
16 governor.

17 (2) This act applies to events and circumstances occurring on or
18 after the applicable effective date of this act.