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**HB17-1128**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0786  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Hamner

**Date:** January 31, 2017  
**Bill Status:** House Local Government  
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**BILL TOPIC:** SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR LAKE COUNTY OFFICIALS

**Summary of Legislation**

The salary of county officers is set in statute and determined by the category (I through VI) and subcategory (A through D) of the county. This bill changes the categorization of Lake County from category IV-A to IV-B, which decreases the salary of Lake County elected officials whose terms begin on or after January 1, 2016.

**Background**

County officers are elected officials and include county commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors, clerks, coroners, and surveyors. Their pay is determined by the category/subcategory of the county for which they serve. Greater salary levels are paid to elected officials in counties with greater workload. This categorization is determined by a number of factors including population, unincorporated area population, assessed property valuation, motor vehicle registrations, building permits, military installations, and any other relevant factor. The salary of an elected officer cannot be increased or decreased during his or her term under current law.

**Local Government Impact**

This bill reduces Lake County expenditures for elected official salaries whose terms begin on or after January 1, 2016 as shown in Table 1. The total reduction is \$38,910 per year, however because the bill applies to county officials elected after January 1, 2016 and the salary of an elected official cannot be adjusted during his or her term in office the full savings generated by this bill may not be realized until after the next election for each county officer.

<b>Table 1. Salaries for County Officers in Lake County</b>						
<b>County Category</b>	<b>County Commissioners (3)</b>	<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk</b>	<b>Coroner</b>	<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>Salary Total</b>
Current Law (Category IV- A)	\$64,610	\$86,580	\$64,610	\$28,730	\$2,860	\$247,390
HB17-1128 (Category IV-B)	59,640	79,920	59,640	26,520	2,640	228,360
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(4,970)</b>	<b>(6,660)</b>	<b>(4,970)</b>	<b>(2,210)</b>	<b>(220)</b>	<b>(19,030)</b>

<b>Table 1. Salaries for County Officers in Lake County (Cont.)</b>						
<b>County Category</b>	<b>County Commissioners (3)</b>	<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk</b>	<b>Coroner</b>	<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>Salary Total</b>
Current Law Total Salaries	193,830	86,580	193,830	28,730	2,860	505,830
HB17-1128 Total Salaries	178,920	79,920	178,920	26,520	2,640	466,920
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(14,910)</b>	<b>(6,660)</b>	<b>(14,910)</b>	<b>(2,210)</b>	<b>(220)</b>	<b>(38,910)</b>

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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