



Legislative
Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

HB 20-1281

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number: LLS 20-0891
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Pelton; Valdez D.
Sen. Hisey

Date: July 23, 2020
Bill Status: Signed into Law
Fiscal Analyst: Josh Abram | 303-866-3561
Josh.Abram@state.co.us

Bill Topic: **CHANGE SALARY CATEGORIZATIONS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

For the purpose of setting the salaries of elected county officers, this bill reclassifies Alamosa County from category III-A to category III-B, and reclassifies Yuma County from category IV-B to category IV-C. Reclassifying these counties reduces county expenditures for officer salaries.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The salary of county officers is set in statute and determined by the category of the county in which the officer serves (I through VI). Four subcategories, A through D were added to each category in 2015 for the purpose of increasing or decreasing county officer salaries. The statutory salary amounts are adjusted every two years for inflation and take effect for terms commencing after any change is made.

This bill reclassifies Alamosa County from category III-A to category III-B (7.7% decrease), and reclassifies Yuma County from category IV-B to category IV-C (8.3% decrease).

Local Government

The bill reduces county government expenditures for salaries for the designated officials whose salary is set in state statute. The bill categorizes two counties into lower tiers, resulting in lower salaries for commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors, clerks, coroners, and surveyors in those counties.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 26, 2020, and takes effect September 14, 2020, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Local Affairs