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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**SENATE BILL 22-065**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE STATUS OF ELECTED COUNTY CORONERS IN CLASS II,**  
102 **III, AND IV COUNTIES.**

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**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>.)*

Beginning January 1, 2023, the bill increases the salary of newly elected or reelected category II county coroners to match the salary of category II county treasurers. The bill also allows a category II county coroner position to be a part-time position, if desired by a coroner.

The bill allows category III and category IV county coroners to work full-time if full-time work is agreed upon in consultation with the

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
March 12, 2022

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
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SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
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county commissioners. For a category III or category IV county that has a full-time county coroner only, the bill increases the salary of a newly elected or reelected county coroner to match the salary of the county treasurer.

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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 (2.3)(a); and **add** (2.3)(c), (2.3)(d), (2.3)(e), and (2.3)(f) as follows:

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

6 (2.3) (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (2.3)~~  
 7 SUBSECTIONS (2.3)(b) TO (2.3)(f) OF THIS SECTION, on and after January  
 8 1, 2016, the annual salary of a county officer whose term of office begins  
 9 on or after such date is as follows:

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	<u>County</u>					
	<u>County</u>	<u>Treasurers,</u>				
	<u>Commis-</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Assessors,</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>County</u>	
	<u>sioners</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>	<u>and Clerks</u>	<u>Coroners</u>	<u>Surveyors</u>	
15	<u>Category I-A</u>	<u>113,490</u>	<u>144,430</u>	<u>113,490</u>	<u>113,490</u>	<u>7,150</u>
16	<u>Category I-B</u>	<u>104,760</u>	<u>133,320</u>	<u>104,760</u>	<u>104,760</u>	<u>6,600</u>
17	<u>Category I-C</u>	<u>96,030</u>	<u>122,210</u>	<u>96,030</u>	<u>96,030</u>	<u>6,050</u>
18	<u>Category I-D</u>	<u>87,300</u>	<u>111,100</u>	<u>87,300</u>	<u>87,300</u>	<u>5,500</u>
19	<u>Category II-A</u>	<u>94,250</u>	<u>114,010</u>	<u>94,250</u>	<u>57,460</u>	<u>5,720</u>
20				<u>(94,250)</u>		
21	<u>Category II-B</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>105,240</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>53,040</u>	<u>5,280</u>
22				<u>(87,000)</u>		
23	<u>Category II-C</u>	<u>79,750</u>	<u>96,470</u>	<u>79,750</u>	<u>48,620</u>	<u>4,840</u>

1					<u><u>(79,750)</u></u>	
2	<u>Category II-D</u>	<u>72,500</u>	<u>87,700</u>	<u>72,500</u>	<u>44,200</u>	<u>4,400</u>
3					<u><u>(72,500)</u></u>	
4	<u>Category III-A</u>	<u>76,050</u>	<u>98,800</u>	<u>76,050</u>	<u>43,030</u>	<u>4,290</u>
5					<u><u>(76,050)</u></u>	
6	<u>Category III-B</u>	<u>70,200</u>	<u>91,200</u>	<u>70,200</u>	<u>39,720</u>	<u>3,960</u>
7					<u><u>(70,200)</u></u>	
8	<u>Category III-C</u>	<u>64,350</u>	<u>83,600</u>	<u>64,350</u>	<u>36,410</u>	<u>3,630</u>
9					<u><u>(\$64,350)</u></u>	
10	<u>Category III-D</u>	<u>58,500</u>	<u>76,000</u>	<u>58,500</u>	<u>33,100</u>	<u>3,300</u>
11					<u><u>(58,500)</u></u>	
12	<u>Category IV-A</u>	<u>64,610</u>	<u>86,580</u>	<u>64,610</u>	<u>28,730</u>	<u>2,860</u>
13					<u><u>(64,610)</u></u>	
14	<u>Category IV-B</u>	<u>59,640</u>	<u>79,920</u>	<u>59,640</u>	<u>26,520</u>	<u>2,640</u>
15					<u><u>(59,640)</u></u>	
16	<u>Category IV-C</u>	<u>54,670</u>	<u>73,260</u>	<u>54,670</u>	<u>24,310</u>	<u>2,420</u>
17					<u><u>(54,670)</u></u>	
18	<u>Category IV-D</u>	<u>49,700</u>	<u>66,600</u>	<u>49,700</u>	<u>22,100</u>	<u>2,200</u>
19					<u><u>(49,700)</u></u>	
20	<u>Category V-A</u>	<u>56,940</u>	<u>63,830</u>	<u>56,940</u>	<u>12,870</u>	<u>1,430</u>
21	<u>Category V-B</u>	<u>52,560</u>	<u>58,920</u>	<u>52,560</u>	<u>11,880</u>	<u>1,320</u>
22	<u>Category V-C</u>	<u>48,180</u>	<u>54,010</u>	<u>48,180</u>	<u>10,890</u>	<u>1,210</u>
23	<u>Category V-D</u>	<u>43,800</u>	<u>49,100</u>	<u>43,800</u>	<u>9,900</u>	<u>1,100</u>
24	<u>Category VI-A</u>	<u>51,610</u>	<u>60,450</u>	<u>51,610</u>	<u>11,700</u>	<u>1,300</u>
25	<u>Category VI-B</u>	<u>47,640</u>	<u>55,800</u>	<u>47,640</u>	<u>10,800</u>	<u>1,200</u>
26	<u>Category VI-C</u>	<u>43,670</u>	<u>51,150</u>	<u>43,670</u>	<u>9,900</u>	<u>1,100</u>
27	<u>Category VI-D</u>	<u>39,700</u>	<u>46,500</u>	<u>39,700</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

1 (c) THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF FULL-TIME CORONERS FOR  
2 CATEGORY II, III, AND IV COUNTIES, AS DISPLAYED IN BOLD TEXT AND  
3 WITHIN PARENTHESES IN THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS  
4 SECTION, APPLY ONLY TO CORONERS WHOSE TERMS BEGIN ON OR AFTER  
5 JANUARY 1, 2023, AND MUST BE ADJUSTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2024,  
6 AND PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 EACH TWO YEARS THEREAFTER IN ACCORDANCE  
7 WITH SUBSECTION (2.3)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (d) THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME CATEGORY II CORONER IS EQUAL  
9 TO THE SALARY OF A CATEGORY II COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CATEGORY II  
10 COUNTY TREASURER, CATEGORY II COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND CATEGORY II  
11 COUNTY CLERK AS INDICATED BY THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF  
12 THIS SECTION. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DECLINE THE  
13 FULL-TIME STATUS OF A CATEGORY II CORONER FOR CAUSE, BUT ONLY  
14 AFTER THE CORONER IS GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD  
15 BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN A PUBLIC HEARING.

16 (e) A CORONER IN A CATEGORY III COUNTY MAY, IN  
17 CONSULTATION WITH AND WITH APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
18 COMMISSIONERS, DETERMINE IF A FULL-TIME POSITION IS APPROPRIATE. IF  
19 A FULL-TIME POSITION IS AGREED UPON, THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME  
20 CATEGORY III CORONER IS EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A CATEGORY III  
21 COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CATEGORY III COUNTY TREASURER, CATEGORY  
22 III COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND CATEGORY III COUNTY CLERK AS INDICATED  
23 BY THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (f) A CORONER IN A CATEGORY IV COUNTY MAY, IN  
25 CONSULTATION WITH AND WITH APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
26 COMMISSIONERS, DETERMINE IF A FULL-TIME POSITION IS APPROPRIATE. IF  
27 A FULL-TIME POSITION IS AGREED UPON, THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME

1 CATEGORY IV CORONER SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A CATEGORY  
2 IV COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CATEGORY IV COUNTY TREASURER,  
3 CATEGORY IV COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND CATEGORY IV COUNTY CLERK AS  
4 INDICATED BY THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (2.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

5 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
12 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.