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STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 23-0753.01 Alison Killen x4350

**HOUSE BILL 23-1139**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

Current law categorizes each county for purposes of establishing the salaries of elected officials 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 modifies the categories of 4 counties with the accompanying percentage increase in salary as follows:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 24, 2023

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 23, 2023

- Archuleta county changes from category III-B to category III-A (8% increase);
- Delta county changes from category III-B to category III-A (8% increase);
- Saguache county changes from category V-B to category V-A (8% increase); and
- Summit county changes from category II-A to category I-A (18.5% increase for commissioners, treasurers, assessors, and clerks; 22.2% increase for surveyors; 23.5% increase for sheriffs; 65.5% increase for coroners).

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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 (1.5)(a)(I)(A), (1.5)(a)(II), (1.5)(a)(III), (1.5)(a)(IV)(A), (1.5)(a)(V)(A),  
4 and (1.5)(a)(V)(B) as follows:

5           **30-2-102. Categorization of counties for fixing salaries of**  
6 **county officers - salary amounts - legislative declaration.** (1.5) (a) For  
7 the purpose of establishing the salaries of county officers whose terms of  
8 office begin on or after January 1, 2016:

9           (I) (A) Category I-A counties consist of the counties of Adams,  
10 Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, EAGLE, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo,  
11 ROUTT, SUMMIT, and Weld;

12           (II) (A) Category II-A counties consist of the counties of Eagle,  
13 Garfield, GRAND, AND La Plata; Routt, and Summit;

14           (B) CATEGORY II-B COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTY OF PITKIN;

15           ~~(B)~~ (C) Category II-C counties consist of the ~~counties of Fremont~~  
16 ~~and Pitkin~~ COUNTY OF FREMONT.

17           (III) (A) Category III-A counties consist of the counties of  
18 ARCHULETA, Chaffee, Clear Creek, DELTA, Gunnison, Moffat,  
19 MONTEZUMA, Montrose, Morgan, OURAY, Park, Rio Blanco, San Miguel,  
20 and Teller;

1 (B) Category III-B counties consist of the counties of Alamosa,  
2 Archuleta, Delta, Gilpin, ~~Grand~~, and Logan;

3 (C) Category III-C counties consist of the ~~county~~ COUNTIES of  
4 LAS ANIMAS AND Otero;

5 ~~(D) Category III-D counties consist of the counties of Las Animas~~  
6 ~~and Montezuma.~~

7 (IV) (A) Category IV-A counties consist of the counties of Custer,  
8 Elbert, ~~Ouray~~, and Prowers;

9 (V) (A) Category V-A counties consist of the counties of Baca,  
10 Conejos, Costilla, Lincoln, Mineral, Phillips, SAGUACHE, and San Juan;

11 (B) Category V-B counties consist of the counties of Crowley AND  
12 Hinsdale; ~~and Saguache~~;

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  
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.