

CHAPTER 133

GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 96-143

BY SENATORS Feeley, Norton, Tanner, Thiebaut, and Wattenberg;
also REPRESENTATIVES Foster, Prinster, and Schwarz.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE SALARY PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. 24-9-102 (1) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

24-9-102. Salaries of appointed state officials. (1) The following state officials shall receive annual salaries and allowances, payable monthly, as follows:

(d) (I) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1996, public utilities commission, each ~~member~~ COMMISSIONER, ~~fifty-eight thousand four hundred dollars~~ AN AMOUNT AS SET PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (d).

(II) THE COMMISSIONER'S SALARY SHALL BE SET BASED ON A ONE-TIME OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SURVEY WHICH THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT OR CAUSE TO BE CONDUCTED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1996. THE SALARY SURVEY SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A FAIR SAMPLE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYMENTS WITH SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND WORKLOAD FROM AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

(III) UPON COMPLETION OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SURVEY, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL CERTIFY AND TRANSMIT THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY AND THE SALARY LEVEL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE SURVEY TO THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

(IV) IN THE EVENT A COMMISSIONER'S SALARY IS INCREASED BY MORE THAN

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THIRTY PERCENT OF THE CURRENT SALARY AS A RESULT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SURVEY CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (d), SUCH INCREASE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AS FOLLOWS: THE INCREASE EQUAL TO THIRTY PERCENT OF THE CURRENT SALARY PLUS ONE-HALF OF THE INCREASE OVER THIRTY PERCENT OF THE CURRENT SALARY SHALL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1996; THE REMAINDER OF THE SALARY INCREASE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997.

(V) THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT A REVIEW OR CAUSE A REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SURVEY WHENEVER CONDITIONS INDICATE THAT A CHANGE IN THE COMMISSIONER'S SALARY IS NECESSARY. SUCH CHANGE WILL BE CONFIRMED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 1, 1996