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Memorandum

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TO: Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Annual Salaries for Statewide Elected Officials

Summary

This memorandum lists the annual salaries for the five statewide elected officials (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer) for their term of office starting on January 8, 2019, and ending on January 10, 2023. It also outlines the method for calculating these salary amounts.

Salary for Statewide Elected Officials

Beginning on January 8, 2019, the annual salary for the five statewide elected officials in Colorado are as follows:

- Governor - \$123,193;
- Lieutenant Governor - \$93,360;
- Attorney General - \$107,672;
- Secretary of State - \$93,360; and
- State Treasurer - \$93,360.

Method of Calculating Salary

Pursuant to Section 24-9-101, C.R.S., the salaries paid to the five statewide elected officials are set as a percentage of the salary paid to certain judicial officers. For example, the Governor is paid 66 percent of the salary paid to the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court. The relevant judicial officer, judicial salaries, and the proration amounts for the five statewide elected officials are shown in Table 1. These salaries will continue through January 10, 2023. The salary amounts are recalculated every four years based on changes to the salaries of the judicial officers.

Table 1
Calculation of Annual Salary of Statewide Elected Officials

Elected Official	Judicial Officer	Judicial Salary	Percent of Judicial Salary	Elected Official Salary*
Governor	Chief Justice of Colorado Supreme Court	\$186,656	66%	\$123,193
Lieutenant Governor	Class B County Court Judge	\$160,966	58%	\$93,360
Attorney General	Chief Judge of the Colorado Court of Appeals	\$179,453	60%	\$107,672
Secretary of State	Class B County Court Judge	\$160,966	58%	\$93,360
State Treasurer	Class B County Court Judge	\$160,966	58%	\$93,360

Source: FY 2018-19 Judicial Branch Compensation Plan and Legislative Council Staff calculations.

* Salaries are annual amounts to be paid during the term of office from January 8, 2019, through January 10, 2023.