



Legislative Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

Memorandum

Room 029 State Capitol, Denver, CO 80203-1784
Phone: (303) 866-3521 • Fax: (303) 866-3855
lcs.ga@state.co.us • leg.colorado.gov/lcs

August 23, 2022

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Anna Gerstle, Senior Fiscal Analyst, 303-866-4375
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 the four-year term beginning January 11, 2023. It also outlines the method for calculating these salary amounts.

Salary for Statewide Elected Officials and Calculation Method

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. The salary amounts are recalculated every four years based on changes to the salaries of the judicial officers.

Table 1
Elected Official Salary Calculation¹

Elected Official	Judicial Officer	Judicial Salary	Percent of Judicial Salary	Elected Official Salary
Governor	Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court	\$203,988	66%	\$134,632
Lieutenant Governor ²	Class B County Court Judge	\$175,908	58%	\$102,027
Attorney General	Chief Judge of the Colorado Court of Appeals	\$196,128	60%	\$117,677
Secretary of State	Class B County Court Judge	\$175,908	58%	\$102,027
State Treasurer	Class B County Court Judge	\$175,908	58%	\$102,027

Source: FY 2022-23 Judicial Branch Compensation Plan and Legislative Council Staff calculations.

¹Salaries are annual amounts to be paid during the four-year term of office starting in January 2023.

² Pursuant to Section 24-9-101(1)(b), C.R.S., if the Lieutenant Governor is appointed to concurrently serve as executive director of a principal department or as the director of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care, the Lieutenant Governor is also paid the difference between the salary for the director position and the salary calculated above.