

FACT SHEET: HOUSE BILL 25-1229 (As Amended)

TITLE: Salaries of Elected Local Officials

SPONSOR: Representative Soper

COMMITTEE: State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 25-1229 modifies the salary structure for certain elected officials in Colorado. Specifically, the bill:

- Reclassifies Mesa County from Category I-D to Category I-A, effective January 1, 2029, which will increase the salaries of Mesa County's elected officials accordingly.
- Emphasizes the role of the General Assembly in setting compensation for county officials based on county variations, workload, responsibilities, and tax resources.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- **Mesa County Salary Reclassification:**
 - The bill reclassifies Mesa County from Category I-D to Category I-A for salary determination purposes.
 - The reclassification takes effect January 1, 2029.
 - The change results in an increase in salaries for Mesa County's elected officials in accordance with statutory salary schedules.

REMOVAL OF PRIOR PROVISION:

- The bill, as amended, no longer allows elected county officials state wide to voluntarily reduce or forgo their salaries. The prior language permitting any elected county official to elect to receive a lower salary or no salary at all has been removed.
- As a result, elected county must receive the full salary prescribed by law, or in certain counts elect to receive a salary that is 50% lower than the salary amount for that county official as set by law.

LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT:

- Increased salary obligations for Mesa County beginning in 2029 due to reclassification.

For recent county reclassifications, please see next page.

PRIOR BILLS AUTHORIZING COUNTY RECLASSIFICATION:

- HB17-1128:
 - Lake County reclassified from a IV-A to a IV-B
- HB18-1242
 - Grand county reclassified from category III-D to category III-B
 - Rio Grande county reclassified from category IV-D to category IV-C
 - Saguache county reclassified from category V-D to category V-B; and
 - Jackson county reclassified from category VI-D to category VI-C
- HB20-1281:
 - Alamosa county reclassified from category III-A to category III-B; and
 - Yuma county reclassified from category IV-B to category IV-C
- HB23-1139
 - Eagle county reclassified from category II-A to category I-A
 - Routt county reclassified from category II-A to category I-A
 - Summit county reclassified from category II-A to category I-A
 - Grand county reclassified from category III-B to category I-A
 - Pitkin county reclassified from category II-C to category II-B
 - Fremont county reclassified from category II-C to category I-A
 - Archuleta county reclassified from category III-B to category III-A
 - Delta county reclassified from category III-B to category III-A
 - Montezuma county reclassified from category III-D to category III-A
 - Ouray county reclassified from category IV-A to category III-A
 - Las Animas county reclassified from category III-D to category III-C
 - Saguache county reclassified from category V-B to category V-A
- SB24-138
 - Fremont county reclassified from category II-C to category II-B
 - Elbert county reclassified from category IV-A to category III-A,
 - resulting in a 17.7% increase for commissioners, treasurers, assessors, clerks, and full-time coroners; a 14.1% increase for sheriffs; a 50.0% increase for surveyors; and a 49.8% increase for part-time coroners;
 - Rio Grande county reclassified from category IV-C to category III-C; and
 - Hinsdale county reclassified from category V-B to category V-A