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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 256—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES)

FEBRUARY 28, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Increases annual salaries of certain elected county officers and repeals prospectively longevity payments for those officers. (BDR 20-420)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public officers; increasing the annual salaries of certain elected county officers; requiring an annual increase of such salaries under certain circumstances; repealing prospectively the payment of longevity for elected county officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 245.043 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 245.043 1. As used in this section:
3 (a) “County” includes Carson City.
4 (b) “County commissioner” includes the mayor and supervisors of
5 Carson City.
6 2. Except as otherwise provided *in subsection 3 or* by any special law,
7 the elected officers of the counties of this state are entitled to receive
8 annual salaries in the base amounts specified in the following table. The
9 annual salaries are in full payment for all services required by law to be
10 performed by such officers. Except as otherwise provided by law, all fees
11 and commissions collected by such officers in the performance of their
12 duties must be paid into the county treasury each month without deduction
13 of any nature.



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ANNUAL SALARIES

3		County	District	County	County	County	County	Public		
4	Class	County	Commissioner	Attorney	Sheriff	Clerk	Assessor	Recorder	Treasurer	Administrator
5	1	Clark	\$54,000	\$100,800	\$84,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000
6	2	Washoe	39,600	96,000	78,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
7	3	Carson City	18,000	72,360	60,000	51,360	51,360		51,360	
8		Churchill	18,000	72,360	60,000	51,360	51,360	51,360		
9		Douglas	18,000	72,360	60,000	51,360	51,360	51,360		
10		Elko	18,000	72,360	60,000	51,360	51,360	51,360	51,360	
11		Lyon	18,000	72,360	60,000	51,360	51,360	51,360		
12		Nye	18,000	72,360	60,000	51,360	51,360	51,360	51,360	
13	4	Humboldt	18,000	68,340	54,000	42,840	42,840	42,840	42,840	
14		Lander	18,000	68,340	54,000	42,840	42,840	42,840	42,840	
15		White Pine	18,000	68,340	54,000	42,840	42,840	42,840	42,840	
16	5	Eureka	15,240	60,300	43,200	38,400	38,400	38,400		
17		Lincoln	15,240	60,300	43,200	38,400	38,400	38,400	38,400	
18		Mineral	15,240	60,300	43,200	38,400	38,400	38,400		
19		Pershing	15,240	60,300	43,200	38,400	38,400	38,400		
20	6	Esmeralda	12,000	47,880	38,400	33,600	33,600	33,600		
21		Storey	15,240	47,880	43,200	38,400	38,400	38,400		

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25			County	District	County	County	County	County	Public	
26	Class	County	Commissioner	Attorney	Sheriff	Clerk	Assessor	Recorder	Treasurer	Administrator
27	1	Clark	\$75,000	\$145,000	\$125,000	\$107,610	\$107,610	\$107,610	\$107,610	\$107,610
28	2	Washoe.....	60,000	128,000	103,000	83,820	83,820	83,820	83,820	83,820
29	3	Carson City ..	22,860	91,897	76,200	65,227	65,227	-----	65,227	-----
30		Churchill.....	22,860	91,897	76,200	65,227	65,227	65,227	-----	-----
31		Douglas	22,860	91,897	76,200	65,227	65,227	65,227	-----	-----
32		Elko	22,860	91,897	76,200	65,227	65,227	65,227	65,227	-----
33		Lyon	22,860	91,897	76,200	65,227	65,227	65,227	-----	-----
34		Nye	22,860	91,897	76,200	65,227	65,227	65,227	65,227	-----
35		Humboldt	22,860	91,897	76,200	65,227	65,227	65,227	65,227	-----
36	4	Lander	22,860	86,792	68,580	54,407	54,407	54,407	54,407	-----
37		White Pine....	22,860	86,792	68,580	54,407	54,407	54,407	54,407	-----
38	5	Eureka.....	19,355	76,581	54,864	48,768	48,768	48,768	-----	-----
39		Lincoln	19,355	76,581	54,864	48,768	48,768	48,768	48,768	-----
40		Mineral.....	19,355	76,581	54,864	48,768	48,768	48,768	-----	-----
41		Pershing	19,355	76,581	54,864	48,768	48,768	48,768	-----	-----
42		Storey	19,355	76,581	54,864	48,768	48,768	48,768	-----	-----
43	6	Esmeralda	15,240	60,808	48,768	42,672	42,672	42,672	-----	-----

3. Upon a determination by the board of county commissioners pursuant to subsection 4 to implement the increase provided in this subsection or the denial of a waiver requested pursuant to subsection 5,



1 *the annual salaries of the elected officers of the county set forth in*
2 *subsection 2 must be increased on July 1, 2002, and each July 1*
3 *thereafter by the lesser of:*

4 *(a) The average percentage by which the salaries of all employees of*
5 *the county were increased during the previous fiscal year; or*

6 *(b) The percentage by which the average hourly wage in the county*
7 *increased during the previous fiscal year, as determined on July 1 of*
8 *each year by the employment security division of the department of*
9 *employment, training and rehabilitation.*

10 *Increases in the annual salaries of the elected officers of the county*
11 *required pursuant to this section are cumulative.*

12 *4. At a regular meeting held on or before July 1 of each fiscal year,*
13 *the board of county commissioners shall:*

14 *(a) Implement an increase in the annual salaries of the elected*
15 *officers of the county based on the calculation set forth in subsection 3, if*
16 *any; or*

17 *(b) Request a waiver pursuant to subsection 5 from the requirement of*
18 *implementing the increase in the salaries.*

19 *5. The board of county commissioners may apply to the committee on*
20 *local government finance for a waiver from the requirement of granting*
21 *an increase in the annual salaries of the elected officers of the county for*
22 *the next fiscal year pursuant to subsection 3 if the board determines that*
23 *the financial resources of the county are insufficient to pay the increase*
24 *in the next fiscal year. The committee on local government finance shall*
25 *grant such a waiver if it finds that the financial resources of the county*
26 *are insufficient to pay the increase in the next fiscal year.*

27 **Sec. 2.** NRS 245.044 is hereby repealed.

28 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this act that
29 repeal NRS 245.044, an elected county officer who is serving a term of
30 office on July 1, 2001, and who is eligible to receive the additional salary
31 provided in NRS 245.044 is entitled to continue to receive credit for
32 service for the calculation of that additional salary until the expiration of
33 his current term and his salary must be increased accordingly as if NRS
34 245.044 is not repealed by this act. For each calendar year that an elected
35 officer serves after the expiration of the term which he is serving as of July
36 1, 2001, the board of county commissioners shall continue to pay the
37 additional salary of the elected officer based on the percentage of
38 additional salary payable to the elected officer pursuant to this section in
39 the final year of his current term.

40 **Sec. 4.** 1. At the first regular meeting of the board of county
41 commissioners of a county on or after the effective date of this section, the
42 board shall determine whether to:

43 *(a) Implement the annual salaries of the elected officers of the county*
44 *set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by this act; or*

45 *(b) Request a waiver from the applicability of subsection 2 of NRS*
46 *245.043, as amended by this act, in the manner set forth in subsection 2.*

47 2. The board of county commissioners of a county may apply to the
48 committee on local government finance for a waiver from the applicability
49 of subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by this act, in fiscal year



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1 2001-2002 if the board determines that the financial resources of the
2 county are insufficient to pay the increases set forth in that subsection in
3 fiscal year 2001-2002. The committee on local government finance shall
4 grant such a waiver for a period of not more than 1 year if it finds that the
5 financial resources of the county are insufficient to pay the increases set
6 forth in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by this act, in fiscal year
7 2001-2002. The board of county commissioners may apply to the
8 committee on local government finance for one or more extensions of the
9 waiver granted to the county pursuant to this section. The committee on
10 local government finance shall extend such a waiver for a period of not
11 more than 1 year for each requested extension if it finds that the financial
12 resources of the county continue to be insufficient to pay the increases set
13 forth in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by this act.

14 **Sec. 5.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 354.599 do not apply
15 to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
16 provisions of this act.

17 **Sec. 6.** 1. This section and section 4 of this act become effective
18 upon passage and approval.

19 2. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this act become effective on July 1, 2001.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

245.044 Payment for longevity for elected county officers.

1. On and after July 1, 1973, if an elected county officer has served in his office for more than 4 years, he is entitled to an additional salary of 2 percent of his base salary provided in NRS 245.043 for each full calendar year he has served in his office.

2. The additional salary provided in this section for an eligible county officer:

(a) Must be computed on July 1 of each year by multiplying 2 percent of the base salary provided in NRS 245.043 by the number of full calendar years the elected county officer has served in his office; and

(b) Must not exceed 20 percent of the base salary provided in NRS 245.043.

3. Service on the board of supervisors of Carson City for the initial term which began on July 1, 1969, and ended on the first Monday of January, 1973, shall be deemed to constitute 4 full calendar years of service for the purposes of this section.

