

SENATE BILL NO. 516—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the compensation of certain elected county officers. (BDR 20-225)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 3, 4)
(NOT 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; revising the limitation on the amount at which the annual salary for county commissioners may be set; increasing the compensation of certain elected county officers; providing for a waiver from payment of those increases in certain circumstances; clarifying the eligibility of county commissioners for longevity pay; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill increases the amount at which the board of county
2 commissioners may set the annual salary for a county commissioner of that county.
3 (NRS 245.043) **Section 1** also increases the compensation to be paid to certain
4 elected county officers. (NRS 245.043) Pursuant to **section 3** of this bill, those
5 increases become effective on July 1, 2007. However, **section 4** of this bill
6 authorizes a county that has not commenced payment of the increased annual
7 salaries to request and receive a waiver from payment of the increases based on
8 insufficient financial resources. If a waiver is granted for Fiscal Year 2007-2008,
9 **section 4** prohibits retroactive payment of the increases for that fiscal year. If a
10 waiver is granted for any subsequent fiscal year, however, a county may pay the
11 increases retroactively for those fiscal years. **Section 2** of this bill clarifies that
12 county commissioners are eligible for longevity pay. (NRS 245.044)



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

Section 1. NRS 245.043 is hereby amended to read as follows:
245.043 1. As used in this section:

(a) "County" includes Carson City.

(b) "County commissioner" includes the Mayor and supervisors of Carson City.

2. Except as otherwise provided by any special law, the elected officers of the counties of this State are entitled to receive annual salaries in the base amounts specified in the following table. The annual salaries are in full payment for all services required by law to be performed by such officers. Except as otherwise provided by law, all fees and commissions collected by such officers in the performance of their duties must be paid into the county treasury each month without deduction of any nature.

ANNUAL SALARIES

Class	County	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
1	Clark	155,745 134,263	91,138	91,138	91,138	91,138	91,138	91,138
		181,994 156,892	106,498	106,498	106,498	106,498	106,498	106,498
2	Washoe	137,485 110,632	83,543	83,543	83,543	83,543	83,543	83,543
		160,657 129,278	97,623	97,623	97,623	97,623	97,623	97,623
3	Carson City	98,707 81,846	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012
		115,343 95,640	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969
	Churchill	98,707 81,846	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012
		115,343 95,640	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969
	Douglas	98,707 81,846	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012
		115,343 95,640	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969
	Elko	98,707 81,846	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012
		115,343 95,640	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969
	Humboldt	98,707 81,846	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012
		115,343 95,640	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969
	Lyon	98,707 81,846	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012
		115,343 95,640	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969
	Nye	98,707 81,846	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012	65,012
		115,343 95,640	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969	75,969
4	Lander	93,223 73,662	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227
		108,935 86,077	63,366	63,366	63,366	63,366	63,366	63,366
	White Pine	93,223 73,662	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227
		108,935 86,077	63,366	63,366	63,366	63,366	63,366	63,366
5	Eureka	82,256 58,929	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607
		96,120 68,861	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799
	Lincoln	82,256 58,929	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607
		96,120 68,861	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799
	Mineral	82,256 58,929	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607
		96,120 68,861	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799
	Pershing	82,256 58,929	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607
		96,120 68,861	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799
	Storey	82,256 58,929	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607
		96,120 68,861	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799	56,799
6	Esmeralda	65,314 52,382	42,531	42,531	42,531	42,531	42,531	42,531
		76,322 62,379	49,699	49,699	49,699	49,699	49,699	49,699

3. A board of county commissioners may, by a vote of at least a majority of all the members of the board, set the annual salary for



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1 the county commissioners of that county, but in no event may the
2 annual salary exceed an amount which equals ~~126.65~~ 143.504
3 percent of the amount of the annual salary for the county
4 commissioners of that county that was in effect by operation of
5 statute on January 1, 2003.

6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 245.044 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 245.044 1. On and after July 1, 1973, if an elected county
8 officer has served in his office for more than 4 years, he is entitled
9 to an additional salary of 2 percent of his base salary provided in
10 *subsection 2 of NRS 245.043 or his annual salary set pursuant to*
11 *subsection 3 of NRS 245.043, as applicable*, for each full calendar
12 year he has served in his office.

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

15 (a) Must be computed on July 1 of each year by multiplying 2
16 percent of the base salary provided in NRS 245.043 *or the annual*
17 *salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 245.043* by the number
18 of full calendar years the elected county officer has served in his
19 office; and

20 (b) Must not exceed 20 percent of the base salary provided in
21 NRS 245.043 ~~H~~ *or the annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3*
22 *of NRS 245.043.*

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

27 **Sec. 3.** Except as otherwise provided in section 4 of this act,
28 each county shall commence payment of the increased annual
29 salaries of the elected officers of the county set forth in the table of
30 annual salaries contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as
31 amended by section 1 of this act, on July 1, 2007.

32 **Sec. 4.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a
33 board of county commissioners may apply to the Committee on
34 Local Government Finance for a waiver from the requirement to
35 increase the annual salaries of elected officers of the county to the
36 annual salaries set forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of
37 NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act, if the board
38 determines that the financial resources of the county are insufficient
39 to pay those increased annual salaries in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The
40 Committee on Local Government Finance shall grant such a waiver
41 if it finds that the financial resources of the county are insufficient to
42 pay those increased annual salaries in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

43 2. A board of county commissioners that has been granted a
44 waiver for a fiscal year may apply to the Committee on Local
45 Government Finance for an additional waiver for the next



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1 consecutive fiscal year if it finds that the financial resources of the
2 county continue to be insufficient to pay the increased annual
3 salaries of the elected officers of the county set forth in the table
4 contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1
5 of this act. There is no limitation on the number of waivers for
6 consecutive fiscal years that the board of county commissioners may
7 be granted if the board of county commissioners finds that the
8 financial resources of the county continue to be insufficient to pay
9 the increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the county set
10 forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as
11 amended by section 1 of this act, in that fiscal year.

12 3. After commencing payment of the increased annual salaries
13 of the elected officers of the county set forth in the table contained
14 in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act,
15 a board of county commissioners may not apply for a waiver in any
16 subsequent fiscal year.

17 4. The increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the
18 county set forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS
19 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act:

20 (a) Must not be paid retroactively for the period of Fiscal Year
21 2007-2008 for which a waiver was granted to the county pursuant to
22 subsection 1.

23 (b) May be paid retroactively for any fiscal year after Fiscal
24 Year 2007-2008 for which a waiver was granted to the county
25 pursuant to subsection 2.

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

29 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

