

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

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:



(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						
		181,994 156,892 106,498 106,498 106,498 106,498 106,498						
2	Washoe	137,485 110,632 83,543 83,543 83,543 83,543 83,543						
		160,657 129,278 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						
		115,343 95,640 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						
		115,343 95,640 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						
		115,343 95,640 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						
		115,343 95,640 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						
		115,343 95,640 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						
		115,343 95,640 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						
		115,343 95,640 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						
		108,935 86,077 63,366 63,366 63,366 63,366 63,366						
	Storey	108,935 86,077 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						
		108,935 86,077 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						
		96,120 68,861 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						
		96,120 68,861 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						
		96,120 68,861 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						
		96,120 68,861 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						



Class	County	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
6	Esmeralda	165,314	52,382	42,531	42,531	42,531	42,531	42,531
		76,322	62,379	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 the county commissioners of that county, but in no event may the annual salary exceed an amount which equals ~~126.65~~ 143.504 percent of the amount of the annual salary for the county commissioners of that county that was in effect by operation of statute on January 1, 2003.

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

245.044 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 *subsection 2 of NRS 245.043 or his annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 245.043, as applicable*, 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 *or the annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of 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 ~~H~~ *or the annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of 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.

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

Sec. 4. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a board of county commissioners may apply to the Committee on Local Government Finance for a waiver from the requirement to increase the annual salaries of elected officers of the county to the annual salaries set forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act, if the board determines that the financial resources of the county are insufficient



1 to pay those increased annual salaries in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The
2 Committee on Local Government Finance shall grant such a waiver
3 if it finds that the financial resources of the county are insufficient to
4 pay those increased annual salaries in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

5 2. A board of county commissioners that has been granted a
6 waiver for a fiscal year may apply to the Committee on Local
7 Government Finance for an additional waiver for the next
8 consecutive fiscal year if it finds that the financial resources of the
9 county continue to be insufficient to pay the increased annual
10 salaries of the elected officers of the county set forth in the table
11 contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1
12 of this act. There is no limitation on the number of waivers for
13 consecutive fiscal years that the board of county commissioners may
14 be granted if the board of county commissioners finds that the
15 financial resources of the county continue to be insufficient to pay
16 the increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the county set
17 forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as
18 amended by section 1 of this act, in that fiscal year.

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

24 4. The increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the
25 county set forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS
26 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act:

27 (a) Must not be paid retroactively for the period of Fiscal Year
28 2007-2008 for which a waiver was granted to the county pursuant to
29 subsection 1.

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

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

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

