

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, by 3 percent for each of Fiscal Years 2007-
2 2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, the maximum amount at which the
3 board of county commissioners may set the annual salary for a county
4 commissioner of that county. **Section 1** also increases, by 3 percent for each of
5 Fiscal Years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, the compensation
6 to be paid to certain other elected county officers. (NRS 245.043) Pursuant to
7 **section 3** of this bill, the increases applicable to: (1) Fiscal Year 2007-2008,
8 become effective on July 1, 2007; (2) Fiscal Year 2008-2009, become effective on
9 July 1, 2008; (3) Fiscal Year 2009-2010, become effective on July 1, 2009; and (4)
10 Fiscal Year 2010-2011, become effective on July 1, 2010. However, **section 4** of
11 this bill authorizes a county that has not commenced payment of the increased
12 annual salaries to request and receive a waiver from payment of the increases based
13 on insufficient financial resources. If a waiver is granted for any fiscal year, **section**
14 **4** prohibits retroactive payment of the increases for that fiscal year. **Section 1** also
15 changes the salary classification of Storey County, thereby increasing the amount
16 of the annual salaries paid to its elected county officers. **Section 2** of this bill
17 clarifies that county commissioners are eligible for longevity pay. (NRS 245.044)



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 , *for the appropriate fiscal year*, 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]
	<i>FY 2007-2008</i>	<i>\$160,417</i>	<i>\$138,291</i>	<i>\$93,872</i>	<i>\$93,872</i>	<i>\$93,872</i>	<i>\$93,872</i>	<i>\$93,872</i>
	<i>FY 2008-2009</i>	<i>165,230</i>	<i>142,440</i>	<i>96,668</i>	<i>96,668</i>	<i>96,668</i>	<i>96,668</i>	<i>96,668</i>
	<i>FY 2009-2010</i>	<i>170,187</i>	<i>146,713</i>	<i>99,589</i>	<i>99,589</i>	<i>99,589</i>	<i>99,589</i>	<i>99,589</i>
	<i>FY 2010-2011</i>	<i>175,293</i>	<i>151,114</i>	<i>102,577</i>	<i>102,577</i>	<i>102,577</i>	<i>102,577</i>	<i>102,577</i>
2	Washoe	[\$137,485	\$110,632	\$83,543	\$83,543	\$83,543	\$83,543	\$83,543]
	<i>FY 2007-2008</i>	<i>141,610</i>	<i>113,951</i>	<i>86,049</i>	<i>86,049</i>	<i>86,049</i>	<i>86,049</i>	<i>86,049</i>
	<i>FY 2008-2009</i>	<i>145,858</i>	<i>117,370</i>	<i>88,630</i>	<i>88,630</i>	<i>88,630</i>	<i>88,630</i>	<i>88,630</i>
	<i>FY 2009-2010</i>	<i>150,234</i>	<i>120,891</i>	<i>91,289</i>	<i>91,289</i>	<i>91,289</i>	<i>91,289</i>	<i>91,289</i>
	<i>FY 2010-2011</i>	<i>154,741</i>	<i>124,518</i>	<i>94,028</i>	<i>94,028</i>	<i>94,028</i>	<i>94,028</i>	<i>94,028</i>
3	Carson City	[\$98,707	\$81,846	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012]
	<i>FY 2007-2008</i>	<i>101,668</i>	<i>84,301</i>	<i>66,962</i>	<i>66,962</i>		<i>66,962</i>	
	<i>FY 2008-2009</i>	<i>104,718</i>	<i>86,830</i>	<i>68,971</i>	<i>68,971</i>		<i>68,971</i>	
	<i>FY 2009-2010</i>	<i>107,860</i>	<i>89,435</i>	<i>71,040</i>	<i>71,040</i>		<i>71,040</i>	
	<i>FY 2010-2011</i>	<i>111,096</i>	<i>92,118</i>	<i>73,171</i>	<i>73,171</i>		<i>73,171</i>	
	Churchill	[\$98,707	\$81,846	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012		\$65,012]
	<i>FY 2007-2008</i>	<i>101,668</i>	<i>84,301</i>	<i>66,962</i>	<i>66,962</i>	<i>66,962</i>		
	<i>FY 2008-2009</i>	<i>104,718</i>	<i>86,830</i>	<i>68,971</i>	<i>68,971</i>	<i>68,971</i>		
	<i>FY 2009-2010</i>	<i>107,860</i>	<i>89,435</i>	<i>71,040</i>	<i>71,040</i>	<i>71,040</i>		
	<i>FY 2010-2011</i>	<i>111,096</i>	<i>92,118</i>	<i>73,171</i>	<i>73,171</i>	<i>73,171</i>		
	Douglas	[\$98,707	\$81,846	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012		\$65,012]
	<i>FY 2007-2008</i>	<i>101,668</i>	<i>84,301</i>	<i>66,962</i>	<i>66,962</i>	<i>66,962</i>		
	<i>FY 2008-2009</i>	<i>104,718</i>	<i>86,830</i>	<i>68,971</i>	<i>68,971</i>	<i>68,971</i>		
	<i>FY 2009-2010</i>	<i>107,860</i>	<i>89,435</i>	<i>71,040</i>	<i>71,040</i>	<i>71,040</i>		
	<i>FY 2010-2011</i>	<i>111,096</i>	<i>92,118</i>	<i>73,171</i>	<i>73,171</i>	<i>73,171</i>		



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	Elko	[\$98,707	\$81,846	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	]
	FY 2007-2008	101,668	84,301	66,962	66,962	66,962	66,962	
	FY 2008-2009	104,718	86,830	68,971	68,971	68,971	68,971	
	FY 2009-2010	107,860	89,435	71,040	71,040	71,040	71,040	
	FY 2010-2011	111,096	92,118	73,171	73,171	73,171	73,171	
	Humboldt	[\$98,707	\$81,846	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	]
	FY 2007-2008	101,668	84,301	66,962	66,962	66,962	66,962	
	FY 2008-2009	104,718	86,830	68,971	68,971	68,971	68,971	
	FY 2009-2010	107,860	89,435	71,040	71,040	71,040	71,040	
	FY 2010-2011	111,096	92,118	73,171	73,171	73,171	73,171	
	Lyon	[\$98,707	\$81,846	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	]
	FY 2007-2008	101,668	84,301	66,962	66,962	66,962	66,962	
	FY 2008-2009	104,718	86,830	68,971	68,971	68,971	68,971	
	FY 2009-2010	107,860	89,435	71,040	71,040	71,040	71,040	
	FY 2010-2011	111,096	92,118	73,171	73,171	73,171	73,171	
	Nye	[\$98,707	\$81,846	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	\$65,012	]
	FY 2007-2008	101,668	84,301	66,962	66,962	66,962	66,962	
	FY 2008-2009	104,718	86,830	68,971	68,971	68,971	68,971	
	FY 2009-2010	107,860	89,435	71,040	71,040	71,040	71,040	
	FY 2010-2011	111,096	92,118	73,171	73,171	73,171	73,171	
4	Lander	[\$93,223	73,662	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227	]
	FY 2007-2008	96,020	75,872	55,854	55,854	55,854	55,854	
	FY 2008-2009	98,901	78,148	57,530	57,530	57,530	57,530	
	FY 2009-2010	101,868	80,492	59,256	59,256	59,256	59,256	
	FY 2010-2011	104,924	82,907	61,034	61,034	61,034	61,034	
	Storey							
	FY 2007-2008	96,020	75,872	55,854	55,854	55,854	55,854	
	FY 2008-2009	98,901	78,148	57,530	57,530	57,530	57,530	
	FY 2009-2010	101,868	80,492	59,256	59,256	59,256	59,256	
	FY 2010-2011	104,924	82,907	61,034	61,034	61,034	61,034	
	White Pine	[\$93,223	73,662	54,227	54,227	54,227	54,227	]
	FY 2007-2008	96,020	75,872	55,854	55,854	55,854	55,854	
	FY 2008-2009	98,901	78,148	57,530	57,530	57,530	57,530	
	FY 2009-2010	101,868	80,492	59,256	59,256	59,256	59,256	
	FY 2010-2011	104,924	82,907	61,034	61,034	61,034	61,034	
5	Eureka	[\$82,256	58,929	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	]
	FY 2007-2008	84,724	60,697	50,065	50,065	50,065	50,065	
	FY 2008-2009	87,266	62,518	51,567	51,567	51,567	51,567	
	FY 2009-2010	89,884	64,394	53,114	53,114	53,114	53,114	
	FY 2010-2011	92,581	66,326	54,707	54,707	54,707	54,707	
	Lincoln	[\$82,256	58,929	48,607	48,607	48,607	48,607	]
	FY 2007-2008	84,724	60,697	50,065	50,065	50,065	50,065	
	FY 2008-2009	87,266	62,518	51,567	51,567	51,567	51,567	
	FY 2009-2010	89,884	64,394	53,114	53,114	53,114	53,114	
	FY 2010-2011	92,581	66,326	54,707	54,707	54,707	54,707	



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Class	County	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
	Mineral	(\$82,256	\$58,929	\$48,607	\$48,607	\$48,607		
	FY 2007-2008	84,724	60,697	50,065	50,065	50,065		
	FY 2008-2009	87,266	62,518	51,567	51,567	51,567		
	FY 2009-2010	89,884	64,394	53,114	53,114	53,114		
	FY 2010-2011	92,581	66,326	54,707	54,707	54,707		
	Pershing	(\$82,256	\$58,929	\$48,607	\$48,607	\$48,607		
	FY 2007-2008	84,724	60,697	50,065	50,065	50,065		
	FY 2008-2009	87,266	62,518	51,567	51,567	51,567		
	FY 2009-2010	89,884	64,394	53,114	53,114	53,114		
	FY 2010-2011	92,581	66,326	54,707	54,707	54,707		
	{Storey}	(\$82,256	\$58,929	\$48,607	\$48,607	\$48,607		
6	Esmeralda	(\$65,314	\$52,382	\$42,531	\$42,531	\$42,531		
	FY 2007-2008	67,273	53,953	43,807	43,807	43,807		
	FY 2008-2009	69,291	55,572	45,121	45,121	45,121		
	FY 2009-2010	71,370	57,239	46,475	46,475	46,475		
	FY 2010-2011	73,511	58,956	47,869	47,869	47,869		

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)~~ :

- (a) *For Fiscal Year 2007-2008, 130.450 percent ;*
- (b) *For Fiscal Year 2008-2009, 134.364 percent;*
- (c) *For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, 138.395 percent; and*
- (d) *For Fiscal Year 2010-2011, 142.547 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 *for the appropriate fiscal year as 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 *for the appropriate fiscal year as provided in NRS 245.043 or the annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 245.043, as applicable*, by the number of full calendar years the elected county officer has served in his office;



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(b) Must not exceed 20 percent of the base salary *for the appropriate fiscal year as* provided in NRS 245.043 ~~H~~ *or the annual salary set pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 245.043, as applicable.*

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:

1. For Fiscal Year 2007-2008, on July 1, 2007.
2. For Fiscal Year 2008-2009, on July 1, 2008.
3. For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, on July 1, 2009.
4. For Fiscal Year 2010-2011, on July 1, 2010.

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, for any of Fiscal Years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 or 2010-2011, if the board determines that the financial resources of the county are insufficient to pay those increased annual salaries in the applicable fiscal year. The Committee on Local Government Finance shall grant such a waiver if it finds that the financial resources of the county are insufficient to pay those increased annual salaries in the applicable fiscal year.

2. A board of county commissioners that has been granted a waiver for a fiscal year as described in subsection 1 may apply to the Committee on Local Government Finance for an additional waiver for the next consecutive fiscal year if the board determines that the financial resources of the county continue to be insufficient to pay the increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the county set forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act, in that fiscal year. There is no limitation on the number of waivers for consecutive fiscal years that the board of county commissioners may be granted if the board determines that the financial resources of the county continue to be insufficient to pay the increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the county set forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act, in that fiscal year.



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

6 4. The increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the
7 county set forth in the table contained in subsection 2 of NRS
8 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act, must not be paid
9 retroactively for any fiscal year for which a waiver was granted to
10 the county pursuant to subsection 1.

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

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

