

1 SENATE BILL 177

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO COUNTIES; INCREASING THE SALARY CAPS APPLICABLE TO
12 ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. Section 4-44-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,
16 Chapter 196, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "4-44-4. CLASS A COUNTIES--SALARIES.--The annual salaries
18 of elected officers of a class A county shall not exceed, for:

19 A. county commissioners, [~~thirty-nine thousand one~~
20 ~~hundred six dollars (\$39,106)~~] forty-four thousand eight
21 hundred ninety-five dollars (\$44,895) each;

22 B. treasurer, [~~eighty-six thousand six hundred~~
23 ~~twenty-six dollars (\$86,626)~~] one hundred six thousand ninety-
24 five dollars (\$106,095);

25 C. assessor, [~~eighty-six thousand six hundred~~

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1 ~~twenty-six dollars (\$86,626)]~~ one hundred six thousand ninety-
2 five dollars (\$106,095);

3 D. sheriff, [~~ninety thousand three hundred thirty-~~
4 ~~eight dollars (\$90,338)] one hundred ten thousand six hundred
5 forty-one dollars (\$110,641);~~

6 E. county clerk, [~~eighty-six thousand six hundred~~
7 ~~twenty-six dollars (\$86,626)] one hundred six thousand ninety-
8 five dollars (\$106,095); and~~

9 F. probate judge, [~~thirty-eight thousand one~~
10 ~~hundred fourteen dollars (\$38,114)] forty-six thousand six
11 hundred eighty dollars (\$46,680)."~~

12 SECTION 2. Section 4-44-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
13 Chapter 67, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

14 "4-44-4.1. CLASS B COUNTIES--HIGH VALUATION--SALARIES.--
15 The annual salaries of elected officers of a class B county
16 with an assessed valuation of over three hundred million
17 dollars (\$300,000,000) shall not exceed, for:

18 A. county commissioners, [~~thirty thousand one~~
19 ~~hundred ninety-six dollars (\$30,196)] thirty-six thousand nine
20 hundred eighty-two dollars (\$36,982) each;~~

21 B. treasurer, [~~seventy-five thousand seven hundred~~
22 ~~thirty-three dollars (\$75,733)] ninety-two thousand seven
23 hundred fifty-four dollars (\$92,754);~~

24 C. assessor, [~~seventy-five thousand seven hundred~~
25 ~~thirty-three dollars (\$75,733)] ninety-two thousand seven~~

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1 hundred fifty-four dollars (\$92,754);

2 D. sheriff, [~~seventy-eight thousand nine hundred~~
3 ~~forty-two dollars (\$78,952)] ninety-six thousand six hundred
4 ninety-six dollars (\$96,696);~~

5 E. county clerk, [~~seventy-five thousand seven~~
6 ~~hundred thirty-three dollars (\$75,733)] ninety-two thousand
7 seven hundred fifty-four dollars (\$92,754); and~~

8 F. probate judge, [~~twenty-six thousand four hundred~~
9 ~~eighty-two dollars (\$26,482)] thirty-two thousand four hundred
10 thirty-three dollars (\$32,433)."~~

11 SECTION 3. Section 4-44-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,
12 Chapter 196, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "4-44-5. CLASS B COUNTIES--INTERMEDIATE VALUATION--
14 SALARIES.--The annual salaries of elected officers of a class B
15 county with an assessed valuation of over seventy-five million
16 dollars (\$75,000,000) but under three hundred million dollars
17 (\$300,000,000) shall not exceed, for:

18 A. county commissioners, [~~twenty-one thousand five~~
19 ~~hundred thirty-four dollars (\$21,534)] twenty-six thousand
20 three hundred seventy-three dollars (\$26,373) each;~~

21 B. treasurer, [~~sixty-four thousand eight hundred~~
22 ~~forty-four dollars (\$64,844)] seventy-nine thousand four
23 hundred eighteen dollars (\$79,418);~~

24 C. assessor, [~~sixty-four thousand eight hundred~~
25 ~~forty-four dollars (\$64,844)] seventy-nine thousand four~~

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1 hundred eighteen dollars (\$79,418);

2 D. sheriff, [~~sixty-seven thousand eight hundred~~
3 ~~fourteen dollars (\$67,814)~~] eighty-three thousand fifty-five
4 dollars (\$83,055);

5 E. county clerk, [~~sixty-four thousand eight hundred~~
6 ~~forty-four dollars (\$64,844)~~] seventy-nine thousand four
7 hundred eighteen dollars (\$79,418); and

8 F. probate judge, [~~fifteen thousand ninety-eight~~
9 ~~dollars (\$15,098)~~] eighteen thousand four hundred ninety-one
10 dollars (\$18,491)."

11 SECTION 4. Section 4-44-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1955,
12 Chapter 4, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "4-44-14. H CLASS COUNTIES--SALARIES.--

14 A. The annual salaries of elected or appointed
15 part-time officers of an H class county shall not exceed, for:

16 (1) county commissioners, [~~fifteen thousand~~
17 ~~eight hundred forty-four dollars (\$15,844)~~] nineteen thousand
18 four hundred five dollars (\$19,405) each;

19 (2) treasurer, [~~seven thousand nine hundred~~
20 ~~twenty-two dollars (\$7,922)~~] nine thousand seven hundred two
21 dollars (\$9,702);

22 (3) assessor, [~~seven thousand nine hundred~~
23 ~~twenty-two dollars (\$7,922)~~] nine thousand seven hundred two
24 dollars (\$9,702);

25 (4) sheriff, [~~seven thousand nine hundred~~

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1 ~~twenty-two dollars (\$7,922)]~~ nine thousand seven hundred two
2 dollars (\$9,702);

3 (5) county clerk, [~~seven thousand nine hundred~~
4 ~~twenty-two dollars (\$7,922)]~~ nine thousand seven hundred two
5 dollars (\$9,702); and

6 (6) probate judge, [~~four thousand six hundred~~
7 ~~thirty-six dollars (\$4,636)]~~ five thousand six hundred seventy-
8 eight dollars (\$5,678).

9 B. The annual salaries of elected or appointed
10 full-time officers of an H class county shall not exceed, for:

11 (1) treasurer, [~~seventy-five thousand seven~~
12 ~~hundred thirty-three dollars (\$75,733)]~~ ninety-two thousand
13 seven hundred fifty-four dollars (\$92,754);

14 (2) assessor, [~~seventy-five thousand seven~~
15 ~~hundred thirty-three dollars (\$75,733)]~~ ninety-two thousand
16 seven hundred fifty-four dollars (\$92,754);

17 (3) sheriff, [~~seventy-eight thousand nine~~
18 ~~hundred fifty-two dollars (\$78,952)]~~ ninety-six thousand six
19 hundred ninety-six dollars (\$96,696); and

20 (4) county clerk, [~~seventy-five thousand seven~~
21 ~~hundred thirty-three dollars (\$75,733)]~~ ninety-two thousand
22 seven hundred fifty-four dollars (\$92,754).

23 C. The governing body of an H class county shall
24 designate whether each of the offices of treasurer, assessor,
25 sheriff and county clerk is part time or full time; however, a

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1 change in that designation shall not take effect until the
2 first day of the term of an elected county official who takes
3 office after the change in designation is approved."

4 SECTION 5. APPLICABILITY.--An increase in a permitted
5 maximum salary provided by the provisions of this act shall not
6 take effect until the first day of the term of an elected or
7 appointed county official who takes office after the effective
8 date of this act.

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