

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES; INCREASING SALARIES OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS.

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

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

"4-44-4. CLASS A COUNTIES--SALARIES. --The annual salaries of elected officers of class A counties shall not exceed:

A. county commissioners, twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$22,358) each;

B. treasurer, forty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$49,528);

C. assessor, forty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$49,528);

D. sheriff, fifty-one thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$51,650);

E. county clerk, forty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$49,528);

F. probate judge, twenty-one thousand seven hundred ninety-two dollars (\$21,792); and

G. county surveyor, nineteen thousand four hundred forty-two dollars (\$19,442). "

Section 2. Section 4-44-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws

1986, Chapter 67, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"4-44-4.1. CLASS B COUNTIES--OVER THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS VALUATION--SALARIES.--The annual salaries of elected officers of class B counties with an assessed valuation of over three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall not exceed:

A. county commissioners, seventeen thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$17,264) each;

B. treasurer, forty-three thousand three hundred one dollars (\$43,301);

C. assessor, forty-three thousand three hundred one dollars (\$43,301);

D. sheriff, forty-five thousand one hundred forty-one dollars (\$45,141);

E. county clerk, forty-three thousand three hundred one dollars (\$43,301);

F. probate judge, fifteen thousand one hundred forty-one dollars (\$15,141); and

G. county surveyor, a reasonable rate of compensation as determined by the board of county commissioners. "

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

"4-44-5. CLASS B COUNTIES--SALARIES.--The annual salaries of elected officers of class B counties with an

assessed valuation of over seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) but under three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall not exceed:

- A. county commissioners, twelve thousand three hundred eleven dollars (\$12,311) each;
- B. treasurer, thirty-seven thousand seventy-five dollars (\$37,075);
- C. county assessor, thirty-seven thousand seventy-five dollars (\$37,075);
- D. county sheriff, thirty-eight thousand seven hundred seventy-three dollars (\$38,773);
- E. county clerk, thirty-seven thousand seventy-five dollars (\$37,075);
- F. probate judge, eight thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$8,632); and
- G. county surveyor, a reasonable rate of compensation as determined by the board of county commissioners. "

Section 4. Section 4-44-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957, Chapter 196, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"4-44-6. CLASS C COUNTIES--SALARIES.--The annual salaries of elected officers of class C counties shall not exceed:

- A. county commissioners, twelve thousand three hundred eleven dollars (\$12,311) each;

B. county treasurer, thirty-seven thousand seventy-five dollars (\$37,075);

C. county assessor, thirty-seven thousand seventy-five dollars (\$37,075);

D. county sheriff, thirty-eight thousand seven hundred seventy-three dollars (\$38,773);

E. county clerk, thirty-seven thousand seventy-five dollars (\$37,075);

F. probate judge, eight thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$8,632); and

G. county surveyor, a reasonable rate of compensation as determined by the board of county commissioners. "

Section 5. Section 4-44-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957, Chapter 196, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"4-44-7. FIRST CLASS COUNTIES--OVER TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS VALUATION--SALARIES.--The annual salaries of elected officers of counties of the first class with an assessed valuation of over twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000) but under forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) shall not exceed:

A. county commissioners, eleven thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$11,179) each;

B. treasurer, twenty-seven thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$27,170);

C. assessor, twenty-seven thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$27,170);

D. sheriff, twenty-nine thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$29,292);

E. county clerk, twenty-seven thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$27,170);

F. probate judge, seven thousand two hundred seventeen dollars (\$7,217); and

G. county surveyor, a reasonable rate of compensation as determined by the board of county commissioners. "

Section 6. Section 4-44-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957, Chapter 196, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"4-44-8. FIRST CLASS COUNTIES--UNDER TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS VALUATION--SALARIES.--The annual salaries of elected officers of counties of the first class with an assessed valuation of over fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) but under twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000) shall not exceed:

A. county commissioners, seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) each;

B. treasurer, twenty-three thousand sixty-six dollars (\$23,066);

C. assessor, twenty-three thousand sixty-six dollars (\$23,066);

D. sheriff, twenty-nine thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$29,292);

E. county clerk, twenty-three thousand sixty-six dollars (\$23,066);

F. probate judge, six thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$6,650); and

G. county surveyor, a reasonable rate of compensation as determined by the board of county commissioners. "

Section 7. Section 4-44-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1955, Chapter 4, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"4-44-14. H CLASS COUNTIES--SALARIES AND EXPENSES. --

A. Officers elected or appointed in the counties of the H class shall receive the following annual salaries:

(1) county commissioners, one dollar (\$1.00);

(2) treasurer, one dollar (\$1.00);

(3) assessor, one dollar (\$1.00);

(4) sheriff, one dollar (\$1.00);

(5) county clerk, one dollar (\$1.00);

(6) probate judge, two thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$2,650); and

(7) county surveyor, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per day for each day actually employed under orders by the board of county commissioners, such

employment not to exceed fifty days in any one year.

B. The elected H class county officials listed in Subsection A of this section, except probate judge, in addition to the salaries prescribed shall be entitled to receive as per diem expense the sum of not more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) while in actual attendance at county commission meetings or while engaged in the performance of their official duties for the county. However, the total per diem expense allowance for each elected H class county official listed in Subsection A of this section shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) in any fiscal year. Such per diem expense shall be in addition to any allowance for sheriff's mileage or for other out-of-county expenses allowed for all officials by law and shall be budgeted, paid and audited as provided by laws governing expenditures of county funds."

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is January 1, 1999. \_\_\_\_\_