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AN ACT
RELATING TO COUNTIES; REVISING THE POPULATION ACCOUNTING
BASIS FOR CLASSIFYING COUNTIES; CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATE
OF SALARY CLASSIFICATION.

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

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

"4-44-1. CLASSIFICATION FOR SALARY PURPOSES.--

A. For the purpose of fixing salaries of county
officers, the several counties of the state, except "H" class
counties, are hereby classified as follows:

(1) those having a final, full assessed
valuation of over seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000)
and having a population of one hundred thousand persons or
more as determined by the most current annual population data
or estimate available from the United States census bureau,
as class "A" counties;

(2) those having a final, full assessed
valuation in excess of seventy-five million dollars
(\$75,000,000) with a population less than one hundred
thousand persons as determined by the most current annual
population data or estimate available from the United States
census bureau, as class "B" counties;

(3) those having a final, full assessed

1 valuation in excess of forty-five million dollars
2 (\$45,000,000) with a population less than one hundred
3 thousand persons as determined by the most current annual
4 population data or estimate available from the United States
5 census bureau, as class "C" counties;

6 (4) those having a final, full assessed
7 valuation of over fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000), as
8 counties of the first class;

9 (5) those having a final, full assessed
10 valuation of eight million two hundred fifty thousand dollars
11 (\$8,250,000) and under fourteen million dollars
12 (\$14,000,000), as counties of the second class;

13 (6) those having a final, full assessed
14 valuation of six million five hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$6,500,000) and under eight million two hundred fifty
16 thousand dollars (\$8,250,000), as counties of the third
17 class;

18 (7) those having a final, full assessed
19 valuation of four million seven hundred fifty thousand
20 dollars (\$4,750,000) and under six million five hundred
21 thousand dollars (\$6,500,000), as counties of the fourth
22 class; and

23 (8) those having a final, full assessed
24 valuation of less than four million seven hundred fifty
25 thousand dollars (\$4,750,000), as counties of the fifth

1 class.

2 B. The assessed valuation for each year shall be
3 the full valuation as finally fixed for that year."

4 Section 2. Section 4-44-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1915,
5 Chapter 12, Section 19, as amended) is amended to read:

6 "4-44-2. BIENNIAL DETERMINATION OF CLASSIFICATION.--
7 From and after January 1, 1962, the classification of counties
8 shall be fixed and governed by the assessed valuation as
9 finally fixed for the preceding year. Provided, one hundred
10 twenty days after January 1, 1962 and one hundred twenty days
11 from January 1 of each second year thereafter, the
12 classification shall be determined by the secretary of finance
13 and administration from the assessed valuation of each county
14 as finally fixed for the preceding year, and the secretary of
15 finance and administration upon making the determination shall
16 notify the board of county commissioners of each county of the
17 class within which each of the counties of this state falls
18 according to the classification, and the classification as so
19 fixed and determined by the secretary of finance and
20 administration shall govern the salaries of the county
21 officers for two years beginning July 1 of the year the
22 classification is determined."

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