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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/18

SPONSOR Wooley LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 69

SHORT TITLE County Classifications & Salaries SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Esquibel

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Recurring	Local Government Funds

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (NMAG)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 69 seeks to modify existing law to clean up language, eliminate a class of counties for maximum salary determination purposes, and increase the maximum salaries for the other county classes.

The bill in Section 1, NMSA 1978 4-44-1(A)(3) proposes eliminating the Class C county category.

In Section 2, NMSA 1978 4-44-4(A-F), the bill designates an increase of 15 percent for annual maximum salaries of county commissioners, treasurers, assessors, sheriffs, county clerks, and probate judges in Class A counties, as defined.

In Section 3, NMSA 1978 4-44-4.1, the bill changes the name of Class B counties for purposes of salary valuations to "High " valuation, and in NMSA 1978 4.1(A-F), increases by 15 percent the maximum salary of county commissioners, treasurers, assessors, sheriffs, county clerks, and probate judges in High valuation B class counties.

In Section 4, the bill changes NMSA 1978 4-44-5 and renames another type of Class B county as an “Intermediate” valuation county, and in NMSA 1978 4-44-5(A-F), increases by 15 percent the maximum salary of county commissioners, treasurers, assessors, sheriffs, county clerks, and probate judges in these Intermediate B class counties.

Section 5 contains clean up language that does not materially affect existing law.

In Section 6, clean up language is proposed in NMSA 1978 4-44-14(A), and in (A)(1-6), the maximum annual salaries are increased by 15 percent for part time county commissioners, treasurers, assessors, sheriffs, county clerks, and probate judges of H class counties, and in NMSA 1978 4-44-14(B)(1-4), the maximum annual salaries are increased by 15 percent for full time treasurers, assessors, sheriffs, and county clerks of H class counties.

NMSA 1978 4-44-14(C) is clean up language, and 4-44-14(D) is redundant and therefore deleted.

Section 7 of the bill repeals NMSA 1978 4-44-6, which currently sets the maximum salaries for class C counties, which were deleted in Section 1 of the bill.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill does not include an appropriation.

Under the provisions of HB69, local governments could choose to increase salaries of elected local officials by up to 15 percent with commensurate increases to local recurring operating budgets, but the amount is indeterminate at this time.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Attorney General’s Office notes NMSA Section 4-44-12.3 affirmatively states that the intent of the Legislature is to provide for equitable salary increases, and that is what the bill seeks to accomplish.

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