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SENATE BILL 587

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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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 ~~[last official]~~ most current annual

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1 population data or estimate available from the United States
2 census bureau, as class "A" counties;

3 (2) those having a final, full assessed
4 valuation in excess of seventy-five million dollars
5 (\$75,000,000) with a population less than one hundred thousand
6 persons as determined by the [~~last official~~] most current
7 annual population data or estimate available from the United
8 States census bureau, as class "B" counties;

9 (3) those having a final, full assessed
10 valuation in excess of forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000)
11 with a population less than one hundred thousand persons as
12 determined by the [~~last official~~] most current annual
13 population data or estimate available from the United States
14 census bureau, as class "C" counties;

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

18 (5) those having a final, full assessed
19 valuation of [~~eight and one-fourth million dollars~~] eight
20 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$8,250,000) and
21 under fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000), as counties of
22 the second class;

23 (6) those having a final, full assessed
24 valuation of [~~six and one-half million dollars~~] six million
25 five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) and under [~~eight and~~

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1 ~~one-fourth million dollars]~~ eight million two hundred fifty
2 thousand dollars (\$8,250,000), as counties of the third class;

3 (7) those having a final, full assessed
4 valuation of [~~four and three-fourths million dollars]~~ four
5 million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$4,750,000) and
6 under [~~six and one-half million dollars]~~ six million five
7 hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000), as counties of the
8 fourth class; and

9 (8) those having a final, full assessed
10 valuation of less than [~~four and three-fourths million dollars]~~
11 four million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$4,750,000),
12 as counties of the fifth class.

13 B. The assessed valuation for each year shall be
14 the full valuation as finally fixed for [~~said~~] that year."

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

17 "4-44-2. BIENNIAL DETERMINATION OF CLASSIFICATION.--From
18 and after January 1, 1962, the classification of counties shall
19 be fixed and governed by the assessed valuation as finally
20 fixed for the preceding year. Provided, one hundred twenty
21 days after January 1, 1962 and one hundred twenty days from
22 January 1 of each second year thereafter, the classification
23 shall be determined by the secretary of finance and
24 administration from the assessed valuation of each county as
25 finally fixed for the preceding year, and the secretary of

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1 finance and administration upon making the determination shall
2 notify the board of county commissioners of each county of the
3 class within which each of the counties of this state falls
4 according to the classification, and the classification as so
5 fixed and determined by the secretary of finance and
6 administration shall govern the salaries of the county officers
7 for ~~[the]~~ two years beginning ~~[January 1, 1963 and each two~~
8 ~~years thereafter]~~ July 1 of the year the classification is
9 determined."

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