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AN ACT

RELATING TO H CLASS COUNTIES; REVISING SALARY STRUCTURE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES; INCREASING SALARIES FOR FULL-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. 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 a county of the H class to an office that is designated as part-time shall receive no more than the following annual salaries:

(1) county commissioners, thirteen thousand seven hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$13,777);

(2) treasurer, six thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$6,889);

(3) assessor, six thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$6,889);

(4) sheriff, six thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$6,889);

(5) county clerk, six thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$6,889); and

(6) probate judge, four thousand thirty-one dollars (\$4,031).

B. Officers who are elected or appointed in a

1 county of the H class to an office that is designated as
2 full-time shall receive no more than the following annual
3 salaries:

4 (1) treasurer, sixty-five thousand eight
5 hundred fifty-five dollars (\$65,855);

6 (2) assessor, sixty-five thousand eight
7 hundred fifty-five dollars (\$65,855);

8 (3) sheriff, sixty-eight thousand six
9 hundred fifty-four dollars (\$68,654); and

10 (4) county clerk, sixty-five thousand eight
11 hundred fifty-five dollars (\$65,855).

12 C. The governing body of an H class county shall
13 designate whether the office of treasurer, assessor, sheriff
14 or county clerk is part-time or full-time; provided, however,
15 that no change in designation shall take effect until the
16 first day of the term of an elected county official who takes
17 office after the designation is approved.

18 D. The governing body of an H class county shall
19 provide for salaries for the elected officials of the county
20 pursuant to Section 4-44-12.3 NMSA 1978."

21 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2016. _____