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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, OCTOBER 12, 1971

AN ACT

1 Providing for the compensation of county officers in counties of
2 the second through eighth classes, for the disposition of
3 fees, for filing of bonds
4 in certain cases and for duties of certain officers.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The annual salaries of county commissioners shall
8 be as follows:

9 (1) Counties of the second class

10 Chairman..... \$29,300

11 Other commissioners..... 25,700

12 (2) Counties of the second class A

13 Chairman..... 27,800

14 Other commissioners..... 24,200

15 (3) Counties of the third class

16 Chairman..... 21,500

17 Other commissioners..... 20,000

18 (4) Counties of the fourth class

19 Chairman..... 18,000

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| 1 | Other commissioners..... | 17,000 | |
| 2 | (5) Counties of the fifth class | | |
| 3 | Chairman..... | 15,500 | <— |
| 4 | | 15,000 | |
| 5 | Other commissioners..... | 15,000 | |
| 6 | (6) Counties of the sixth class | | |
| 7 | Chairman..... | 13,500 | <— |
| 8 | | 13,000 | |
| 9 | Other commissioners..... | 13,000 | |
| 10 | (7) Counties of the seventh class | | |
| 11 | Chairman..... | 9,750 | <— |
| 12 | | 9,500 | |
| 13 | Other commissioners..... | 9,500 | |
| 14 | (8) Counties of the eighth class | | |
| 15 | Chairman..... | 8,500 | <— |
| 16 | | 8,000 | |
| 17 | Other commissioners..... | 8,000 | |

18 Section 2. The annual salaries of sheriffs shall be as
19 follows:

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| 20 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
| 21 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 20,500 |
| 22 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 17,500 |
| 23 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 15,500 |
| 24 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 13,000 |
| 25 | (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 11,000 |
| 26 | (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 9,500 |
| 27 | (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 8,000 |

28 Section 3. (a) The annual salaries of county treasurers
29 shall be as follows:

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| 30 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
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| 1 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 20,500 |
| 2 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 17,500 |
| 3 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 15,500 |
| 4 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 13,000 |
| 5 | (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 11,000 |
| 6 | (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 9,500 |
| 7 | (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 8,000 |

8 (b) Every county treasurer shall perform the duties now or
9 hereafter required by law, and shall be an issuing agent of the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the sale of hunting licenses,
11 fishing licenses, and dog licenses, and comply with the laws
12 relating thereto and the rules and regulations of the Secretary
13 of Revenue.

14 Section 4. The annual salaries of county controllers and
15 auditors shall be as follows:

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| 16 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
| 17 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 20,500 |
| 18 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 17,500 |
| 19 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 15,500 |
| 20 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 13,000 |
| 21 | (6) Counties of the sixth class where the | |
| 22 | office of controller exists or may be | |
| 23 | created..... | 11,000 |
| 24 | (7) Counties of the seventh class where the | |
| 25 | office of controller exists or may be | |
| 26 | created..... | 9,500 |
| 27 | (8) Counties of the eighth class where the | |
| 28 | office of controller exists or may be | |
| 29 | created..... | 8,000 |

30 The county auditors in counties of the sixth, seventh, and

1 eighth classes, where the office of controller does not exist,
2 shall each receive thirty dollars (\$30) for each six hours of
3 work in the discharge of their duties, together with twelve
4 cents (12¢) per circular mile from and to their homes, once,
5 each and every day so employed.

6 Section 5. The annual salaries of district attorneys shall
7 be as follows:

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| 8 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
| 9 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 20,500 |
| 10 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 18,000 |
| 11 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 16,500 |
| 12 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 13,500 |
| 13 | (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 11,000 |
| 14 | (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 9,500 |
| 15 | (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 8,000 |

16 Section 6. (a) The annual salaries of recorders of deeds
17 shall be as follows:

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| 18 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
| 19 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 20,500 |
| 20 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 17,500 |
| 21 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 15,500 |
| 22 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 13,000 |
| 23 | (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 11,000 |
| 24 | (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 9,500 |
| 25 | (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 8,000 |

26 (b) The recorder of deeds shall perform the duties now or
27 hereafter required by law, and shall be the collection agent for
28 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the Pennsylvania realty
29 transfer tax, and shall comply with the laws relating thereto
30 and the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Revenue.

1 (c) The recorder of deeds shall be the collection agent for
2 any political subdivision levying a local realty transfer tax
3 without compensation from the political subdivision. On or
4 before the tenth of each month, the recorder of deeds shall pay
5 over to the appropriate political subdivision all local realty
6 transfer taxes collected, less two per cent for use of the
7 county, together with a report containing the information as is
8 required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in reporting
9 collections of the Pennsylvania realty transfer tax. The
10 recorder of deeds shall pay the two per cent withheld to the
11 county. The county shall obtain and pay the premium or premiums
12 on any bond or bonds necessary to cover the performance of the
13 recorder of deeds' duties under this subsection.

14 Section 7. (a) The annual salaries of registers of wills
15 shall be as follows:

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| 16 (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
| 17 (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 20,500 |
| 18 (3) Counties of the third class..... | 17,500 |
| 19 (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 15,500 |
| 20 (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 13,000 |
| 21 (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 11,000 |
| 22 (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 9,500 |
| 23 (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 8,000 |

24 (b) The registers of wills shall perform the duties now or
25 hereafter required by law, and shall be the agent of the
26 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the collection of Pennsylvania
27 transfer inheritance and estate taxes in the case of resident
28 decedents under the supervision of the Secretary of Revenue and
29 pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Secretary of
30 Revenue.

1 Section 8. The annual salaries of prothonotaries, clerks of
2 the criminal court division of the courts of common pleas and
3 clerks of the orphans' court division of the courts of common
4 pleas shall be as follows:

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| 5 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
| 6 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 20,500 |
| 7 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 17,500 |
| 8 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 15,500 |
| 9 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 13,000 |
| 10 | (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 11,000 |
| 11 | (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 9,500 |
| 12 | (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 8,000 |

13 Section 9. The annual salaries of coroners shall be as
14 follows:

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| 15 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$24,000 |
| 16 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 18,600 |
| 17 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 13,000 |
| 18 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 11,000 |
| 19 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 8,000 |
| 20 | (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 3,000 |
| 21 | (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 2,500 |
| 22 | (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 1,500 |

23 Section 10. The annual salaries of jury commissioners shall
24 be as follows:

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| 25 | (1) Counties of the second class..... | \$16,700 |
| 26 | (2) Counties of the second class A..... | 6,000 |
| 27 | (3) Counties of the third class..... | 2,500 |
| 28 | (4) Counties of the fourth class..... | 1,800 |
| 29 | (5) Counties of the fifth class..... | 1,300 |
| 30 | (6) Counties of the sixth class..... | 1,000 |

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| 1 | (7) Counties of the seventh class..... | 800 |
| 2 | (8) Counties of the eighth class..... | 600 |

3 Section 11. Where any of the officers herein mentioned hold
4 two or more of the offices for which a salary is herein fixed,
5 he shall receive the highest salary fixed for any one of the
6 offices which he holds, plus an additional amount of one
7 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum.

8 Section 12. (a) The county officers shall be paid only the
9 salary provided herein for services performed for the county or
10 any other governmental unit: Provided, however, That this
11 restriction shall not apply to those county officers receiving a
12 salary as executive and administrative officers of institution
13 districts existing in their counties.

14 (b) All fees and commissions received in the conduct of any
15 county office shall be paid directly to the county. Fees shall
16 not be deemed to include reimbursement for mileage.

17 SECTION 13. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE. <—
18 IF ANY WORD, PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, SECTION OR PROVISION OF
19 THIS ACT IS FOR ANY REASON HELD TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THE
20 DECISION OF THE COURT SHALL NOT AFFECT OR IMPAIR ANY OF THE
21 REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AS THE
22 LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT THIS ACT WOULD HAVE BEEN ADOPTED HAD
23 SUCH UNCONSTITUTIONAL WORD, PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, SECTION OR
24 PROVISION THEREOF NOT BEEN INCLUDED HEREIN.

25 Section ~~13~~ 14. This act shall take effect the first Monday <—
26 of January, 1972. In the event that any stabilization of wages
27 and salaries shall be in effect pursuant to any executive order
28 of the President of the United States under the Economic
29 Stabilization Act of 1970 (P.L.91-379, 84 Stat.799), the
30 provisions of this act shall take effect at the termination of

1 such wage or salary stabilization. and, after April 23, 1972, to <—
2 every county officer holding office who was elected on November
3 4, 1969, or appointed to fill the unexpired term of a county
4 officer elected on November 4, 1969.