
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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RECALLED FROM THE GOVERNOR AND AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION,
OCTOBER 27, 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

1	Chairman.....	18,000
2	Other commissioners.....	17,000
3	(5) Counties of the fifth class	
4	Chairman.....	15,000
5	Other commissioners.....	15,000
6	(6) Counties of the sixth class	
7	Chairman.....	13,000
8	Other commissioners.....	13,000
9	(7) Counties of the seventh class	
10	Chairman.....	9,500
11	Other commissioners.....	9,500
12	(8) Counties of the eighth class	
13	Chairman.....	8,000
14	Other commissioners.....	8,000

15 Section 2. The annual salaries of sheriffs shall be as
16 follows:

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

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

27	(1) Counties of the second class.....	\$24,000
28	(2) Counties of the second class A.....	20,500
29	(3) Counties of the third class.....	17,500
30	(4) Counties of the fourth class.....	15,500

1	(5) Counties of the fifth class.....	13,000
2	(6) Counties of the sixth class.....	11,000
3	(7) Counties of the seventh class.....	9,500
4	(8) Counties of the eighth class.....	8,000

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

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

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

27 The county auditors in counties of the sixth, seventh, and
28 eighth classes, where the office of controller does not exist,
29 shall each receive thirty dollars (\$30) for each six hours of
30 work in the discharge of their duties, together with twelve

1 cents (12¢) per circular mile from and to their homes, once,
2 each and every day so employed.

3 Section 5. The annual salaries of district attorneys shall
4 be as follows:

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.....	18,000
8	(4) Counties of the fourth class.....	16,500
9	(5) Counties of the fifth class.....	13,500
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 6. (a) The annual salaries of recorders of deeds
14 shall be as follows:

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

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

28 (c) The recorder of deeds shall be the collection agent for
29 any political subdivision levying a local realty transfer tax
30 without compensation from the political subdivision. On or

1 before the tenth of each month, the recorder of deeds shall pay
2 over to the appropriate political subdivision all local realty
3 transfer taxes collected, less two per cent for use of the
4 county, together with a report containing the information as is
5 required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in reporting
6 collections of the Pennsylvania realty transfer tax. The
7 recorder of deeds shall pay the two per cent withheld to the
8 county. The county shall obtain and pay the premium or premiums
9 on any bond or bonds necessary to cover the performance of the
10 recorder of deeds' duties under this subsection.

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

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

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

28 Section 8. The annual salaries of prothonotaries, clerks of
29 the criminal court division of the courts of common pleas and
30 clerks of the orphans' court division of the courts of common

1 pleas shall be as follows:

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

10 Section 9. The annual salaries of coroners shall be as
11 follows:

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

20 Section 10. The annual salaries of jury commissioners shall
21 be as follows:

22	(1) Counties of the second class.....	\$16,700
23	(2) Counties of the second class A.....	6,000
24	(3) Counties of the third class.....	2,500
25	(4) Counties of the fourth class.....	1,800
26	(5) Counties of the fifth class.....	1,300
27	(6) Counties of the sixth class.....	1,000
28	(7) Counties of the seventh class.....	800
29	(8) Counties of the eighth class.....	600

30 Section 11. Where any of the officers herein mentioned hold

1 two or more of the offices for which a salary is herein fixed,
2 he shall receive the highest salary fixed for any one of the
3 offices which he holds, plus an additional amount of one
4 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum.

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

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

14 Section 13. The provisions of this act shall be severable.
15 If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, section or provision of
16 this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, the
17 decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the
18 remaining provisions of this act. It is hereby declared as the
19 legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had
20 such unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, section or
21 provision thereof not been included herein.

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