

**Opinion No. 7.**

**Counties—Health Officer—Salary.**

Held: Section 2473, R. C. M. 1921, regulates the salary of the county health officer.

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We acknowledge receipt of yours of November 21, requesting an opinion as to the construction of the statutes governing the salary of county health officer, particularly Sections 2465 and 2473, Rev. Codes, 1921.

Sections 2464 to 2470, Rev. Codes, 1921, inclusive, are obviously intended to apply to city and town health officials and functions. Sections 2473 to 2484 apply to the county health department.

The fact that Section 2465 adopts a county's statutory classification as the basis for fixing the salary of the health officers of cities and towns,

does not appear logical, but for some peculiar reason, not apparent in the statute, that has been done.

We confirm your conclusions that Section 2473 regulates the salary of the county health officer.