

1 House BILL NO. 503
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION
 5 25-605, R.C.M. 1947, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALARY OF CORONERS
 6 IN COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF TWENTY-FIVE
 7 THOUSAND (25,000); AND TO AMEND SECTION 25-236, R.C.M. 1947,
 8 TO RAISE CORONER FEES AND SALARY."

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 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 25-605, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 12 read as follows:

13 "25-605. Salaries of certain county officers. The
 14 salaries of county treasurers, clerk and recorder, clerk of
 15 the court, county attorneys, sheriffs, county
 16 superintendents of schools, coroners in counties with a
 17 population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more, and of
 18 county surveyors in counties where county surveyors now
 19 receive salaries as provided in section 16-3302, shall be
 20 based on the population and taxable valuation of the county
 21 in accordance with the following schedule:

Population	Salary	Taxable Valuation	Salary
of County	Col. A	of County	Col. B
Below 3,000....	\$3,520	Below \$2,000,000.....	\$3,520
3,000 to 3,999..	\$3,620	\$2,000,000 to 2,999,999	\$3,620

1	4,000 to 4,999..	\$3,700	3,000,000 to 3,999,999	\$3,700
2	5,000 to 5,999..	\$3,780	4,000,000 to 4,999,999	\$3,780
3	6,000 to 6,999..	\$3,880	5,000,000 to 5,999,999	\$3,880
4	7,000 to 7,999..	\$4,130	6,000,000 to 6,999,999	\$4,130
5	8,000 to 8,999..	\$4,200	7,000,000 to 7,999,999	\$4,200
6	9,000 to 9,999..	\$4,300	8,000,000 to 9,999,999	\$4,300
7	10,000 to 12,499..	\$4,370	10,000,000 to 11,999,999	\$4,370
8	12,500 to 14,999..	\$4,460	12,000,000 to 13,999,999	\$4,460
9	15,000 to 17,499..	\$4,550	14,000,000 to 15,999,999	\$4,550
10	17,500 to 19,999..	\$4,630	16,000,000 to 17,999,999	\$4,630
11	20,000 to 24,999..	\$4,720	18,000,000 to 19,999,999	\$4,720
12	25,000 to 29,999..	\$4,800	20,000,000 to 22,499,999	\$4,800
13	30,000 to 39,999..	\$4,890	22,500,000 to 24,999,999	\$4,890
14	40,000 to 49,999..	\$5,010	25,000,000 to 29,999,999	\$5,010
15	50,000 to 59,999..	\$5,190	30,000,000 to 34,999,999	\$5,190
16	60,000 to 69,999..	\$5,370	35,000,000 to 39,999,999	\$5,370
17	70,000 to 79,999..	\$5,520	40,000,000 to 44,999,999	\$5,520
18	80,000 to 89,999..	\$5,690	45,000,000 to 49,999,999	\$5,690
19	90,000 to 99,999..	\$5,870	50,000,000 to 54,999,999	\$5,870
20	100,000 and over..	\$6,050	55,000,000 to 59,999,999	\$6,050
21			60,000,000 to 64,999,999	\$6,050
22			65,000,000 to 69,999,999	\$6,050
23			70,000,000 to 74,999,999	\$6,050
24			75,000,000 to 79,999,999	\$6,050
25			80,000,000 to 84,999,999	\$6,050

1	85,000,000 to 89,999,999	\$6,050
2	90,000,000 to 94,999,999	\$6,050
3	95,000,000 to 99,999,999	\$6,050
4	100,000,000 and over.....	\$6,050

5 The total salary paid to county treasurers, clerk and
6 recorder, clerk of the court, county attorneys, sheriffs,
7 county superintendents of schools and county sheriffs,
98 coroners in counties with a population of twenty-five
9 thousand (25,000) or more, and county surveyors in counties
10 where county surveyors receive salaries, as provided in
11 section 16-3302, shall be the sum of the salary shown in
12 column A based on population when added to the salary shown
13 in column B based on taxable valuation; provided, however,
14 that county superintendent of schools shall receive, in
15 addition to the salary based upon the totals of columns A
16 and B above, the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) per year
17 and county sheriffs and county attorneys shall receive, in
18 addition to the salary based upon the totals of columns A
19 and B above, the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars
20 (\$1,200) per year. Notwithstanding the above, in each
21 county with a population in excess of thirty thousand
22 (30,000) the county attorney shall receive a salary of
23 sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) per year."

24 Section 2. Section 25-236, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
25 read as follows:

1 "25-236. Fees of coroner. The coroner is entitled to
2 receive and collect for his own use the following fees:

3 For each day or fraction of day engaged in making an
4 investigation relative to a death, whether an inquest is
5 later held or not, the sum of ~~five-dollars-(\$5.00)~~ ten
6 dollars (\$10), provided that not more than one day's fees
7 shall be charged for making an investigation in any one
8 case, except in counties of the first, second and third
9 class;

10 For each day or fraction of day engaged in holding an
11 inquest, ~~five-dollars-(\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10), provided
12 that not more than two days' fees shall be charged for
13 holding an inquest in any one case;

14 For subpoenaing each witness, including copy of
15 subpoena, thirty cents (30¢);

16 For summoning each juror, including copy of summons,
17 thirty cents (30¢);

18 For each oath administered, five cents (5¢);

19 For making transcript of testimony, per folio, fifteen
20 cents (15¢);

21 For each mile actually traveled in the performance of
22 any duty, ~~seven-cents-(7¢)~~ that allowed in section 59-801,
23 R.C.M. 1947;

24 For filing papers, each five cents (5¢).

25 The total amount of fees allowed by the board of county

1 commissioners to a coroner, except when acting as sheriff,
2 must not exceed ~~twenty-one~~ thirty-six hundred dollars
3 ~~(2100.00)~~ (\$3600) in any one year, including compensation
4 paid all clerks, stenographers and other clerical assistants
5 employed by him, provided the coroner in a county having a
6 population of ~~forty-five~~ twenty-five thousand ~~(45,000)~~
7 (25,000) or more, according to the latest federal census
8 enumeration, ~~may, at the discretion of the county~~
9 ~~commissioners receive a salary of not to exceed three~~
10 ~~thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,750.00) per year~~
11 and shall be paid according to the provisions of section
12 25-605, R.C.M. 1947, and receive mileage as above provided
13 in lieu of all fees above-mentioned, and all clerical and
14 stenographic help except as provided in section 16-3408,
15 shall be included in such salary. Said population to be
16 based on the latest United States census.

17 A justice of the peace, acting as coroner, is allowed
18 the same fees as the coroner, and no more.

19 If acting as sheriff, the coroner is allowed the same
20 fees as sheriff or constable for like services."

21 Section 3. Funding. In compliance with section
22 43-617, R.C.M. 1947, the administration of this act is
23 declared a public purpose of a county which may be paid out
24 of the general fund of the governing body and financed by a
25 levy on the taxable value of property within the county.

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