

1 H BILL NO. 600
2 INTRODUCED BY Hugh

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SALARY
5 SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY CORONERS; AMENDING SECTIONS 25-202 AND
6 25-6091, R.C.M. 1947; AND REPEALING SECTION 25-236, R.C.M.
7 1947."

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

10 Section 1. Salary -- county coroner. (1) The salary of
11 the county coroner shall be based on the population of the
12 county in accordance with the following schedule:

13 Population of County	Salary
14 Below 5,000	not less than 5% of the total 15 annual salary of the sheriff
16 5,000 to 9,999	not less than 20% of the total 17 annual salary of the sheriff
18 10,000 to 29,999	not less than 40% of the total 19 annual salary of the sheriff
20 30,000 and more	not less than 80% of the total 21 annual salary of the sheriff

22 (2) If acting as sheriff, the coroner is allowed the
23 same fees as the sheriff or constable for like services.

24 Section 2. Section 25-202, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
25 read as follows:

1 "25-202. What officers to receive fees for their own
2 use. The county surveyor, coroner, public administrator,
3 justice of the peace, and constable may collect and receive
4 for their own use, respectively, for official services, the
5 fees and emoluments prescribed in this chapter. All other
6 county officers receive salaries."

7 Section 3. Section 25-609.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 "25-609.1. Commissioners to fix salaries according to
10 salary schedule. The county commissioners shall, by
11 resolution on or before July 1 of each year, fix the
12 salaries of the county treasurer, county clerk, county
13 assessor, county school superintendent, county sheriff,
14 county attorney, county coroner, and clerk of the district
15 court for the following fiscal year in conformity with the
16 appropriate statutory salary schedule pertaining to each
17 office. The salary schedule used for each office shall be
18 the statutory schedule in effect on the first day of the
19 following fiscal year."

20 Section 4. Repealer. Section 25-236, R.C.M. 1947, is
21 repealed.

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HB 600

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 334-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 1, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 600 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act establishing a salary schedule for county coroners.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The salary of the county coroners would be set at the minimum allowable percentage established in House Bill 600.
2. Employee benefits would remain constant at 13 percent for the biennium.
3. A county sheriff who doubles as county coroner would also receive a coroner's salary.
4. Necessary funds to implement House Bill 600 would have to come from the various county general funds. No state funds involved.

LOCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Total expenditures under proposed law	\$212,480	\$212,480
Expenditures under current law	<u>37,461</u>	<u>37,461</u>
Increased expenditures under proposed law	<u>\$175,019</u>	<u>\$175,019</u>

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