

HOUSE BILL NO. 546

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 546
 2 INTRODUCTION BY Miles
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE LONGEVITY
 5 PAY FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS; AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2503,
 6 MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 9 Section 1. Section 7-4-2503, MCA, is amended to read:
 10 "7-4-2503. Salary schedule for certain county
 11 officers. (1) The salary paid to the county treasurer,
 12 county clerk and recorder, clerk of the district court,
 13 part-time county attorney, county assessor, county
 14 superintendent of schools, and county sheriff; the county
 15 surveyor in counties where county surveyors receive salaries
 16 as provided in 7-4-2812; and the county auditor in all
 17 counties wherein such office is authorized, for the fiscal
 18 year beginning July 1, 1981, is computed by adding the
 19 annual base salary of:
 20 (a) \$14,000 for the counties of the first through
 21 fifth class to the population increment of \$10 for each 100
 22 persons or major fraction thereof included in the county's
 23 population as determined by the 1980 federal decennial
 24 census; or
 25 (b) \$12,000 for counties of the sixth and seventh

1 class to the population increment of \$20 per 100 persons or
 2 major fraction thereof in the county's population as
 3 determined by the 1980 federal decennial census.
 4 (2) (a) The county superintendent of schools shall
 5 receive, in addition to the salary based upon subsection
 6 (1), the sum of \$400 per year.
 7 (b) The county sheriff shall receive, in addition to
 8 the salary based upon subsection (1), the sum of \$2,000 per
 9 year.
 10 (c) In counties with a population less than 30,000,
 11 the county attorney who is a part-time official shall
 12 receive, in addition to the salary based upon subsection
 13 (1), the sum of \$1,200 per year. In each county with a
 14 population in excess of 30,000, the county attorney shall be
 15 a full-time official under 7-4-2704, and his salary for the
 16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, shall be \$36,500.
 17 (d) In those counties where the office of the county
 18 attorney has been established as a full-time position
 19 pursuant to 7-4-2706, the salary of the county attorney for
 20 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, shall be \$36,500.
 21 Beginning on July 1, 1982, and on July 1 of each succeeding
 22 year, each county attorney shall be entitled to an increase
 23 in salary calculated by adding to his annual salary on July
 24 1, 1981, an increment of 70% of the last previous calendar
 25 year's consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S.

1 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, or other
 2 index that the bureau of business and economic research of
 3 the university of Montana may in the future recognize as the
 4 successor to that index. The cost-of-living increment for
 5 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983, and for each
 6 subsequent fiscal year shall be added to all cost-of-living
 7 increments granted for previous years.

8 (3) Beginning on the date of the first anniversary of
 9 his term of office and adjusted annually, each officer
 10 listed in subsections (1) and (2) [except a part-time or
 11 full-time county attorney] is entitled to receive a
 12 longevity payment of 1% of the annual salary provided in
 13 this section for each year of service performed. This
 14 payment must be made in equal monthly installments.

15 ~~(e)~~(4) For each 10th year after the fiscal year
 16 beginning July 1, 1981, the latest federal decennial census
 17 statistics shall be the basis for computation of population
 18 increments under this section. During the intervening 9
 19 years, the computation of population increments applicable
 20 on July 1 of each year shall be based on the last calendar
 21 year's annual estimates of counties' populations compiled by
 22 the federal-state cooperative program for estimates of the
 23 university of Montana bureau of business and economic
 24 research and the U.S. bureau of the census or other estimate
 25 that the bureau of business and economic research may

1 certify."

2 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Coordination instruction. The
 3 bracketed language in section 1, amending 7-4-2503(3) is
 4 effective only if Senate Bill No. 116 of the 49th
 5 legislature is passed and approved.

6 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. This act is
 7 effective July 1, 1985.

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