HOUSE BILL NO. 546

- 1/29 Introduced
- 1/29 Referred to Local Government
- 1/30 Fiscal Note Requested
 2/05 Fiscal Note Received

- 2/16 Hearing Died in Committee

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 546 2 INTRODUCED BY Mills 3 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." 7

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

9 Section 1. Section 7-4-2503, MCA, is amended to read: schedule for certain county 10 "7-4-2503. Salary officers. (1) The salary paid to the county treasurer, 11 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 surveyor in counties where county surveyors receive salaries 15 as provided in 7-4-2812; and the county auditor in all 16 17 counties wherein such office is authorized, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, is computed by adding the 18 19 annual base salary of:

(a) \$14,000 for the counties of the first through
fifth class to the population increment of \$10 for each 100
persons or major fraction thereof included in the county's
population as determined by the 1980 federal decennial
census; or

25 (b) \$12,000 for counties of the sixth and seventh



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class to the population increment of \$20 per 100 persons or
 major fraction thereof in the county's population as
 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.

(d) In those counties where the office of the county 17 attorney has been established as a full-time position 18 pursuant to 7-4-2706, the salary of the county attorney for 19 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, shall be \$36,500. 20 Beginning on July 1, 1982, and on July 1 of each succeeding 21 year, each county attorney shall be entitled to an increase 22 23 in salary calculated by adding to his annual salary on July 1, 1981, an increment of 70% of the last previous calendar 24 year's consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. 25

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department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, or other index that the bureau of business and economic research of the university of Montana may in the future recognize as the successor to that index. The cost-of-living increment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983, and for each subsequent fiscal year shall be added to all cost-of-living 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 increments under this section. During the intervening 9 18 19 years, the computation of population increments applicable on July 1 of each year shall be based on the last calendar 20 year's annual estimates of counties' populations compiled by 21 22 the federal-state cooperative program for estimates of the university of Montana bureau of business and economic 23 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.	Sec	tion 2.	Coordination instruction. The
3	bracketed language	in	section	1, amending 7-4-2503(3) is
4	effective only	i f	Senate	Bill No. 116 of the 49th
5	legislature is pass	sed	and appro	oved.
6	NEW SECTION.	Sec	tion 3.	Effective date. This act is

7 effective July 1, 1985.

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STATE OF MONTANA

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN 285-85

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 30, 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for <u>House Bill 546</u> pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Eackground 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 to provide longevity pay for certain county officers; amending Section 7-4-2503, MCA; and providing an effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Average length of service for all officers other than the County Treasurer is 15 years.

2. The average length of service for County Treasurers is seven years.

3. County salaries will be increased by 4% during each year of the 86-87 biennium.

4. Increases in the salaries of deputies and assistants resulting from passage of the bill are not included.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Increased Expenditures for Co. Assessors	<u>FY 86</u>	<u>FY 87</u>
State General Fund	\$154,970	\$161,169
Increased Expenditures Local General Fund	\$767,982	\$798,701

TECHNICAL NOTE:

If S.B. 116 fails, the fiscal impact on the general fund for county attorneys is: \$ 59,290 \$ 71,521

BUDGET DIRECTOR Office of Budget and Program Planning

Feb 5, 1985 HB 546 Date: