

HB 338 INTRODUCED BY POFF, ET AL.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY SET SALARIES OF ELECTED
COUNTY OFFICIALS

1/21 INTRODUCED
1/21 REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
1/28 HEARING
2/11 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL NOT PASSED AS AMENDED
2/12 ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED 66 33

1 House BILL NO. 338
 2 INTRODUCED BY Rep. Compton Kades City Bank
 3 Study

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTY
 5 COMMISSIONERS TO SET THE COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED COUNTY
 6 OFFICERS IN LIEU OF COMPENSATION SET FORTH IN LAW; PROVIDING
 7 THAT IF COMPENSATION IS SET BY THE COMMISSIONERS IT MUST BE
 8 SET BY RESOLUTION AND MAY NOT RESULT IN A DECREASE IN
 9 SALARY; AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN
 10 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

13 Section 1. Section 7-4-2501, MCA, is amended to read:

14 "7-4-2501. Compensation of county officers. (1) The
 15 county surveyor (if not receiving a salary under 7-4-2812)
 16 and the public administrator may collect and receive for
 17 their own use, respectively, for official services, the fees
 18 and emoluments prescribed by law.

19 (2) All other county officers receive salaries. Such
 20 salaries may be established by law or set by the board of
 21 county commissioners. The board of county commissioners may
 22 by resolution fix the compensation of all elected county
 23 officers, including themselves. If the board of county
 24 commissioners sets the compensation of elected county
 25 officers:

1 (a) such compensation is in lieu of the compensation
 2 set by law for such officers;

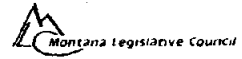
3 (b) the compensation must be set by resolution by the
 4 second Tuesday in May. If by that date compensation has not
 5 been set, each elected officer is entitled to receive a
 6 salary for the ensuing fiscal year equal to his current
 7 salary, increased by the applicable cost of living
 8 increments set forth in this part.

9 (c) the resolution must state the amount of salary the
 10 officer is currently receiving and the amount set for the
 11 ensuing fiscal year;

12 (d) the resolution may freeze or increase salaries,
 13 but may not decrease salaries."

14 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. This act is
 15 effective on passage and approval.

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