

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 23—ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS

PREFILED JANUARY 29, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Increases compensation of district attorneys and sheriffs. (BDR 20-163)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 2, 3)  
(REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public officers; increasing the compensation of district attorneys and sheriffs; authorizing a county to request and receive a waiver from the increases in compensation in the event of insufficient financial resources; providing that a waiver may not be applied for in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 245.043 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     245.043 1. As used in this section:  
3     (a) “County” includes Carson City.  
4     (b) “County commissioner” includes the Mayor and supervisors  
5     of Carson City.  
6     2. Except as otherwise provided by any special law, the elected  
7     officers of the counties of this state are entitled to receive annual  
8     salaries in the base amounts specified in the following table. The  
9     annual salaries are in full payment for all services required by law to  
10    be performed by such officers. Except as otherwise provided by law,  
11    all fees and commissions collected by such officers in the  
12    performance of their duties must be paid into the county treasury  
13    each month without deduction of any nature.



ANNUAL SALARIES

Class	County	County Commissioner	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
1	Clark	\$54,000	<del>[\$100,800]</del> <i>\$128,272</i>	<del>[\$84,000]</del> <i>\$109,131</i>	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000
2	Washoe	39,600	<del>[96,000]</del> <i>116,742</i>	<del>[78,000]</del> <i>94,316</i>	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
3	Carson City	18,000	<del>[72,360]</del> <i>85,534</i>	<del>[60,000]</del> <i>70,923</i>	51,360	51,360	-----	51,360	-----
	Churchill	18,000	<del>[72,360]</del> <i>85,534</i>	<del>[60,000]</del> <i>70,923</i>	51,360	51,360	51,360	-----	-----
	Douglas	18,000	<del>[72,360]</del> <i>85,534</i>	<del>[60,000]</del> <i>70,923</i>	51,360	51,360	51,360	-----	-----
	Elko	18,000	<del>[72,360]</del> <i>85,534</i>	<del>[60,000]</del> <i>70,923</i>	51,360	51,360	51,360	51,360	-----
	<i>Humboldt</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>83,524</i>	<i>67,923</i>	<i>42,840</i>	<i>42,840</i>	<i>42,840</i>	<i>42,840</i>	<i>-----</i>
	Lyon	18,000	<del>[72,360]</del> <i>85,534</i>	<del>[60,000]</del> <i>70,923</i>	51,360	51,360	51,360	-----	-----
	Nye	18,000	<del>[72,360]</del> <i>85,534</i>	<del>[60,000]</del> <i>70,923</i>	51,360	51,360	51,360	51,360	-----
<del>4</del>	<del>Humboldt</del>	<del>18,000</del>	<del>68,340</del>	<del>54,000</del>	<del>42,840</del>	<del>42,840</del>	<del>42,840</del>	<del>42,840</del>	<del>-----</del>
4	Lander	18,000	<del>[68,340]</del> <i>80,782</i>	<del>[54,000]</del> <i>63,831</i>	42,840	42,840	42,840	42,840	-----
	White Pine	18,000	<del>[68,340]</del> <i>80,782</i>	<del>[54,000]</del> <i>63,831</i>	42,840	42,840	42,840	42,840	-----
5	Eureka	15,240	<del>[60,300]</del> <i>71,278</i>	<del>[43,200]</del> <i>51,065</i>	38,400	38,400	38,400	-----	-----
	Lincoln	15,240	<del>[60,300]</del> <i>71,278</i>	<del>[43,200]</del> <i>51,065</i>	38,400	38,400	38,400	38,400	-----
	Mineral	15,240	<del>[60,300]</del> <i>71,278</i>	<del>[43,200]</del> <i>51,065</i>	38,400	38,400	38,400	-----	-----
	Pershing	15,240	<del>[60,300]</del> <i>71,278</i>	<del>[43,200]</del> <i>51,065</i>	38,400	38,400	38,400	-----	-----
	<i>Storey</i>	<i>15,240</i>	<i>65,068</i>	<i>51,065</i>	<i>38,400</i>	<i>38,400</i>	<i>38,400</i>	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>
6	Esmeralda	12,000	<del>[47,880]</del> <i>56,597</i>	<del>[38,400]</del> <i>45,391</i>	33,600	33,600	33,600	-----	-----
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1 2. Except as otherwise provided by any special law, the elected  
 2 officers of the counties of this state are entitled to receive annual  
 3 salaries in the base amounts specified in the following table. The  
 4 annual salaries are in full payment for all services required by law to  
 5 be performed by such officers. Except as otherwise provided by law,  
 6 all fees and commissions collected by such officers in the  
 7 performance of their duties must be paid into the county treasury  
 8 each month without deduction of any nature.  
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10 ANNUAL SALARIES

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	
Class	County	County Commissioner	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator																									
1	Clark	\$54,000	<del>(\$128,272)</del> \$155,744	<del>(\$109,131)</del> \$134,262	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000																									
2	Washoe	39,600	<del>(\$116,742)</del> 137,484	<del>(\$94,316)</del> 110,632	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000																									
3	Carson City	18,000	<del>(\$85,534)</del> 98,707	<del>(\$70,923)</del> 81,846	51,360	51,360	-----	51,360	-----																									
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4	Lander	18,000	<del>(\$80,782)</del> 93,223	<del>(\$63,831)</del> 73,662	42,840	42,840	42,840	42,840	-----																									
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1	Storey	15,240	<del>65,068</del>	<del>51,065</del>	38,400	38,400	38,400	-----	-----
2			82,256	58,929					
3	6 Esmeralda	12,000	<del>56,597</del>	<del>45,391</del>	33,600	33,600	33,600	-----	-----
4			65,314	52,382					

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6 **Sec. 3.** Except as otherwise provided in section 4 of this act,  
7 each county shall:

8 1. Commence payment of the increased annual salaries of the  
9 elected officers of the county set forth in the table of annual salaries  
10 contained in NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act, on  
11 July 1, 2003.

12 2. Commence payment of the increased annual salaries of the  
13 elected officers of the county set forth in the table of annual salaries  
14 contained in NRS 245.043, as amended by section 2 of this act, on  
15 July 1, 2004.

16 **Sec. 4.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a  
17 board of county commissioners may apply to the Committee on  
18 Local Government Finance for a waiver from:

19 (a) The requirement to increase the annual salaries of elected  
20 officers of the county to the annual salaries set forth in the table  
21 contained in NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 of this act, if  
22 the board determines that the financial resources of the county are  
23 insufficient to pay those increased annual salaries in Fiscal Year  
24 2003-2004.

25 (b) The requirement to increase the annual salaries of elected  
26 officers of the county to the annual salaries set forth in the table  
27 contained in NRS 245.043, as amended by section 2 of this act, if  
28 the board determines that the financial resources of the county are  
29 insufficient to pay those increased annual salaries in Fiscal Year  
30 2004-2005.

31 The Committee on Local Government Finance shall grant such a  
32 waiver if it finds that the financial resources of the county are  
33 insufficient to pay those increased annual salaries in the applicable  
34 fiscal year.

35 2. A board of county commissioners that has been granted a  
36 waiver for a fiscal year may apply to the Committee on Local  
37 Government Finance for an additional waiver for the next  
38 consecutive fiscal year if it finds that the financial resources of the  
39 county continue to be insufficient to pay the increased annual  
40 salaries of the elected officers of the county set forth in the table  
41 contained in NRS 245.043, as amended by section 1 or 2 of this act.  
42 There is no limitation on the number of waivers for consecutive  
43 fiscal years that the board of county commissioners may be granted  
44 if the board of county commissioners finds that the financial  
45 resources of the county continue to be insufficient to pay the



1 increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the county set  
2 forth in the table contained in NRS 245.043, as amended by section  
3 1 or 2 of this act, in that fiscal year.

4 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after  
5 commencing payment of the increased annual salaries of the elected  
6 officers of the county set forth in the table contained in NRS  
7 245.043, as amended by section 1 or 2 of this act, a board of county  
8 commissioners may not apply for a waiver in any subsequent fiscal  
9 year. The fact that a board of county commissioners has, in Fiscal  
10 Year 2003-2004, paid the annual salaries set forth in the table  
11 contained in NRS 245.043 as amended by section 1 of this act, does  
12 not preclude the board of county commissioners from applying for  
13 and being granted a waiver from paying the annual salaries set forth  
14 in the table contained in NRS 245.043 as amended by section 2 of  
15 this act in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 or in any consecutive year if the  
16 Committee on Local Government Finance determines that the  
17 financial resources of the county are insufficient to pay the  
18 increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the county.

19 4. The increased annual salaries of the elected officers of the  
20 county set forth in the table contained in NRS 245.043, as amended  
21 by section 1 or 2 of this act, must not be paid retroactively for a  
22 period to which a waiver is applicable.

23 **Sec. 5.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
24 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
25 provisions of this act.

26 **Sec. 6.** 1. This section and sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 of this act  
27 become effective on July 1, 2003.

28 2. Section 1 of this act expires by limitation on June 30, 2004.

29 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2004.

