

# PLEASE SUPPORT SB 288

## COMPENSATION OF STATE & COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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### Background

In 2005, the Colorado General Assembly passed SB 05-188 creating the County Elected Officials Salary Commission. The recommendations in Senate bill 288 are based on years of data and research.

### What the bill does

Beginning in January 2019, it will raise the salary of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and the General Assembly. The increases will be tied to a percentage of the salary of the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, a percentage of the salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, or a percentage of salary of the Judges of County Court.

Additionally, current law divides counties into 6 categories for purposes of fixing the salaries of elected county officials.

Within each of the 6 categories there will be an A, B, C & D that each county can choose based on their economic situation. For salary increases, A=30%, B=20%, C=10%, D=0%.

### Why support the bill

- It will have been 20 years since the State Officials and General Assembly had a raise; 12 years for the Counties.
- By tying the raises to the salary of judges, the assembly will not have to vote on raises again.

### QUICK FACTS

#### **Governor**

*66% of the salary of the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court*

#### **Lieutenant Governor**

*58% of the salary of the Judges of the County Court*

#### **Attorney General**

*60% of the salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals*

#### **Treasurer**

*58% of the salary of the Judges of the County Court*

#### **Secretary of State**

*58% of the salary of the Judges of the County Court*

#### **General Assembly**

*25% of the salary of the Judges of the County Court*

#### **County Offices Including Commissioners, Sheriff, Clerk & Recorders, Treasurers, Assessors, Surveyors and Coroners**

*Based on County budgets, salary increases can be 0%, 10%, 20% or 30%.*

### Groups Supporting the Bill:

- Colorado Counties Inc.
- Colorado Sheriffs of Colorado
- Colorado County Clerks Association
- Colorado County Treasurers' Association
- Colorado Assessors' Association
- Colorado Coroners Association

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