



Please Vote YES on SB15-288

Salary Increases for Elected Officials

Sponsors: Sens. Baumgardner & Hodge/Reps. Hamner & Rankin

The County Elected Officials' Salary Commission (created in statute in 2006) has brought forward a recommendation to raise the statutory salaries of county elected officials. There has not been an increase in the salaries of county elected officials since 2007, and pursuant to the state constitution no sitting county elected official can receive a raise in salary during his or her term of office. The salary increase that the Commission is advocating for, if successful, would not take effect until 2017 or 2019, depending on when the county elected official is voted into office. It is the hope of the Commission that this effort will provide enough notice and lead time for counties to adequately budget for these salary increases or to seek a legislative change to their statutory category.

SB 288 would create four subcategories within each of the established statutory salary categories (I-VI), with each subcategory having a different percentage level of raise. Under the bill, counties would initially be placed in the highest subcategory (receiving a 30% increase in either 2017 or 2019), but have the option to move (legislatively) prior to 2017 to a lower subcategory that features a lower level raise (20%, 10% or no raise at all). The Commission has created this subcategory scheme in direct response to concerns from some of CCI's members about their local ability to accommodate a raise from a budgetary and/or political standpoint.

SB 288 will also raise the salaries of the five statewide elected officials (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Attorney General) and the members of the General Assembly in 2019. The majority of the statewide elected offices rank at the bottom in a national comparison, and members of the General Assembly have not received a raise in nearly twenty years.

CCI asks for your YES vote on SB15-288

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