

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: CLASSIFICATION OF ROUTT COUNTY TO CATEGORY II

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, Routt County is classified as a category III county for purposes of establishing the salaries of county officers. This bill reclassifies the county as a category II county.

Background

All Colorado counties are assigned a category — I through IV — for the purpose of setting the salaries of elected county officials. In general, the counties in categories I through III are larger counties that are required to pay higher salaries than counties in categories IV and VI. The salary schedule does not affect the city and county of Denver and Broomfield, or the home rule counties (Pitkin and Weld) that choose to set their own compensation rates.

Local Government Impact

The reclassification of Routt County from a category II to a category III county will result in salary increases for county officers when those officers are either elected or re-elected. Under current law, no sitting county official can receive a raise during their term.

Over the course of two elections, Routt County will see a total increase in required salary payments for elected officers of \$106,800; salary expenses increase by \$28,000 in January 2017, and increase again by \$78,880 beginning January 2019. This impact is displayed in Table 1.

Table 1. Routt County Salary Expenses				
Position	Category III Salary	Category II Salary	Difference	Year
Commissioner	\$58,500	\$72,500	\$14,000	2017
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TOTAL INCREASE 2017			\$28,000	
Commissioner	\$58,500	\$72,500	\$14,000	2019
Assessor	\$58,500	\$72,500	\$14,000	2019
Clerk & Recorder	\$58,500	\$72,500	\$14,000	2019
Coroner	\$33,100	\$44,200	\$11,100	2019
Sheriff	\$76,000	\$87,700	\$11,700	2019
Surveyor	\$3,300	\$4,400	\$1,100	NA
Treasurer	\$58,500	\$72,500	\$14,000	2019
TOTAL INCREASE 2019			\$78,800	

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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