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Sixty-third General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 01-003**

101     **CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE**  
102             **STATE OF COLORADO OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 8 AND 15**  
103             **OF ARTICLE XIV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF**  
104             **COLORADO, REQUIRING THE COMPENSATION OF A COUNTY**  
105             **CORONER TO BE SET BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
106             **OF THE COUNTY THAT EMPLOYS THE CORONER RATHER THAN BY**  
107             **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

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**Resolution Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Requires the compensation of a county coroner whose term of

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

office commences on or after January 1, 2003, to be set by the board of county commissioners of the county that employs the coroner rather than by the general assembly.

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1           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly*  
2           *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

3           **SECTION 1.** At the next election at which such question may be  
4 submitted, there shall be submitted to the registered electors of the state  
5 of Colorado, for their approval or rejection, the following amendment to  
6 the constitution of the state of Colorado, to wit:

7           Sections 8 and 15 of article XIV of the constitution of the state of  
8 Colorado are amended to read:

9           **Section 8. County officers - election - term - salary.** There shall  
10 be elected in each county, at the same time at which members of the  
11 general assembly are elected, commencing in the year nineteen hundred  
12 and fifty-four, and every four years thereafter, one county clerk, who shall  
13 be ex officio recorder of deeds and clerk of the board of county  
14 commissioners; one sheriff; one coroner; one treasurer who shall be  
15 collector of taxes; one county surveyor; one county assessor; and one  
16 county attorney who may be elected or appointed, as shall be provided by  
17 law. ~~and~~ Such officers shall be paid such salary or compensation, either  
18 from the fees, perquisites and emoluments of their respective offices, or  
19 from the general county fund, as may be provided by law; EXCEPT THAT  
20 EACH CORONER WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE COMMENCES ON OR AFTER  
21 JANUARY 1, 2003, SHALL BE COMPENSATED AT A RATE APPROVED BY THE  
22 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY THAT EMPLOYS THE  
23 CORONER. The term of office of all such officials shall be four years, and  
24 they shall take office on the second Tuesday in January next following

1 their election, or at such other time as may be provided by law.

2 **Section 15. Compensation and fees of county officers.** The  
3 general assembly shall fix the compensation of county officers in this state  
4 by law; ~~and~~ EXCEPT THAT THE COMPENSATION OF EACH CORONER WHOSE  
5 TERM COMMENCES ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2003, SHALL BE FIXED BY THE  
6 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY THAT EMPLOYS THE  
7 CORONER. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY shall ALSO establish scales of fees to  
8 be charged and collected by ~~such~~ ALL county officers. All such fees shall  
9 be paid into the county general fund.

10 When fixing the compensation of county officers, the general  
11 assembly shall give due consideration to county variations, including  
12 population; the number of persons residing in unincorporated areas;  
13 assessed valuation; motor vehicle registrations; building permits; military  
14 installations; and such other factors as may be necessary to prepare  
15 compensation schedules that reflect variations in the workloads and  
16 responsibilities of county officers and in the tax resources of the several  
17 counties.

18 The compensation of any county officer, OTHER THAN A CORONER  
19 WHOSE COMPENSATION IS FIXED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
20 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY THAT EMPLOYS THE CORONER, shall be  
21 increased or decreased only when the compensation of all county officers  
22 within the same county, or when the compensation for the same county  
23 officer within the several counties of the state, is increased or decreased.

24 County officers shall not have their compensation increased or  
25 decreased during the terms of office to which they have been elected or  
26 appointed.

27 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at said election and desirous of

1 voting for or against said amendment shall cast a vote as provided by law  
2 either "Yes" or "No" on the proposition: "AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS  
3 8 AND 15 OF ARTICLE XIV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF  
4 COLORADO, REQUIRING THE COMPENSATION OF A COUNTY CORONER TO BE  
5 SET BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY THAT  
6 EMPLOYS THE CORONER RATHER THAN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

7 **SECTION 3.** The votes cast for the adoption or rejection of said  
8 amendment shall be canvassed and the result determined in the manner  
9 provided by law for the canvassing of votes for representatives in  
10 Congress, and if a majority of the electors voting on the question shall  
11 have voted "Yes", the said amendment shall become a part of the state  
12 constitution.