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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/3-40	
55 ILCS 5/4-6001	from Ch. 34, par. 4-6001
55 ILCS 5/4-6002	from Ch. 34, par. 4-6002
55 ILCS 5/4-6005 new	
55 ILCS 5/4-8003 new	
705 ILCS 105/27.3	from Ch. 25, par. 27.3

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, elected and appointed supervisors of assessments who began a term of office on or after December 1, 2026, shall be paid a salary in an amount equal to 80% of the amount paid to the State's Attorney of the county that employs the elected or appointed supervisor of assessments. Amends the Counties Code and the Clerks of Courts Act. Provides that, beginning December 1, 2026, the compensation of a coroner, a county treasurer, a county clerk, a recorder, an auditor, or a clerk of a circuit court shall be equal to 80% of the amount paid to the State's Attorney of the coroner's, county treasurer's, county clerk's, recorder's, or auditor's county. Provides that, the State must pay 66 2/3% of each officer's annual salary. Provides that, beginning with fiscal year ending on June 30, 2027, the county clerk, recorder, auditor, coroner, and treasurer of each county, and the chief clerk of each county board of election commissioners, shall receive a stipend in the amount of \$12,800, adjusted annually.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-40 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/3-40)

7 Sec. 3-40. Compensation of supervisors of assessments.

8 (a) A supervisor of assessments shall receive annual
9 compensation in an amount fixed by the county board subject to
10 the following minimum amounts:

11 In counties with less than 14,000 inhabitants, not
12 less than \$7,500;

13 In counties with 14,000 or more but less than 30,000
14 inhabitants, not less than \$8,000;

15 In counties with 30,000 or more but less than 60,000
16 inhabitants, not less than \$9,000;

17 In counties with 60,000 or more but less than 100,000
18 inhabitants, not less than \$10,000;

19 In counties with 100,000 or more but less than 200,000
20 inhabitants, not less than \$11,500;

21 In counties with 200,000 or more but less than 300,000
22 inhabitants, not less than \$13,000;

23 In counties with 300,000 or more but less than

1 1,000,000 inhabitants, not less than \$15,000.

2 For purposes of this subsection, the number of inhabitants
3 shall be determined by the latest Federal decennial or special
4 census of the county.

5 (b) Elected supervisors of assessments who began a term of
6 office before December 1, 1990 shall be compensated at the
7 rate of their base salary. "Base salary" is the compensation
8 paid for their position before July 1, 1989.

9 (c) Elected supervisors of assessments beginning a term of
10 office on or after December 1, 1990 shall, beginning December
11 1, 1993, receive their base salary plus at least 12% of base
12 salary. Elected and appointed supervisors of assessments who
13 began a term of office on or after December 1, 2026 shall be
14 paid a salary in an amount equal to 80% of the amount paid to
15 the State's Attorney of the county that employs the elected or
16 appointed supervisor of assessments.

17 Any supervisor of assessments who has been presented a
18 Certified Assessing Evaluator Certificate by the International
19 Association of Assessing Officers shall receive an additional
20 compensation of \$500 per year to be paid out of funds
21 appropriated to the Department from the Personal Property Tax
22 Replacement Fund.

23 The salary set by the county board shall be paid in equal
24 monthly installments out of the treasury of the county in
25 which he or she is appointed or elected. If the Department has
26 determined that the total assessed value of property in a

1 county, as equalized by the supervisor of assessments under
2 Section 9-210, is between 31 1/3% and 35 1/3% of the total fair
3 cash value of property in the county, subject to
4 appropriation, the Department shall reimburse the county
5 monthly from the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund or the
6 General Revenue Fund 50% of the amount of salary the county
7 paid to the officer for the preceding month, until November
8 30, 2026, and 66 2/3% of the amount of salary the county paid
9 to the officer for the preceding month beginning December 1,
10 2026.

11 The county board shall provide necessary office space for
12 the officer and pay all necessary expenses of the office out of
13 the county treasury.

14 Each supervisor of assessments may, with the advice and
15 consent of the county board, appoint necessary deputies and
16 clerks, their compensation to be fixed by the county board and
17 paid by the county.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-72, eff. 7-1-11.)

19 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
20 Sections 4-6001 and 4-6002 and by adding Sections 4-6005 and
21 4-8003 as follows:

22 (55 ILCS 5/4-6001) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-6001)

23 Sec. 4-6001. Officers in counties of less than 2,000,000.

24 (a) In all counties of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants,

1 the compensation of Coroners, County Treasurers, County
2 Clerks, Recorders and Auditors shall be determined under this
3 Section until November 30, 2026. The County Board in those
4 counties shall fix the amount of the necessary clerk hire,
5 stationery, fuel and other expenses of those officers. The
6 compensation of those officers shall be separate from the
7 necessary clerk hire, stationery, fuel and other expenses, and
8 such compensation (except for coroners in those counties with
9 less than 2,000,000 population in which the coroner's
10 compensation is set in accordance with Section 4-6002) shall
11 be fixed within the following limits:

12 To each such officer in counties containing less than
13 14,000 inhabitants, not less than \$13,500 per annum.

14 To each such officer in counties containing 14,000 or more
15 inhabitants, but less than 30,000 inhabitants, not less than
16 \$14,500 per annum.

17 To each such officer in counties containing 30,000 or more
18 inhabitants but less than 60,000 inhabitants, not less than
19 \$15,000 per annum.

20 To each such officer in counties containing 60,000 or more
21 inhabitants but less than 100,000 inhabitants, not less than
22 \$15,000 per annum.

23 To each such officer in counties containing 100,000 or
24 more inhabitants but less than 200,000 inhabitants, not less
25 than \$16,500 per annum.

26 To each such officer in counties containing 200,000 or

1 more inhabitants but less than 300,000 inhabitants, not less
2 than \$18,000 per annum.

3 To each such officer in counties containing 300,000 or
4 more inhabitants but less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, not less
5 than \$20,000 per annum.

6 (b) Those officers beginning a term of office before
7 December 1, 1990 shall be compensated at the rate of their base
8 salary. "Base salary" is the compensation paid for each of
9 those offices, respectively, before July 1, 1989.

10 (c) Those officers beginning a term of office on or after
11 December 1, 1990 shall be compensated as follows:

12 (1) Beginning December 1, 1990, base salary plus at
13 least 3% of base salary.

14 (2) Beginning December 1, 1991, base salary plus at
15 least 6% of base salary.

16 (3) Beginning December 1, 1992, base salary plus at
17 least 9% of base salary.

18 (4) Beginning December 1, 1993, base salary plus at
19 least 12% of base salary.

20 (d) In addition to but separate and apart from the
21 compensation provided in this Section, the county clerk of
22 each county, the recorder of each county, and the chief clerk
23 of each county board of election commissioners shall receive
24 an award as follows:

25 (1) \$4,500 per year after January 1, 1998;

26 (2) \$5,500 per year after January 1, 1999; and

1 (3) \$6,500 per year after January 1, 2000.

2 The total amount required for such awards each year shall be
3 appropriated by the General Assembly to the State Board of
4 Elections which shall distribute the awards in annual lump sum
5 payments to the several county clerks, recorders, and chief
6 election clerks. Beginning December 1, 1990, this annual
7 award, and any other award or stipend paid out of State funds
8 to county officers, shall not affect any other compensation
9 provided by law to be paid to county officers.

10 For State fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2024,
11 the State Board of Elections shall remit to each county the
12 amount required for the stipend under this subsection. That
13 money shall be deposited by the county treasurer into a fund
14 dedicated for that purpose. The county payroll clerk shall pay
15 the stipend as required by this subsection within 10 business
16 days after those funds are deposited into the county fund. The
17 stipend shall not be considered part of the recipient's base
18 compensation and must be remitted to the recipient in addition
19 to the recipient's annual salary or compensation. Beginning
20 July 1, 2024, the county shall be responsible for the State and
21 federal income tax reporting and withholding as well as the
22 employer contributions under the Illinois Pension Code on the
23 stipend under this subsection.

24 (e) Beginning December 1, 1990, no county board may reduce
25 or otherwise impair the compensation payable from county funds
26 to a county officer if the reduction or impairment is the

1 result of the county officer receiving an award or stipend
2 payable from State funds.

3 (f) The compensation, necessary clerk hire, stationery,
4 fuel and other expenses of the county auditor, as fixed by the
5 county board, shall be paid by the county.

6 (g) The population of all counties for the purpose of
7 fixing compensation, as herein provided, shall be based upon
8 the last Federal census immediately previous to the election
9 of the officer in question in each county.

10 (h) With respect to an auditor who takes office on or after
11 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
12 Assembly, the auditor shall receive an annual stipend of
13 \$6,500 per year. The General Assembly shall appropriate the
14 total amount required for the stipend each year from the
15 Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund to the Department of
16 Revenue, and the Department of Revenue shall distribute the
17 awards in an annual lump sum payment to each county auditor.
18 The stipend shall be in addition to, but separate and apart
19 from, the compensation provided in this Section. No county
20 board may reduce or otherwise impair the compensation payable
21 from county funds to the auditor if the reduction or
22 impairment is the result of the auditor receiving an award or
23 stipend pursuant to this subsection.

24 Except as provided under subsection (d), for State fiscal
25 years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, the Department shall
26 remit to each county the amount required for the stipend under

1 this Section. That money shall be deposited by the county
2 treasurer into a fund dedicated for that purpose. The county
3 payroll clerk shall pay the stipend to the auditor within 10
4 business days after those funds are deposited into the county
5 fund. The stipend shall not be considered part of the
6 auditor's base compensation and must be remitted to the
7 auditor in addition to the auditor's annual salary or
8 compensation. Beginning July 1, 2023, the county shall be
9 responsible for the State and federal income tax reporting and
10 withholding as well as the employer contributions under the
11 Illinois Pension Code on the stipend under this Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-318, eff. 7-28-23; 103-607, eff. 7-1-24.)

13 (55 ILCS 5/4-6002) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-6002)

14 Sec. 4-6002. Coroners in counties of less than 2,000,000.

15 (a) Through November 30, 2026, the ~~The~~ County Board, in
16 all counties of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, shall fix the
17 compensation of Coroners within the limitations fixed by this
18 Division, and shall appropriate for their necessary clerk
19 hire, stationery, fuel, supplies, and other expenses. The
20 compensation of the Coroner shall be fixed separately from his
21 necessary clerk hire, stationery, fuel and other expenses, and
22 such compensation shall be fixed within the following limits:

23 To each Coroner in counties containing less than 5,000
24 inhabitants, not less than \$4,500 per annum.

25 To each Coroner in counties containing 5,000 or more

1 inhabitants but less than 14,000 inhabitants, not less than
2 \$6,000 per annum.

3 To each Coroner in counties containing 14,000 or more
4 inhabitants, but less than 30,000 inhabitants, not less than
5 \$9,000 per annum.

6 To each Coroner in counties containing 30,000 or more
7 inhabitants, but less than 60,000 inhabitants, not less than
8 \$14,000 per annum.

9 To each Coroner in counties containing 60,000 or more
10 inhabitants, but less than 100,000 inhabitants, not less than
11 \$15,000 per annum.

12 To each Coroner in counties containing 100,000 or more
13 inhabitants, but less than 200,000 inhabitants, not less than
14 \$16,500 per annum.

15 To each Coroner in counties containing 200,000 or more
16 inhabitants, but less than 300,000 inhabitants, not less than
17 \$18,000 per annum.

18 To each Coroner in counties containing 300,000 or more
19 inhabitants, but less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, not less
20 than \$20,000 per annum.

21 The population of all counties for the purpose of fixing
22 compensation, as herein provided, shall be based upon the last
23 Federal census immediately previous to the election of the
24 Coroner in question in each county. This Section does not
25 apply to a county which has abolished the elective office of
26 coroner.

1 (b) Those coroners beginning a term of office on or after
2 December 1, 1990 shall be compensated as follows:

3 (1) Beginning December 1, 1990, base salary plus at
4 least 3% of base salary.

5 (2) Beginning December 1, 1991, base salary plus at
6 least 6% of base salary.

7 (3) Beginning December 1, 1992, base salary plus at
8 least 9% of base salary.

9 (4) Beginning December 1, 1993, base salary plus at
10 least 12% of base salary.

11 "Base salary", as used in this subsection (b), means the
12 salary in effect before July 1, 1989.

13 (c) In addition to, but separate and apart from, the
14 compensation provided in this Section, subject to
15 appropriation, the coroner of each county shall receive an
16 annual stipend of \$6,500 to be paid by the Illinois Department
17 of Revenue out of the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund
18 if his or her term begins on or after December 1, 2000.

19 For State fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2023,
20 the Department shall remit to each county the amount required
21 for the stipend under this subsection. That money shall be
22 deposited by the county treasurer into a fund dedicated for
23 that purpose. The county payroll clerk shall pay the stipend
24 to the coroner within 10 business days after those funds are
25 deposited into the county fund. The stipend shall not be
26 considered part of the coroner's base compensation and must be

1 remitted to the coroner in addition to the coroner's annual
2 salary or compensation. Beginning July 1, 2023, the county
3 shall be responsible for the State and federal income tax
4 reporting and withholding as well as the employer
5 contributions under the Illinois Pension Code on the stipend
6 received under this subsection.

7 (Source: P.A. 103-318, eff. 7-28-23.)

8 (55 ILCS 5/4-6005 new)

9 Sec. 4-6005. Officers in counties with fewer than
10 2,000,000 inhabitants.

11 (a) Beginning December 1, 2026, the compensation of
12 coroners, county treasurers, county clerks, recorders, and
13 auditors in counties with fewer than 2,000,000 inhabitants
14 shall be determined under this Section. The county board in
15 the counties shall fix the amount of the necessary staff hire,
16 stationery, fuel, and other expenses of those officers. The
17 compensation of an officer shall be separate from the
18 necessary staff hire, stationery, fuel, and other expenses.
19 The compensation of an officer shall be equal to 80% of the
20 amount paid to the State's Attorney of the officer's county.
21 The officers shall be paid out of the county treasury. For
22 part-time coroners, compensation shall be prorated based on a
23 fraction, with the numerator being the number of hours worked
24 in the pay period and the denominator being the number of
25 business days in the pay period times 8 hours.

1 (b) The State must pay 66 2/3% of each officer's annual
2 salary. Subject to appropriation, the amounts furnished by the
3 State shall be payable monthly out of the Personal Property
4 Tax Replacement Fund or the General Revenue Fund to the county
5 in which each officer is employed (i) by the State Board of
6 Elections for the compensation of county clerks, recorders,
7 and chief election clerks, or (ii) by the Department of
8 Revenue for the compensation of county auditors, coroners and
9 treasurers. The necessary staff hire, stationery, fuel, and
10 other expenses, as fixed by the county board, shall be paid by
11 the county.

12 (c) In addition to, but separate and apart from the
13 compensation provided in this Section, beginning with fiscal
14 year ending on June 30, 2027, the county clerk, recorder,
15 auditor, coroner, and treasurer of each county, and the chief
16 clerk of each county board of election commissioners, shall
17 receive a stipend in the amount of \$12,800, adjusted annually
18 as provided in subsection (d). The annual award, and any other
19 award or stipend paid out of State funds, shall not affect any
20 other compensation provided by law to be paid to county
21 officers.

22 (1) The total amount required for moneys paid under
23 this subsection for the county clerks, recorders, and
24 chief election clerks shall be appropriated by the General
25 Assembly to the State Board of Elections, which shall
26 distribute the awards in annual lump sum payments to each

1 county.

2 (2) The total amount required for moneys paid under
3 this subsection each year for the county auditors,
4 coroners, and treasurers shall be appropriated by the
5 General Assembly to the Department of Revenue, which shall
6 distribute the awards in annual lump sum payments to each
7 county.

8 (3) The total amount required for moneys paid under
9 this subsection for the circuit court clerks each year
10 shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to the
11 Supreme Court, which shall distribute the awards in annual
12 lump sum payments to each county.

13 (4) The amounts required for moneys paid under this
14 subsection shall be deposited by the county treasurer into
15 a fund dedicated for that purpose. The county payroll
16 clerk shall pay the stipend to each officer within 10
17 business days after those funds are deposited into the
18 county fund. The stipend shall not be considered part of
19 the officer's base compensation and must be paid to the
20 officer in addition to the officer's annual salary or
21 compensation. The county shall be responsible for the
22 State and federal income tax reporting and withholding, as
23 well as the employer contributions under the Illinois
24 Pension Code, on the stipend received under this
25 subsection.

26 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each

1 subsequent year, the moneys paid under subsection (c) shall be
2 increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if
3 any, in the wage and salary report information for state
4 government workers and local government workers as reported by
5 the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the 12 months ending in
6 March of the year in which the increase takes place. The
7 percentage increase shall:

8 (1) determine the average wage and salary for state
9 and local government workers for the full 12 months ending
10 in March of the year in which the increase takes place;

11 (2) determine the average wage and salary report
12 information for state and local government workers for the
13 full 12 months ending in March of the year immediately
14 preceding the year in which the increase takes place; and

15 (3) compute the percentage increase, if any, in the
16 current-year average determined under item (1) over the
17 preceding-year average determined under item (2).

18 The stipend shall be rounded to the nearest \$25 increment.

19 (55 ILCS 5/4-8003 new)

20 Sec. 4-8003. Officers in counties with more than 2,000,000
21 inhabitants.

22 (a) Beginning December 1, 2026, the compensation of
23 coroners, county treasurers, county clerks, recorders, and
24 auditors in counties with more than 2,000,000 inhabitants
25 shall be determined under this Section. The county board in

1 the counties shall fix the amount of the necessary staff hire,
2 stationery, fuel, and other expenses of those officers. The
3 compensation of an officer shall be separate from the
4 necessary staff hire, stationery, fuel, and other expenses.
5 The compensation of an officer shall be equal to 80% of the
6 amount paid to the State's Attorney of the officer's county.
7 The officers shall be paid out of the county treasury.

8 (b) The State must pay 66 2/3% of each officer's annual
9 salary. Subject to appropriation, the amounts furnished by the
10 State shall be payable monthly out of the Personal Property
11 Tax Replacement Fund or the General Revenue Fund to the county
12 in which each officer is employed (i) by the State Board of
13 Elections for the compensation of county clerks, recorders,
14 and chief election clerks, or (ii) by the Department of
15 Revenue for the compensation of county auditors, coroners and
16 treasurers. The necessary staff hire, stationery, fuel, and
17 other expenses, as fixed by the county board, shall be paid by
18 the county.

19 (c) In addition to, but separate and apart from the
20 compensation provided in this Section, beginning with fiscal
21 year ending on June 30, 2027, the county clerk, recorder,
22 auditor, coroner, and treasurer of each county, and the chief
23 clerk of each county board of election commissioners, shall
24 receive a stipend in the amount of \$12,800, adjusted annually
25 as provided in subsection (d). The annual award, and any other
26 award or stipend paid out of State funds, shall not affect any

1 other compensation provided by law to be paid to county
2 officers.

3 (1) The total amount required for moneys paid under
4 this subsection for the county clerks, recorders, and
5 chief election clerks shall be appropriated by the General
6 Assembly to the State Board of Elections, which shall
7 distribute the awards in annual lump sum payments to each
8 county.

9 (2) The total amount required for moneys paid under
10 this subsection each year for the county auditors,
11 coroners, and treasurers shall be appropriated by the
12 General Assembly to the Department of Revenue, which shall
13 distribute the awards in annual lump sum payments to each
14 county.

15 (3) The total amount required for moneys paid under
16 this subsection for the circuit court clerks each year
17 shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to the
18 Supreme Court, which shall distribute the awards in annual
19 lump sum payments to each county.

20 (4) The amounts required for moneys paid under this
21 subsection shall be deposited by the county treasurer into
22 a fund dedicated for that purpose. The county payroll
23 clerk shall pay the stipend to each officer within 10
24 business days after those funds are deposited into the
25 county fund. The stipend shall not be considered part of
26 the officer's base compensation and must be paid to the

1 officer in addition to the officer's annual salary or
2 compensation. The county shall be responsible for the
3 State and federal income tax reporting and withholding, as
4 well as the employer contributions under the Illinois
5 Pension Code, on the stipend received under this
6 subsection.

7 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each
8 subsequent year, the moneys paid under subsection (c) shall be
9 increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if
10 any, in the wage and salary report information for state
11 government workers and local government workers as reported by
12 the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the 12 months ending in
13 March of the year in which the increase takes place. The
14 percentage increase shall:

15 (1) determine the average wage and salary for state
16 and local government workers for the full 12 months ending
17 in March of the year in which the increase takes place;

18 (2) determine the average wage and salary report
19 information for state and local government workers for the
20 full 12 months ending in March of the year immediately
21 preceding the year in which the increase takes place; and

22 (3) compute the percentage increase, if any, in the
23 current-year average determined under item (1) over the
24 preceding-year average determined under item (2).

25 The stipend shall be rounded to the nearest \$25 increment.

1 Section 15. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by
2 changing Section 27.3 as follows:

3 (705 ILCS 105/27.3) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3)

4 Sec. 27.3. Compensation.

5 (a) The county board shall provide the compensation of
6 Clerks of the Circuit Court, and the amount necessary for
7 clerk hire, stationery, fuel and other expenses. Beginning
8 December 1, 1989, the compensation per annum for Clerks of the
9 Circuit Court shall be as follows:

10 In counties where the population is:

11	Less than 14,000	at least \$13,500
12	14,001-30,000.....	at least \$14,500
13	30,001-60,000.....	at least \$15,000
14	60,001-100,000	at least \$15,000
15	100,001-200,000.....	at least \$16,500
16	200,001-300,000.....	at least \$18,000
17	300,001- 3,000,000	at least \$20,000
18	Over 3,000,000	at least \$55,000

19 (b) In counties in which the population is 3,000,000 or
20 less, "base salary" is the compensation paid for each Clerk of
21 the Circuit Court, respectively, before July 1, 1989.

22 (c) The Clerks of the Circuit Court, in counties in which
23 the population is 3,000,000 or less, shall be compensated as
24 follows:

25 (1) Beginning December 1, 1989, base salary plus at

1 least 3% of base salary.

2 (2) Beginning December 1, 1990, base salary plus at
3 least 6% of base salary.

4 (3) Beginning December 1, 1991, base salary plus at
5 least 9% of base salary.

6 (4) Beginning December 1, 1992, base salary plus at
7 least 12% of base salary.

8 (d) Beginning December 1, 2026, the annual compensation
9 for Clerks of the Circuit Court shall be an amount equal to 80%
10 of the amount paid to the State's Attorney of the clerk's
11 county. The Clerks of the Circuit Court shall be paid out of
12 the county treasury. The State must pay 66 2/3% of the annual
13 salary. Subject to appropriation, these amounts furnished by
14 the State shall be payable monthly out of the Personal
15 Property Tax Replacement Fund or the General Revenue Fund by
16 the Supreme Court to the counties.

17 (e) In addition to the compensation provided by the county
18 board, each Clerk of the Circuit Court shall receive an award
19 from the State for the additional duties imposed by Sections
20 5-9-1 and 5-9-1.2 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section
21 10 of the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act, and other
22 laws, in the following amount:

23 (1) \$3,500 per year before January 1, 1997.

24 (2) \$4,500 per year beginning January 1, 1997.

25 (3) \$5,500 per year beginning January 1, 1998.

26 (4) \$6,500 per year beginning January 1, 1999.

1 (5) \$12,800 per year beginning with fiscal year ending
2 on June 30, 2027, adjusted annually as provided in
3 subsection (g).

4 The total amount required for such awards shall be
5 appropriated each year by the General Assembly to the Supreme
6 Court, which shall distribute such awards in annual lump sum
7 payments to the Clerks of the Circuit Court in all counties.
8 This annual award, and any other award or stipend paid out of
9 State funds to the Clerks of the Circuit Court, shall not
10 affect any other compensation provided by law to be paid to
11 Clerks of the Circuit Court.

12 (e) (Blank).

13 (f) No county board may reduce or otherwise impair the
14 compensation payable from county funds to a Clerk of the
15 Circuit Court if the reduction or impairment is the result of
16 the Clerk of the Circuit Court receiving an award or stipend
17 payable from State funds.

18 (g) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each
19 subsequent year, the stipend in subsection (e) shall be
20 increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if
21 any, in the wage and salary report information for State and
22 local government workers, as reported by the Bureau of Labor
23 Statistics, for the 12 months ending in March of the year in
24 which the increase takes place. The percentage increase shall
25 be calculated as follows:

26 (1) determine the average wage and salary for state

1 and local government workers for the full 12 months ending
2 in March of the year in which the increase takes place;

3 (2) determine the average wage and salary report
4 information for state and local government workers for the
5 full 12 months ending in March of the year immediately
6 preceding the year in which the increase takes place; and

7 (3) compute the percentage increase, if any, in the
8 current-year average determined under item (1) over the
9 preceding-year average determined under item (2).

10 (Source: P.A. 100-987, eff. 7-1-19.)