



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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, beginning December 1, 2029 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, beginning
14 December 1, 2029 shall be paid a salary in an amount equal to
15 80% of the amount paid to the State's Attorney of the county
16 that employs the elected or appointed supervisor of
17 assessments.

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

24 The salary set by the county board shall be paid in equal
25 monthly installments out of the treasury of the county in
26 which he or she is appointed or elected. If the Department has

1 determined that the total assessed value of property in a
2 county, as equalized by the supervisor of assessments under
3 Section 9-210, is between 31 1/3% and 35 1/3% of the total fair
4 cash value of property in the county, subject to
5 appropriation, the Department shall reimburse the county
6 monthly from the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund or the
7 General Revenue Fund 50% of the amount of salary the county
8 paid to the officer for the preceding month, until November
9 30, 2026, and 66 2/3% of the amount of salary the county paid
10 to the officer for the preceding month beginning December 1,
11 2026.

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

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

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

20 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
21 Sections 4-6001 and 4-6002 and by adding Sections 4-6005 and
22 4-8003 as follows:

23 (55 ILCS 5/4-6001) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-6001)

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

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

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

15 To each such officer in counties containing 14,000 or more
16 inhabitants, but less than 30,000 inhabitants, not less than
17 \$14,500 per annum.

18 To each such officer in counties containing 30,000 or more
19 inhabitants but less than 60,000 inhabitants, not less than
20 \$15,000 per annum.

21 To each such officer in counties containing 60,000 or more
22 inhabitants but less than 100,000 inhabitants, not less than
23 \$15,000 per annum.

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

1 To each such officer in counties containing 200,000 or
2 more inhabitants but less than 300,000 inhabitants, not less
3 than \$18,000 per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (1) \$4,500 per year after January 1, 1998;

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

2 (3) \$6,500 per year after January 1, 2000.

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

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

25 (e) Beginning December 1, 1990, no county board may reduce
26 or otherwise impair the compensation payable from county funds

1 to a county officer if the reduction or impairment is the
2 result of the county officer receiving an award or stipend
3 payable from State funds.

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

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

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

25 Except as provided under subsection (d), for State fiscal
26 years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, the Department shall

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

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

14 (55 ILCS 5/4-6002) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-6002)

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

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

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

1 To each Coroner in counties containing 5,000 or more
2 inhabitants but less than 14,000 inhabitants, not less than
3 \$6,000 per annum.

4 To each Coroner in counties containing 14,000 or more
5 inhabitants, but less than 30,000 inhabitants, not less than
6 \$9,000 per annum.

7 To each Coroner in counties containing 30,000 or more
8 inhabitants, but less than 60,000 inhabitants, not less than
9 \$14,000 per annum.

10 To each Coroner in counties containing 60,000 or more
11 inhabitants, but less than 100,000 inhabitants, not less than
12 \$15,000 per annum.

13 To each Coroner in counties containing 100,000 or more
14 inhabitants, but less than 200,000 inhabitants, not less than
15 \$16,500 per annum.

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

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

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

1 coroner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (55 ILCS 5/4-6005 new)

10 Sec. 4-6005. Officers in counties with fewer than
11 2,000,000 inhabitants.

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

1 being the number of hours worked in the pay period and the
2 denominator being the number of business days in the pay
3 period times 8 hours.

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

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

25 (1) The total amount required for moneys paid under
26 this subsection for the county clerks, recorders, and

1 chief election clerks shall be appropriated by the General
2 Assembly to the State Board of Elections, which shall
3 distribute the awards in annual lump sum payments to each
4 county.

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

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

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

1 Pension Code, on the stipend received under this
2 subsection.

3 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each
4 subsequent year, the moneys paid under subsection subsection
5 (c) shall be increased by an amount equal to the percentage
6 increase, if any, in the wage and salary report information
7 for state government workers and local government workers
8 listed in Appendix A - County Official Compensation Task Force
9 Legislative Proposal, as reported by the Bureau of Labor
10 Statistics, for the 12 months ending in March of the year in
11 which the increase takes place. The percentage increase shall:

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

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

19 (3) compute the percentage increase, if any, in the
20 current-year average determined under item (1) over the
21 preceding-year average determined under item (2).

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

23 (55 ILCS 5/4-8003 new)

24 Sec. 4-8003. Officers in counties with more than 2,000,000
25 inhabitants.

1 (a) Beginning December 1, 2026, the compensation of
2 coroners, county treasurers, county clerks, recorders, and
3 auditors in counties with more than 2,000,000 inhabitants
4 shall be determined under this Section. The county board in
5 the counties shall fix the amount of the necessary staff hire,
6 stationery, fuel, and other expenses of those officers. The
7 compensation of an officer shall be separate from the
8 necessary staff hire, stationery, fuel, and other expenses.
9 The compensation of an officer shall be equal to 80% of the
10 amount paid to the State's Attorney of the officer's county.
11 The officers shall be paid out of the county treasury.

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

23 (c) In addition to, but separate and apart from the
24 compensation provided in this Section, beginning with fiscal
25 year ending on June 30, 2027, the county clerk, recorder,
26 auditor, coroner, and treasurer of each county, and the chief

1 clerk of each county board of election commissioners, shall
2 receive a stipend in the amount of \$12,800, adjusted annually
3 as provided in subsection (d). The annual award, and any other
4 award or stipend paid out of State funds, shall not affect any
5 other compensation provided by law to be paid to county
6 officers.

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

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

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

24 (4) The amounts required for moneys paid under this
25 subsection shall be deposited by the county treasurer into
26 a fund dedicated for that purpose. The county payroll

1 clerk shall pay the stipend to each officer within 10
2 business days after those funds are deposited into the
3 county fund. The stipend shall not be considered part of
4 the officer's base compensation and must be paid to the
5 officer in addition to the officer's annual salary or
6 compensation. The county shall be responsible for the
7 State and federal income tax reporting and withholding, as
8 well as the employer contributions under the Illinois
9 Pension Code, on the stipend received under this
10 subsection.

11 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each
12 subsequent year, the moneys paid under subsection subsection
13 (c) shall be increased by an amount equal to the percentage
14 increase, if any, in the wage and salary report information
15 for state government workers and local government workers
16 listed in Appendix A - County Official Compensation Task Force
17 Legislative Proposal, as reported by the Bureau of Labor
18 Statistics, for the 12 months ending in March of the year in
19 which the increase takes place. The percentage increase shall:

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

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

1 (3) compute the percentage increase, if any, in the
 2 current-year average determined under item (1) over the
 3 preceding-year average determined under item (2).
 4 The stipend shall be rounded to the nearest \$25 increment.

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

7 (705 ILCS 105/27.3) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3)
 8 Sec. 27.3. Compensation.

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

14 In counties where the population is:

15 Less than 14,000	at least \$13,500
16 14,001-30,000.....	at least \$14,500
17 30,001-60,000.....	at least \$15,000
18 60,001-100,000	at least \$15,000
19 100,001-200,000.....	at least \$16,500
20 200,001-300,000.....	at least \$18,000
21 300,001- 3,000,000	at least \$20,000
22 Over 3,000,000	at least \$55,000

23 (b) In counties in which the population is 3,000,000 or
 24 less, "base salary" is the compensation paid for each Clerk of

1 the Circuit Court, respectively, before July 1, 1989.

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

5 (1) Beginning December 1, 1989, base salary plus at
6 least 3% of base salary.

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

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

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

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

22 (e) In addition to the compensation provided by the county
23 board, each Clerk of the Circuit Court shall receive an award
24 from the State for the additional duties imposed by Sections
25 5-9-1 and 5-9-1.2 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section
26 10 of the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act, and other

1 laws, in the following amount:

2 (1) \$3,500 per year before January 1, 1997.

3 (2) \$4,500 per year beginning January 1, 1997.

4 (3) \$5,500 per year beginning January 1, 1998.

5 (4) \$6,500 per year beginning January 1, 1999.

6 (5) \$12,800 per year beginning with fiscal year ending
7 on June 30, 2027, adjusted annually as provided in
8 subsection (g).

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

17 (e) (Blank).

18 (f) No county board may reduce or otherwise impair the
19 compensation payable from county funds to a Clerk of the
20 Circuit Court if the reduction or impairment is the result of
21 the Clerk of the Circuit Court receiving an award or stipend
22 payable from State funds.

23 (g) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each
24 subsequent year, the stipend in subsection (e) shall be
25 increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if
26 any, in the wage and salary report information for State and

1 local government workers, as reported by the Bureau of Labor
2 Statistics, for the 12 months ending in March of the year in
3 which the increase takes place. The percentage increase shall
4 be calculated as follows:

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

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

12 (3) compute the percentage increase, if any, in the
13 current-year average determined under item (1) over the
14 preceding-year average determined under item (2).

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