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SENATE FILE 2238
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3147)

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2 amended to read as follows:

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4 officer of the office of auditor, treasurer, and recorder, and
5 the deputy in charge of the motor vehicle registration and
6 title division shall each be an amount not to exceed eighty
7 eighty-five percent of the annual salary of the deputy's
8 principal officer. In offices where more than two deputies
9 are required, the annual base salary of each additional deputy
10 shall be ~~paid~~ an amount not to exceed seventy-five eighty
11 percent of the principal officer's salary. The amount of the
12 annual base salary of each deputy shall be certified by the
13 principal officer to the board and, if a deputy's annual base
14 salary does not exceed the limitations specified in this
15 subsection, the board shall certify the annual base salary to
16 the auditor. The board shall not certify a deputy's annual
17 base salary which exceeds the limitations of this subsection.

18 As used in this subsection, "base salary" means the basic
19 compensation excluding overtime pay, longevity pay, shift
20 differential pay, or other supplement pay and fringe benefits.

21 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act applies to county
22 budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and all
23 subsequent fiscal years.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that the annual base salary of first and
26 second deputies in the offices of county auditor, treasurer,
27 and recorder and the deputy in charge of the motor vehicle
28 registration and title division shall not exceed 85 percent of
29 the applicable principal officer's salary. The bill also
30 provides that if any of these county offices has more than two
31 deputies, the annual base salary of each additional deputy
32 shall not exceed 80 percent of the principal officer's salary.
33 The bill defines "base salary" to mean the same as defined for
34 deputy sheriffs in the office of county sheriff.

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1 beginning July 1, 2007, and all subsequent fiscal years.

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Fiscal Note

SF 2238 – County Officials Deputies' Salaries (LSB 5866 SV)

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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

Senate File 2238 provides that the annual base salary of first and second deputies in the offices of the County Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder, and the deputy in charge of the Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Division, is not to exceed 85.0% of the principal officer's salary (current law provides the annual salary is not to exceed 80.0%). The Bill also provides that in any of these county offices where more than two deputies are required, the annual base salary of each additional deputy is not to exceed 80.0% of the principal officer's salary (current law provides the annual salary is not to exceed 75.0%). The Bill defines "base salary" to mean the same as defined for deputy sheriffs. The Bill applies to county budgets in FY 2008 and subsequent fiscal years.

Assumptions

1. The current annual salary of first and second deputies in the offices of the County Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder, and the deputy in charge of the Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Division is unknown. In offices with more than two deputies, the current annual salary of each additional deputy is also unknown.
2. It is unknown if the annual base salaries for first and second deputies in the offices of the County Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder, and the deputy in charge of the Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Division will increase or what the amount of the increase would be under the proposed legislation. The same is unknown in regard to each additional deputy in offices with more than two deputies. This analysis assumes annual salaries for all such deputies will increase by 5.0% of the current percentage.
3. The annual salary of each deputy could vary since the percentage of the principal officer's salary that is paid to each deputy could vary; however, the fiscal impact would not change since the percentage increase of 5.0% remains the same.
4. The annual base salary for each elected official varies per county.
5. In the Office of the County Auditor, 38 counties have more than two deputies, 53 counties have one or two deputies, and 8 counties do not have deputies.
6. In the Office of the County Treasurer, 56 counties have more than two deputies, 34 counties have one or two deputies, and 9 counties do not have deputies.
7. In the Office of the County Recorder, 6 counties have more than two deputies, 83 counties have one or two deputies, and 10 counties do not have deputies.
8. The number of counties with a deputy in charge of the Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Division is unknown; however, this deputy would be in the Office of the Treasurer.
9. In counties with three deputies in the Office of the Treasurer, it is unknown whether the third deputy is a deputy in charge of the Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Division, or if the third deputy is an additional deputy who is not charge of the Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Division. The percentage paid to the third deputy for each scenario would vary; however, the fiscal impact would not change since the percentage increase remains the same.
10. The fiscal impact will vary for each county, but is not anticipated to be significant for each county.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of SF 2238 is unknown since the current annual salaries for the deputies are unknown. Also unknown is whether the annual base salaries for the deputies will increase or what the amount of the increase would be under the proposed legislation.

The following fiscal estimate assumes that the annual base salary of first and second deputies in the offices of the County Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder, and the deputy in charge of the Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Division, will not exceed 85.0% of the principal officer's salary, and will increase by 5.0% of the current percentage. The fiscal estimate also assumes that in offices where there are more than two deputies, the annual base salary of each additional deputy will not exceed 80.0% of the principal officer's salary, and will increase by 5.0% of the current percentage. Given these assumptions, the fiscal estimate is as follows:

- A decrease of \$1.6 million to the counties' General Fund in FY 2008 and subsequent fiscal years as detailed below. The fiscal impact will vary for each county, but is not anticipated to be significant for each county:
 - A total cost of \$571,000 for 91 counties due to the increase in deputy salaries in the Office of the Auditor.
 - A total cost of \$732,000 for 90 counties due to the increase in deputy salaries in the Office of the Treasurer.
 - A total cost of \$303,000 for 89 counties due to the increase in deputy salaries in the Office of the Recorder.

Source

Iowa State Association of Counties

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

February 28, 2006

The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.

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