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SENATE BILL 5802

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By Senators Ranker, Swecker, Eide, Hargrove, Morton, Fraser, Holmquist  
Newbry, and Honeyford

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Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to prosecuting attorney salaries; amending RCW  
2 36.17.020; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In the current financial crisis, elected  
5 representatives in Washington state have an enormous duty to be  
6 responsible stewards of government. Local governments are facing  
7 significant financial constraints that will hamper their ability to  
8 provide adequate services. The legislature intends to give additional  
9 flexibility to local elected officials as they make budgetary and  
10 salary decisions.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.17.020 and 2008 c 309 s 2 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 The county legislative authority of each county or a county  
14 commissioner or councilmember salary commission which conforms with RCW  
15 36.17.024 is authorized to establish the salaries of the elected  
16 officials of the county. The state and county shall contribute to the  
17 costs of the salary of the elected prosecuting attorney as set forth in

1 subsection (11) of this section. The annual salary of a county elected  
2 official shall not be less than the following:

3 (1) In each county with a population of one million or more:  
4 Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, members of the county legislative  
5 authority, and coroner, eighteen thousand dollars; and assessor,  
6 nineteen thousand dollars;

7 (2) In each county with a population of from two hundred ten  
8 thousand to less than one million: Auditor, seventeen thousand six  
9 hundred dollars; clerk, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars;  
10 treasurer, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars; sheriff, nineteen  
11 thousand five hundred dollars; assessor, seventeen thousand six hundred  
12 dollars; members of the county legislative authority, nineteen thousand  
13 five hundred dollars; and coroner, seventeen thousand six hundred  
14 dollars;

15 (3) In each county with a population of from one hundred twenty-  
16 five thousand to less than two hundred ten thousand: Auditor, sixteen  
17 thousand dollars; clerk, sixteen thousand dollars; treasurer, sixteen  
18 thousand dollars; sheriff, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars;  
19 assessor, sixteen thousand dollars; members of the county legislative  
20 authority, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars; and coroner, sixteen  
21 thousand dollars;

22 (4) In each county with a population of from seventy thousand to  
23 less than one hundred twenty-five thousand: Auditor, fourteen thousand  
24 nine hundred dollars; clerk, fourteen thousand nine hundred dollars;  
25 treasurer, fourteen thousand nine hundred dollars; assessor, fourteen  
26 thousand nine hundred dollars; sheriff, fourteen thousand nine hundred  
27 dollars; members of the county legislative authority, fourteen thousand  
28 nine hundred dollars; and coroner, fourteen thousand nine hundred  
29 dollars;

30 (5) In each county with a population of from forty thousand to less  
31 than seventy thousand: Auditor, thirteen thousand eight hundred  
32 dollars; clerk, thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars; treasurer,  
33 thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars; assessor, thirteen thousand  
34 eight hundred dollars; sheriff, thirteen thousand eight hundred  
35 dollars; members of the county legislative authority, thirteen thousand  
36 eight hundred dollars; and coroner, thirteen thousand eight hundred  
37 dollars;

1 (6) In each county with a population of from eighteen thousand to  
2 less than forty thousand: Auditor, twelve thousand one hundred  
3 dollars; clerk, twelve thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, twelve  
4 thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff, twelve thousand one hundred  
5 dollars; assessor, twelve thousand one hundred dollars; and members of  
6 the county legislative authority, eleven thousand dollars;

7 (7) In each county with a population of from twelve thousand to  
8 less than eighteen thousand: Auditor, ten thousand one hundred  
9 dollars; clerk, ten thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, ten  
10 thousand one hundred dollars; assessor, ten thousand one hundred  
11 dollars; sheriff, eleven thousand two hundred dollars; and members of  
12 the county legislative authority, nine thousand four hundred dollars;

13 (8) In each county with a population of from eight thousand to less  
14 than twelve thousand: Auditor, ten thousand one hundred dollars;  
15 clerk, ten thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, ten thousand one  
16 hundred dollars; assessor, ten thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff,  
17 eleven thousand two hundred dollars; and members of the county  
18 legislative authority, seven thousand dollars;

19 (9) In each county with a population of from five thousand to less  
20 than eight thousand: Auditor, nine thousand one hundred dollars;  
21 clerk, nine thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, nine thousand one  
22 hundred dollars; assessor, nine thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff,  
23 ten thousand five hundred dollars; and members of the county  
24 legislative authority, six thousand five hundred dollars;

25 (10) In each other county: Auditor, nine thousand one hundred  
26 dollars; clerk, nine thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, nine  
27 thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff, ten thousand five hundred  
28 dollars; assessor, nine thousand one hundred dollars; and members of  
29 the county legislative authority, six thousand five hundred dollars;

30 (11) The state of Washington shall contribute an amount equal to  
31 one-half the salary of a superior court judge towards the salary of the  
32 elected prosecuting attorney. Upon receipt of the state contribution,  
33 a county (~~shall continue to~~) may contribute towards the salary of the  
34 elected prosecuting attorney in an amount that equals or exceeds that  
35 contributed by the county in 2008.

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