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**HOUSE BILL 16-1367**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Hamner and Rankin,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Hodge and Marble,**

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**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE RE-CATEGORIZATION OF CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR**  
102         **THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING SALARIES PAID TO COUNTY**  
103         **OFFICERS IN THOSE COUNTIES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Prior to 2015, counties were classified into primary categories I to VII for purposes of determining the salaries of county officers. Four subcategories A to D were added to each primary category in 2015, which would result in the following percentage increases for terms beginning on or after January 1, 2016:

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.

- ! Subcategory A: 30% increase;
- ! Subcategory B: 20% increase;
- ! Subcategory C: 10% increase; and
- ! Subcategory D: no increase.

All counties are currently classified in subcategory A of their respective primary categories, which would result in a 30% increase for all county officers in the state. The bill modifies the classifications of certain counties, resulting in smaller increases for officers from these counties.

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1     *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-2-102, **amend**  
3     (1.5) (a) as follows:

4           **30-2-102. Categorization of counties for fixing salaries of**  
5     **county officers - salary amounts - legislative declaration.** (1.5) (a) For  
6     the purpose of establishing the salaries of county officers whose terms of  
7     office begin on or after January 1, 2016:

8           (I) (A) Category I-A counties consist of the counties of Adams,  
9     Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo, and  
10    Weld;

11           (B) CATEGORY I-D COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTY OF MESA.

12           (II) (A) Category II-A counties consist of the counties of Eagle,  
13     Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, Mesa, Pitkin, Routt, and Summit;

14           (B) CATEGORY II-C COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF  
15     FREMONT AND PITKIN.

16           (III) (A) Category III-A counties consist of the counties of  
17     Alamosa, Archuleta, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Delta, Gilpin, Grand,  
18     Gunnison, ~~Las Animas, Logan, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan,~~  
19     Otero, Park, Rio Blanco, San Miguel, and Teller;

20           (B) CATEGORY III-B COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF

1        DELTA, GILPIN, AND LOGAN;

2            (C) CATEGORY III-C COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTY OF  
3        OTERO;

4            (D) CATEGORY III-D COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF  
5        GRAND, LAS ANIMAS, AND MONTEZUMA.

6            (IV) (A) Category IV-A counties consist of the counties of Custer,  
7        Elbert, ~~Huerfano, Kit Carson, Lake, Ouray, AND Prowers; Rio Grande,~~  
8        ~~Washington, and Yuma;~~

9            (B) CATEGORY IV-B COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF KIT  
10        CARSON, WASHINGTON, AND YUMA;

11            (C) CATEGORY IV-C COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF  
12        HUERFANO AND RIO GRANDE.

13            (V) (A) Category V-A counties consist of the counties of Baca,  
14        ~~Bent, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Dolores, Hinsdale, Lincoln,~~  
15        Mineral, Phillips, ~~Saguache~~, and San Juan; and

16            (B) CATEGORY V-B COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF  
17        CROWLEY AND HINSDALE;

18            (C) CATEGORY V-C COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF BENT  
19        AND DOLORES;

20            (D) CATEGORY V-D COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF  
21        CHEYENNE AND SAGUACHE.

22            (VI) (A) Category VI-A CATEGORY VI-B counties consist of the  
23        ~~counties~~ COUNTY of ~~Jackson, Kiowa and Sedgwick;~~

24            (B) CATEGORY VI-D COUNTIES CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF  
25        JACKSON AND KIOWA.

26        **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

1      determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
2      preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.