

HB2701



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/4-6001

from Ch. 34, par. 4-6001

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, in addition to but separate and apart from the compensation otherwise provided in the Code, the county clerk of each county, the recorder of each county, and the chief clerk of each county board of election commissioners shall receive an annual award of \$13,000 for calendar year 2025, \$14,000 for calendar year 2026, and \$15,000 for calendar year 2027 and for each calendar year thereafter (rather than a \$6,500 award per year). Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 4-6001 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/4-6001) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-6001)

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

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

19 To each such officer in counties containing less than
20 14,000 inhabitants, not less than \$13,500 per annum.

21 To each such officer in counties containing 14,000 or more
22 inhabitants, but less than 30,000 inhabitants, not less than
23 \$14,500 per annum.

1 To each such officer in counties containing 30,000 or more
2 inhabitants but less than 60,000 inhabitants, not less than
3 \$15,000 per annum.

4 To each such officer in counties containing 60,000 or more
5 inhabitants but less than 100,000 inhabitants, not less than
6 \$15,000 per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (3) Beginning December 1, 1992, base salary plus at

1 least 9% of base salary.

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

4 (d) In addition to but separate and apart from the
5 compensation provided in this Section, the county clerk of
6 each county, the recorder of each county, and the chief clerk
7 of each county board of election commissioners shall receive
8 an annual award as follows:

9 (1) \$13,000 for calendar year 2025 ~~\$4,500 per year~~
10 ~~after January 1, 1998;~~

11 (2) \$14,000 for calendar year 2026 ~~\$5,500 per year~~
12 ~~after January 1, 1999; and~~

13 (3) \$15,000 for calendar year 2027 and for each
14 calendar year thereafter ~~\$6,500 per year after January 1,~~
15 ~~2000.~~

16 The total amount required for such awards each year shall be
17 appropriated by the General Assembly to the State Board of
18 Elections which shall distribute the awards in annual lump sum
19 payments to the several county clerks, recorders, and chief
20 election clerks. Beginning December 1, 1990, this annual
21 award, and any other award or stipend paid out of State funds
22 to county officers, shall not affect any other compensation
23 provided by law to be paid to county officers.

24 For State fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2024,
25 the State Board of Elections shall remit to each county the
26 amount required for the stipend under this subsection. That

1 money shall be deposited by the county treasurer into a fund
2 dedicated for that purpose. The county payroll clerk shall pay
3 the stipend as required by this subsection within 10 business
4 days after those funds are deposited into the county fund. The
5 stipend shall not be considered part of the recipient's base
6 compensation and must be remitted to the recipient in addition
7 to the recipient's annual salary or compensation. Beginning
8 July 1, 2024, the county shall be responsible for the State and
9 federal income tax reporting and withholding as well as the
10 employer contributions under the Illinois Pension Code on the
11 stipend under this subsection.

12 (e) Beginning December 1, 1990, no county board may reduce
13 or otherwise impair the compensation payable from county funds
14 to a county officer if the reduction or impairment is the
15 result of the county officer receiving an award or stipend
16 payable from State funds.

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

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

24 (h) With respect to an auditor who takes office on or after
25 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
26 Assembly, the auditor shall receive an annual stipend of

1 \$6,500 per year. The General Assembly shall appropriate the
2 total amount required for the stipend each year from the
3 Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund to the Department of
4 Revenue, and the Department of Revenue shall distribute the
5 awards in an annual lump sum payment to each county auditor.
6 The stipend shall be in addition to, but separate and apart
7 from, the compensation provided in this Section. No county
8 board may reduce or otherwise impair the compensation payable
9 from county funds to the auditor if the reduction or
10 impairment is the result of the auditor receiving an award or
11 stipend pursuant to this subsection.

12 Except as provided under subsection (d), for State fiscal
13 years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, the Department shall
14 remit to each county the amount required for the stipend under
15 this Section. That money shall be deposited by the county
16 treasurer into a fund dedicated for that purpose. The county
17 payroll clerk shall pay the stipend to the auditor within 10
18 business days after those funds are deposited into the county
19 fund. The stipend shall not be considered part of the
20 auditor's base compensation and must be remitted to the
21 auditor in addition to the auditor's annual salary or
22 compensation. Beginning July 1, 2023, the county shall be
23 responsible for the State and federal income tax reporting and
24 withholding as well as the employer contributions under the
25 Illinois Pension Code on the stipend under this Section.

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

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.