



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

### 2025 and 2026

#### HB2701

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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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.