

No. 1979-82

## AN ACT

SB 762

Amending the act of November 1, 1971 (P.L.495, No.113), entitled "An act providing for the compensation of county officers in counties of the second through eighth classes, for the disposition of fees, for filing of bonds in certain cases and for duties of certain officers," increasing the salary of county officers and county commissioners in calendar year 1980 and granting powers to county commissioners to fix salaries.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, act of November 1, 1971 (P.L.495, No.113), entitled "An act providing for the compensation of county officers in counties of the second through eighth classes, for the disposition of fees, for filing of bonds in certain cases and for duties of certain officers," reenacted and amended October 7, 1976 (P.L.1101, No.223), are amended to read:

Section 1. The annual salaries of county commissioners shall be as follows:

		<i>January 1, 1980</i>
(1) Counties of the second class Chairman	\$34,000	<b>\$37,000</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	32,000	<b>35,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A Chairman . . . . .	30,300	<b>33,300</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	28,300	<b>31,300</b>
(3) Counties of the third class Chairman	25,000	<b>28,000</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	24,000	<b>27,000</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class Chairman	21,000	<b>24,000</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	20,000	<b>23,000</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class Chairman . .	18,000	<b>21,000</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	18,000	<b>21,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class Chairman	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class Chairman	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class Chairman	11,000	<b>14,000</b>
Other commissioners . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>

Section 2. The annual salaries of sheriffs shall be as follows:

		<i>January 1, 1980</i>
(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$27,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	23,500	<b>26,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	20,500	<b>23,500</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	18,500	<b>21,500</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>

(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	14,000	<b>17,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>

Section 3. (a) The annual salaries of county treasurers shall be as follows:

**January 1, 1980**

(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$27,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	23,500	<b>26,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	20,500	<b>23,500</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	18,500	<b>21,500</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	14,000	<b>17,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>

(b) Every county treasurer shall perform the duties now or hereafter required by law, and shall be an issuing agent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the sale of hunting licenses, fishing licenses, and dog licenses, and comply with the laws relating thereto and the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Revenue.

Section 4. The annual salaries of county controllers and auditors shall be as follows:

**January 1, 1980**

(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$27,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	23,500	<b>26,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	20,500	<b>23,500</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	18,500	<b>21,500</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class where the office of controller exists or may be created . . . . .	14,000	<b>17,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class where the office of controller exists or may be created . . . . .	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class where the office of controller exists or may be created . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>

The county auditors in counties of the sixth, seventh, and eighth classes, where the office of controller does not exist, shall each receive [**forty dollars (\$40)**]~~forty-five dollars (\$45)~~ for each six hours of work in the discharge of their duties, together with [**fifteen cents (15¢)**]~~seventeen cents (17¢)~~ per circular mile from and to their homes, once, each and every day so employed **effective January 1, 1980.**

Section 5. The annual salaries of part-time district attorneys shall be as follows:

**January 1, 1980**

(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$28,000	<b>\$31,000</b>
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(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	24,500	<b>27,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	22,000	<b>25,000</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	20,500	<b>23,500</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	17,500	<b>20,500</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	15,000	<b>18,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	13,500	<b>16,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	12,000	<b>15,000</b>

Section 6. (a) The annual salaries of recorders of deeds shall be as follows:

		<i>January 1, 1980</i>
(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$27,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	23,500	<b>26,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	20,500	<b>23,500</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	18,500	<b>21,500</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	14,000	<b>17,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>

(b) The recorder of deeds shall perform the duties now or hereafter required by law, and shall be the collection agent for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the Pennsylvania realty transfer tax, and shall comply with the laws relating thereto and the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Revenue.

(c) The recorder of deeds shall be the collection agent for any political subdivision levying a local realty transfer tax without compensation from the political subdivision. On or before the tenth of each month, the recorder of deeds shall pay over to the appropriate political subdivision all local realty transfer taxes collected, less two per cent for use of the county, together with a report containing the information as is required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in reporting collections of the Pennsylvania realty transfer tax. The recorder of deeds shall pay the two per cent withheld to the county. The county shall obtain and pay the premium or premiums on any bond or bonds necessary to cover the performance of the recorder of deeds' duties under this subsection.

Section 7. (a) The annual salaries of registers of wills shall be as follows:

		<i>January 1, 1980</i>
(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$27,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	23,500	<b>26,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	20,500	<b>23,500</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	18,500	<b>21,500</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	14,000	<b>17,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>

(b) The registers of wills shall perform the duties now or hereafter required by law, and shall be the agent of the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania for the collection of Pennsylvania transfer inheritance and estate taxes in the case of resident decedents under the supervision of the Secretary of Revenue and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Revenue.

Section 8. The annual salaries of prothonotaries, clerks of the criminal court division of the courts of common pleas and clerks of the orphans' court division of the courts of common pleas shall be as follows:

*January 1, 1980*

(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$27,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	23,500	<b>26,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	20,500	<b>23,500</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	18,500	<b>21,500</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	14,000	<b>17,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	12,500	<b>15,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>

Section 9. The annual salaries of coroners shall be as follows:

*January 1, 1980*

(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$27,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	21,600	<b>24,000</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	16,000	<b>19,000</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	14,000	<b>17,000</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	11,000	<b>14,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	5,000	<b>7,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	4,500	<b>6,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	3,500	<b>5,500</b>

Section 10. The annual salaries of jury commissioners shall be as follows:

*January 1, 1980*

(1) Counties of the second class . . . . .	\$19,700	<b>\$22,700</b>
(2) Counties of the second class A . . . . .	8,500	<b>10,500</b>
(3) Counties of the third class . . . . .	4,500	<b>6,500</b>
(4) Counties of the fourth class . . . . .	3,500	<b>5,000</b>
(5) Counties of the fifth class . . . . .	3,000	<b>4,000</b>
(6) Counties of the sixth class . . . . .	2,000	<b>3,000</b>
(7) Counties of the seventh class . . . . .	1,600	<b>2,500</b>
(8) Counties of the eighth class . . . . .	1,200	<b>2,000</b>

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

**Section 10.1. (a) From and after the effective date of this section, the county commissioners shall have the power to fix the salary of all county officers governed by the provisions of this act.**

**(b) Salaries for all county officers governed by the provisions of this act shall be fixed by the county commissioners in the following manner:**

**(1) The county commissioners shall cause notice of intention to fix salaries at a special public meeting on a date certain to be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten days in advance of such public meeting.**

***(2) The special public meeting shall be held during the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, so as to afford the public the greatest opportunity to attend.***

***(3) The special public meeting shall be held in a centrally located area of the county.***

***(c) The county commissioners shall not reduce the salary of any county officer below the amount set forth in this act.***

***(d) No new salary schedule shall be adopted in a calendar year in which the county commissioners are to be elected.***

***(e) Any salary increase shall be on a percentage basis and applied equally to all county officials.***

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable to each officer when permitted by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPROVED—The 1st day of November, A. D. 1979.

DICK THORNBURGH