



[HF 2518](#) – County Board of Supervisors, Pay (LSB5125HV)
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 Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2518](#) requires a special election for voter approval of a county compensation schedule, adopted by the board of supervisors, that compensates a supervisor in excess of the county’s median household income based on the most recent U.S. Census data.

Background

Only four Iowa counties currently have supervisor salaries that exceed the median household income. Those counties are Johnson, Linn, Polk, and Story.

County Supervisor Salaries Compared to the Median Household Income			
County	Current Supervisor Salary	2018 Median Household Income	Salary vs. Median
Johnson	\$ 81,864	\$ 61,395	\$ 20,469
Linn	114,843	63,754	51,089
Polk	122,739	66,112	56,627
Story	82,665	61,381	21,284

In the remaining counties, supervisor salaries are far enough below the median household income that it is unlikely those counties will be affected by the Bill in the next two years.

If enacted, the Bill will take effect July 1, 2020, and first impact the adoption of annual county compensation schedules in FY 2021.

Assumptions

The four counties likely to be affected by [HF 2518](#) provided the following information regarding the estimated cost of a special election:

- Johnson — \$80,000
- Linn — \$200,000
- Polk — \$225,000 - \$250,000
- Story — \$85,000

The estimated fiscal impact assumes each of the four counties will maintain or increase supervisor salaries compared to the current level. However, the boards of supervisors in the four counties could choose to reduce supervisors’ salaries below the median household income to avoid special elections.

Fiscal Impact

If enacted, [HF 2518](#) is estimated to cost Iowa counties a total of \$590,000 annually to conduct the required special elections in Johnson, Linn, Polk, and Story counties.

Source

Iowa State Association of Counties

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