

House File 492 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the salaries of county deputy sheriffs,
2 assistant county attorneys, and other county deputy officers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 331.757, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The county attorney may appoint, with the approval of
4 the board, an assistant county attorney to serve as a full-time
5 prosecutor. A full-time prosecutor shall refrain from the
6 private practice of law. The county attorney shall determine
7 the compensation paid to a full-time prosecutor within the budget
8 set for the county attorney's office by the board. ~~Except in~~
9 ~~counties having a population of more than two hundred thousand,~~
10 ~~the~~ The annual salary of an assistant county attorney shall not
11 exceed ~~eighty-five percent of~~ the maximum annual salary of a
12 full-time county attorney.

13 Sec. 2. Section 331.904, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
14 2025, is amended to read as follows:

15 a. The annual base salary of the first and second deputy
16 officer of the office of auditor, treasurer, and recorder, the
17 deputy in charge of elections administration, the deputy in
18 charge of the motor vehicle registration and title division, and
19 the deputy in charge of driver's license issuance shall each
20 be an amount not to exceed ~~eighty-five percent of~~ the annual
21 salary of the deputy's principal officer. ~~In,~~ including in
22 offices where for which more than two deputies are required,
23 ~~the annual base salary of each additional deputy shall be an~~
24 ~~amount not to exceed eighty percent of the principal officer's~~
25 ~~salary.~~ The amount of the annual base salary of each deputy
26 shall be certified by the principal officer to the board and,
27 if a deputy's annual base salary does not exceed the limitations
28 specified in this subsection, the board shall certify the annual
29 base salary to the auditor. The board shall not certify a
30 deputy's annual base salary ~~which~~ that exceeds the limitations of
31 this subsection.

32 Sec. 3. Section 331.904, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
33 2025, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. The annual base salary of a first or second deputy sheriff
35 shall not exceed ~~eighty-five percent of~~ the annual base salary of

1 the sheriff.

2 Sec. 4. Section 331.904, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 3. The annual salary of each assistant county attorney shall
5 be determined by the county attorney within the budget set for
6 the county attorney's office by the board. The salary of an
7 assistant county attorney shall not exceed ~~eighty-five percent of~~
8 the maximum salary of a full-time county attorney. The county
9 attorney shall inform the board of the full-time or part-time
10 status of each assistant county attorney. In the case of a
11 part-time assistant county attorney, the county attorney shall
12 inform the board of the approximate number of hours per week the
13 assistant county attorney shall devote to official duties.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Currently, the annual base salary of a county deputy sheriff,
18 an assistant county attorney except in a county having a
19 population of more than 200,000, and deputy officers of certain
20 county offices shall not exceed 85 percent of the annual base
21 salary of the county sheriff, the county attorney, or the
22 county principal officer, respectively. This bill provides that
23 a county deputy sheriff, an assistant county attorney in any
24 county, or a county deputy officer's annual base salary shall
25 be an amount not to exceed the annual base salary of the county
26 sheriff, the county attorney, or the county principal officer,
27 respectively.