

Senate File 2029 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the compensation of county officers.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 331.907, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The annual compensation of the auditor, treasurer,
4 recorder, sheriff, county attorney, and supervisors shall be
5 determined as provided in this section. The county compensation
6 board annually shall review the compensation paid to comparable
7 officers in other counties of this state, other states, private
8 enterprise, and the federal government. In ~~setting~~ recommending
9 the salary of the county sheriff, the county compensation board
10 shall set the sheriff's salary so that it is comparable to
11 salaries paid to professional law enforcement administrators and
12 command officers of the state patrol, the division of criminal
13 investigation of the department of public safety, and city police
14 chiefs employed by cities of similar population to the population
15 of the county, applying the statistical mean of these positions.
16 When determining the average salary of police chiefs employed by
17 cities of similar population to the population of the county, the
18 compensation board shall use the statistical mean of the salaries
19 of city police chiefs employed by cities with a population
20 between one thousand less than and one thousand more than the
21 population of the county. The county compensation board shall
22 prepare a compensation schedule for the elected county officers
23 for the succeeding fiscal year. The county compensation board
24 shall provide documentation to the board of supervisors that
25 demonstrates how the county compensation board determined the
26 recommended compensation schedule, including by providing the
27 applicable compensation information for comparable officers in
28 other counties of this state, other states, private enterprise,
29 and the federal government. A recommended compensation schedule
30 requires a majority vote of the membership of the county
31 compensation board.

32 Sec. 2. Section 331.907, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
33 following new subsection:

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The attorney general may bring an action
35 against a county for a writ of mandamus to compel the county to

1 comply with this section.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to required considerations for determining
6 the salary of county officers. The bill requires a county
7 compensation board to use the statistical mean of certain law
8 enforcement positions for comparison. The bill provides that
9 in determining the average salary of police chiefs employed by
10 cities of similar population to the population of the county,
11 the county compensation board shall use the salaries of city
12 police chiefs employed by cities with a population between one
13 thousand less than and one thousand more than the population of
14 the county. The bill provides that in the case of noncompliance
15 with provisions for recommending and setting salaries of county
16 officers, the attorney general may bring an action against a
17 county for a writ of mandamus to compel the county to comply with
18 such provisions.