

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 3135

BY DELEGATES WESTFALL AND RILEY

[Passed March 11, 2023; in effect ninety days from passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §6-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to compensation of designated constitutional officers, including for the Governor, Attorney
3 General, Auditor, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, and State Treasurer,
4 beginning in the calendar year 2025, and beginning in the calendar year of each fourth
5 year thereafter; providing for a means to calculate salaries of constitutional officers based
6 upon certain federal salary tables; and providing for a salary modification when
7 modifications are made to those salary tables at the beginning of each calendar year in
8 which those officers' terms begin.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

§6-7-2. Salaries of certain state officers.

1 (a) Beginning in the calendar year 2005, and for each calendar year after that, salaries for
2 each of the state Constitutional officers are as follows:

- 3 (1) The salary of the Governor is \$95,000 per year;
- 4 (2) The salary of the Attorney General is \$80,000 per year;
- 5 (3) The salary of the Auditor is \$75,000 per year;
- 6 (4) The salary of the Secretary of State is \$70,000 per year;
- 7 (5) The salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture is \$75,000 per year; and
- 8 (6) The salary of the state Treasurer is \$75,000 per year.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, beginning in the
10 calendar year 2009, and for each calendar year thereafter, salaries for each of the state
11 Constitutional officers shall be as follows:

- 12 (1) The salary of the Governor shall be \$150,000 per year;
- 13 (2) The salary of the Attorney General shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 14 (3) The salary of the Auditor shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 15 (4) The salary of the Secretary of State shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 16 (5) The salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be \$95,000 per year; and

17 (6) The salary of the state Treasurer shall be \$95,000 per year.

18 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section,
19 beginning calendar year 2025, and beginning in the calendar year of each fourth year thereafter,
20 the salary of the Governor shall be set by the Salary Table For Locality Pay Area of Rest of U.S.
21 as published by the United States Office of Personnel Management. The salary of the Governor
22 shall be equal to the amount set as Grade 15, Step 10 on the Salary Table For Locality Pay Area
23 of Rest of U.S. at the beginning of that calendar year and shall not be increased or diminished for
24 the duration of the four year term of office beginning in that calendar year.

25 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section,
26 beginning calendar year 2025, and beginning in the calendar year of each fourth year thereafter,
27 the salary of the Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, and
28 the Treasurer shall be set by the Salary Table General Schedule Increase as published by the
29 United States Office of Personnel Management. The salary of the Attorney General, Auditor,
30 Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Treasurer shall be equal to the amount
31 set as Grade 15, Step 4 on the Salary Table General Schedule Increase at the beginning of that
32 calendar year and shall not be increased or diminished for the duration of the four year terms of
33 each of those offices beginning in that calendar year.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2023.

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Governor