

HB 2497 -- COMPENSATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

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This bill provides that county officers in most non-charter counties can receive up to 200% of the maximum compensation allowed under statute. A provision of current law that allows counties in which all officers receive 100% of the maximum allowable compensation to raise county officer salaries beyond any statutory limitation is repealed.

In addition, the bill provides that beginning January 1, 2017, the compensation of each officer must increase by 10% as a cost of living adjustment regardless of any action taken by the county salary commission to increase or decrease salaries. On January 1 each year thereafter, county officers must receive a cost of living increase of 2% until the officer's total compensation is at 200% of the maximum compensation allowed under statute.

Under current law, the prosecuting attorney serves on the county salary commission. The bill removes the prosecuting attorney as a member of the commission.

This bill is the same as SB 1007 (2016).