

HB 2897 -- BASE SALARY SCHEDULES FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Currently, the exact annual salaries for certain county officials are established in State statute. Salaries are fixed on an assessed valuation schedule, with officials from counties with higher assessed valuation receiving a higher annual salary.

This bill replaces the existing fixed annual salary with a minimum starting salary linked to and adjusts the assessed valuation schedules, as specified in the bill.

The bill specifies that any percentage salary adjustment beginning on the effective date of the bill will not decrease the current salary of any official.

Currently, the salary commission of a county may increase the annual salary of a county official by up to \$2,000 more than the annual compensation provided by statutory salary schedules. This bill repeals the \$2,000 limit for increases to county official compensation

The county offices that are affected by this change include the county commissioner, recorder of deeds, county clerk, county collector, county assessor, county treasurer, county collector-treasurer, county auditor and public administrator.

Finally, the bill repeals multiple-enacted sections as a result of the Missouri Supreme Court finding HB 1606 (2022) unconstitutional.