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SEC. 19. This amendatory act, with the exception of section 3, shall be in force and take effect on July 1, 1957.

Passed the House March 13, 1957.
Passed the Senate March 12, 1957.
Approved by the Governor March 22, 1957.

CHAPTER 219.  
[Sub. H. B. 400.]

COUNTY OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, EMPLOYEES—SALARIES.

AN ACT relating to county officers, deputies and employees; and amending sections 2716, 2741 and 2767, Code 1881, section 1, page 174, Laws of 1886, sections 1, 2 and 3, chapter 60, Laws of 1905, section 2, chapter 168, Laws of 1919, sections 1 and 2, chapter 184, Laws of 1921, section 6, chapter 148, Laws of 1925 extraordinary session, section 3, chapter 197, Laws of 1937, section 1, chapter 260, Laws of 1943, section 1, chapter 200, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 1, chapter 264, Laws of 1953, and RCW 36.16.070, 36.17.020, 36.17.030 and 36.28.020; and amending section 1, chapter 215, Laws of 1953 and RCW 36.17.025.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Sections 2716, 2741 and 2767, Code 1881, section 1, page 174, Laws of 1886, sections 1, 2 and 3, chapter 60, Laws of 1905, section 2, chapter 168, Laws of 1919, sections 1 and 2, chapter 184, Laws of 1921, section 6, chapter 148, Laws of 1925 extraordinary session, section 3, chapter 197, Laws of 1937, section 1, chapter 260, Laws of 1943, section 1, chapter 200, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 1, chapter 264, Laws of 1953 (heretofore divided, combined and codified as RCW 36.16.070, 36.17.020, 36.17.030 and 36.28.020) are divided and amended to read as set forth in sections 2 through 5 of this act.

SEC. 2. (RCW 36.16.070) In all cases where the duties of any county office are greater than can be
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performed by the person elected to fill it, the officer may employ deputies and other necessary employees with the consent of the board of county commissioners. The board shall fix their compensation and shall require what deputies shall give bond and the amount of bond required from each. The sureties on deputies’ bonds must be approved by the board and the premium therefor is a county expense.

A deputy may perform any act which his principal is authorized to perform. The officer appointing a deputy or other employee shall be responsible for the acts of his appointees upon his official bond and may revoke each appointment at pleasure.

SEC. 3. (RCW 36.17.020) The salaries of county officers of class A counties and counties of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth classes, as determined by the last preceding federal census, or as may be determined under the provisions of RCW 36.13.020 to 36.13.070, inclusive, shall be per annum respectively as follows:

Class A counties: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, coroner, nine thousand two hundred dollars; prosecuting attorney, ten thousand eight hundred dollars;

Counties of the first class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, eight thousand three hundred dollars; prosecuting attorney, nine thousand eight hundred dollars; coroner, four thousand one hundred dollars;

Counties of the second class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, superintendent of schools, member of board of county commissioners, seven thousand dollars; prosecuting attorney, seven thousand four hundred dollars; coroner, two thousand four hundred dollars;
Counties of the third class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, assessor, sheriff, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, prosecuting attorney, six thousand three hundred dollars; and coroner, one thousand six hundred dollars;

Counties of the fourth class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, assessor, sheriff, superintendent of schools, five thousand six hundred dollars; members of the board of county commissioners and prosecuting attorney, five thousand one hundred dollars;

Counties of the fifth class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, superintendent of schools, five thousand one hundred dollars; members of the board of county commissioners and prosecuting attorney four thousand four hundred dollars;

Counties of the sixth class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, assessor, sheriff, superintendent of schools, four thousand six hundred dollars; prosecuting attorney, two thousand eight hundred dollars; members of the board of county commissioners, one thousand five hundred dollars and twelve dollars per diem for expenses;

Counties of the seventh class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, assessor, sheriff, superintendent of schools, four thousand five hundred dollars; prosecuting attorney, two thousand eight hundred dollars; members of the board of county commissioners, one thousand five hundred dollars and twelve dollars per diem for expenses;

Counties of the eighth class: Auditor, treasurer, assessor, sheriff, four thousand dollars; clerk, two thousand eight hundred dollars; superintendent of schools, two thousand six hundred dollars; prosecuting attorney, two thousand four hundred dollars; members of board of county commissioners, one thousand two hundred dollars and ten dollars per diem for expenses;
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Counties of the ninth class: Auditor-clerk, sheriff, treasurer, assessor, three thousand seven hundred dollars; superintendent of schools, two thousand two hundred dollars; prosecuting attorney, one thousand seven hundred dollars; members of the board of county commissioners, twelve dollars per diem.

The salaries of county officers in counties with a population over five hundred thousand shall be per annum respectively as follows: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, coroner, twelve thousand dollars; prosecuting attorney, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Sec. 4. The office of county auditor may be combined with the office of county clerk in counties of the eighth class by unanimous resolution of the board of county commissioners passed thirty days or more prior to the first day of filing for the primary election for county offices. The salary of such office of county clerk combined with the office of county auditor shall be four thousand five hundred dollars.

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Passed the Senate March 11, 1957.
Approved by the Governor March 22, 1957.