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COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE



PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY OFFICIALS IN TENNESSEE

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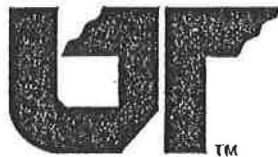
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COUNTY OFFICIALS' SALARIES  
FOR FY1999-2000

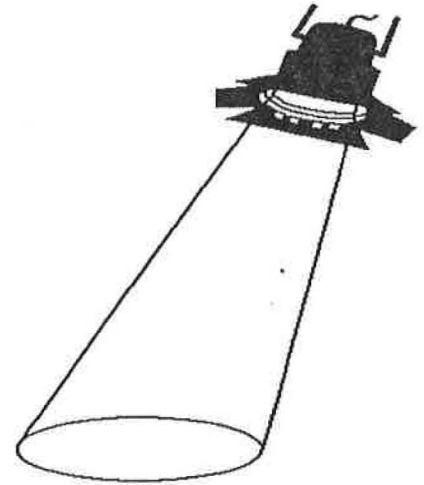
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# **SPOTLIGHT on CURRENT ISSUES**

**Executive Director's Memo  
February 8, 2000**



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## **COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001**

**County Officials.** The Tennessee General Assembly, in its 1996 legislative session, established a new method for determining compensation increases for county officials (T.C.A. § 8-24-102). The law contains a provision for an automatic increase in salary based on the percentage increase given to state employees for the previous fiscal year. It requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to certify to the Comptroller of the Treasury the average annualized increase in state employees' compensation on or before May 1 of each year. The Commissioner certified on February 3, 2000, that state employee's compensation was **zero** percentage in the fiscal year 1999-2000. (See attached certification.) Based on that certification, county officials **WILL NOT receive a compensation increase in FY 2000-2001**. The salary for all county officials will remain at the current FY 1999-2000 level. (See CTAS publication **County Official's Salaries for FY 99-00** dated May 1999.)

The Governor's budget for **FY 2000-2001** presented to the Tennessee General Assembly on January 31, 2000, contained a recommendation that state employees receive a 3% increase in the coming fiscal year. If that recommendation is approved by the General Assembly then county officials would receive a similar increase in FY 2001-2002. Since the Governor's budget is based on the restructure of the state tax system, the passage of this budget as presented is uncertain. Should no increase for state employees be approved, county officials would fail to receive a compensation increase for a second year.

**Special Provisions for General Sessions Judges.** Increases for general sessions judges are determined differently. Effective July 1, 1999, salaries of general sessions judges are to be adjusted annually in the same amount received by state court judges. This amount is determined by the percentage of change in the average consumer price index between the previous two calendar years

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
STATE CAPITOL  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-0285

JOHN D. FERGUSON  
COMMISSIONER

February 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John G. Morgan  
Comptroller of the Treasury

FROM: John D. Ferguson 

SUBJECT: Compensation of County Officials

Under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-24-102(e), I certify that the average annualized general increase in state employee's compensation is zero percent in the fiscal year 1999-2000. The 1999 Appropriations Act was amended to delete a proposed 1.7 percent salary increase to be effective January 1, 2000.

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**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
STATE CAPITOL  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-0285**


**C. WARREN NEEL, Ph.D.  
COMMISSIONER**

January 3, 2002

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must have  
come from  
your file.*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable John G. Morgan  
Comptroller of the Treasury

**FROM:** C. Warren Neel, Commissioner 

**SUBJECT:** Compensation of County Officials

Under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-24-102(e), as amended by Chapter 405, Public Acts of 2001, I certify that the average annualized general increase in state employee's compensation is 3.38 percent in the fiscal year 2001-2002. The 2001 Appropriations Act provided for a 2.5 percent across-the-board salary increase effective July 1, 2001 in Section 50, Item 3 of the act as amended by Section 1, Item 13 of Chapter 464, Public Acts of 2001. The 2001 Appropriations Act further provided for classification compensation adjustments in Section 1, Title III-21, Item 23 and amended by Section 10, Item 87 of the act and further amended by Section 1, Item 30 of Chapter 464, Public Acts of 2001. The equivalent percent increase was 0.88%.

In summary the average annualized general increase in state employee's compensation in fiscal year 2001-2002 includes:

Across-the-board increase	2.50%
Classification compensation increase	.88%
Total average increase	3.38%

This memorandum replaces the certification dated December 11, 2001.

CWN:GA:jw

Enclosure

# **COUNTY SHERIFF**

## **Salaries**

**Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

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<b>Population Class</b>	<b>Statutory Salary for FY 2002-2003</b>
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400,000 and more	\$ 100,600
275,000 to 399,999	\$ 93,450
250,000 to 274,999	\$ 87,400
225,000 to 249,999	\$ 84,100
200,000 to 224,999	\$ 80,800
175,000 to 199,999	\$ 77,500
150,000 to 174,999	\$ 74,200
125,000 to 149,999	\$ 70,900
100,000 to 124,999	\$ 67,600
65,000 to 99,999	\$ 65,950
50,000 to 64,999	\$ 63,200
35,000 to 49,999	\$ 57,700
23,000 to 34,999	\$ 55,500
12,000 to 22,999	\$ 51,100
Less than 11,999	\$ 45,050

- NOTES:**
1. The compensation of the sheriff shall be at least ten percent (10%) higher than the salary paid to the general officers of the county. (T.C.A. § 8-24-102(j)). The salaries noted above are based upon the assumption that the general officers receive the statutory minimum amount. Therefore, the minimum salary of the sheriff in a particular county may be higher than the amounts listed above if county general officers are paid in excess of the statutory minimum.
  2. Sheriffs may receive additional compensation set by the county legislative body for ex-officio services as workhouse superintendent. (T.C.A. §§ 8-24-103(a)(3); 8-24-111).
  3. The increase in minimum salary for FY 2002-2003 is \$1,815.
  4. Salaries effective July 1, 2002.
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**TRUSTEE**  
**CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT**  
**CLERK OF CRIMINAL COURT**  
**CLERK OF GENERAL SESSIONS COURT**  
**CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT**  
**CLERK OF PROBATE COURT**  
**CLERK & MASTER**  
**COUNTY CLERK**  
**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

**Statutory Salaries**  
**Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

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Population Class	Statutory Salary for FY 2002-2003
400,000 and more	\$ 91,455
275,000 to 399,999	\$ 84,955
250,000 to 274,999	\$ 79,455
225,000 to 249,999	\$ 76,455
200,000 to 224,999	\$ 73,455
175,000 to 199,999	\$ 70,455
150,000 to 174,999	\$ 67,455
125,000 to 149,999	\$ 64,455
100,000 to 124,999	\$ 61,455
65,000 to 99,999	\$ 59,955
50,000 to 64,999	\$ 57,455
35,000 to 49,999	\$ 52,455
23,000 to 34,999	\$ 50,455
12,000 to 22,999	\$ 46,455
Less than 11,999	\$ 40,955

- NOTES:**
1. The amounts listed above are minimum salaries. The county legislative body may set the salaries of general officers above the amounts listed above so long as all general officers are still paid the same salary with the exception of certain education incentive payments for which some officials may be eligible. (T.C.A. § 8-24-102(k)).
  2. The increase in minimum salaries for FY 2002-2003 is \$1,650.
  3. Salaries effective July 1, 2002.

# **ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY**

## **Salaries**

**Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

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<b>Population Class</b>	<b>Statutory Salary for FY 2002-2003</b>
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400,000 and more	\$ 91,455
275,000 to 399,999	\$ 84,955
250,000 to 274,999	\$ 79,455
225,000 to 249,999	\$ 76,455
200,000 to 224,999	\$ 73,455
175,000 to 199,999	\$ 70,455
150,000 to 174,999	\$ 67,455
125,000 to 149,999	\$ 64,455
100,000 to 124,999	\$ 61,455
65,000 to 99,999	\$ 59,955
50,000 to 64,999	\$ 57,455
35,000 to 49,999	\$ 52,455
23,000 to 34,999	\$ 50,455
12,000 to 22,999	\$ 46,455
Less than 11,999	\$ 40,955

- NOTES:**
1. The minimum salary of the assessor of property is equal to the minimum salary paid to general officers of the county. T.C.A. § 8-24-102. If the general officers of the county are paid an amount in excess of the minimum, the assessor will also receive at least that much. Also, the county legislative body may provide additional salary for the assessor pursuant to T.C.A. § 67-1-508(b) & (c). See T.C.A. § 8-24-102(k).
  2. The increase in minimum salary for FY 2002-2003 is \$1,650.
  3. Salaries effective July 1, 2002.

# **ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS**

## **Salaries Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

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<b>Population Class</b>	<b>Statutory Salary for FY 2002-2003</b>
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400,000 and more	\$ 77,737
275,000 to 399,999	\$ 76,460
250,000 to 274,999	\$ 71,510
225,000 to 249,999	\$ 68,810
200,000 to 224,999	\$ 66,110
175,000 to 199,999	\$ 63,410
150,000 to 174,999	\$ 60,710
125,000 to 149,999	\$ 58,010
100,000 to 124,999	\$ 55,310
65,000 to 99,999	\$ 53,960
50,000 to 64,999	\$ 51,710
35,000 to 49,999	\$ 41,964
23,000 to 34,999	\$ 40,364
12,000 to 22,999	\$ 37,164
Less than 11,999	\$ 32,764

- NOTES:**
1. These figures are minimum salaries for certified administrators of elections. They are based on varying percentages of the salary of the assessor of property depending on the population class of the county. T.C.A. § 2-12-208. The county legislative body may provide additional salary for certified administrators of elections in excess of these amounts. (T.C.A. § 2-12-208(b)).
  2. Salaries effective July 1, 2002.



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