

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to county officials and employees;
 3 amending ss. 145.051, 145.09, 145.10, and 145.11,
 4 F.S.; revising the base salaries for clerks of the
 5 circuit court, county comptrollers, supervisors of
 6 elections, property appraisers, and tax collectors,
 7 respectively; amending s. 215.425, F.S.; authorizing
 8 tax collectors, property appraisers, county
 9 comptrollers, clerks of the circuit court, and
 10 supervisors of elections to budget for and pay
 11 specified bonuses to employees if certain conditions
 12 are met; amending s. 409.1664, F.S.; providing certain
 13 adoption benefits to certain employees of certain
 14 constitutional offices; defining the term "employee of
 15 a constitutional office"; providing eligibility;
 16 providing how an eligible employee of a constitutional
 17 office applies for such benefits; authorizing the
 18 Department of Children and Families to adopt rules;
 19 amending s. 1003.48, F.S.; authorizing school boards
 20 to contract with tax collectors for certain purposes;
 21 providing an effective date.

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 23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 145.051, Florida

26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 145.051 Clerk of circuit court; county comptroller.—

28 (1) Each clerk of the circuit court and each county
 29 comptroller shall receive as salary the amount indicated, based
 30 on the population of his or her county. In addition, a
 31 compensation shall be made for population increments over the
 32 minimum for each population group, which shall be determined by
 33 multiplying the population in excess of the minimum for the
 34 group times the group rate.

Pop. Group	County Pop. Range		Base Salary	Group Rate
	Minimum	Maximum		
I	-0-	49,999	<u>\$26,250</u> \$21,250	\$0.07875
II	50,000	99,999	<u>29,400</u> 24,400	0.06300
III	100,000	199,999	<u>32,550</u> 27,550	0.02625
IV	200,000	399,999	<u>35,175</u>	0.01575

41				30,175	
	V			<u>38,325</u>	
		400,000	999,999	33,325	0.00525
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	VI			<u>41,475</u>	
		1,000,000		36,475	0.00400
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44	Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 145.09, Florida				
45	Statutes, is amended to read:				
46	145.09 Supervisor of elections.—				
47	(1) Each supervisor of elections shall receive as salary				
48	the amount indicated, based on the population of his or her				
49	county. In addition, a compensation shall be made for population				
50	increments over the minimum for each population group, which				
51	shall be determined by multiplying the population in excess of				
52	the minimum for the group times the group rate.				
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		50,000	99,999	24,400	0.06300
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		100,000	199,999	27,550	0.02625
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62 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 145.10, Florida

63 Statutes, is amended to read:

64 145.10 Property appraiser.—

65 (1) Each property appraiser shall receive as salary the

66 amount indicated, based on the population of his or her county.

67 In addition, a compensation shall be made for population

68 increments over the minimum for each population group, which

69 shall be determined by multiplying the population in excess of

70 the minimum for the group times the group rate.

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III	100,000	199,999	27,550 <u>32,550</u>	0.02625
IV	200,000	399,999	30,175 <u>35,175</u>	0.01575
V	400,000	999,999	33,325 <u>38,325</u>	0.00525
VI	1,000,000		36,475 <u>41,475</u>	0.00400

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 145.11, Florida

81 Statutes, is amended to read:

82 145.11 Tax collector.—

83 (1) Each tax collector shall receive as salary the amount
 84 indicated, based on the population of his or her county. In
 85 addition, a compensation shall be made for population increments
 86 over the minimum for each population group, which shall be
 87 determined by multiplying the population in excess of the
 88 minimum for the group times the group rate.

89	Pop.		Base	Group Rate
90	Group	County Pop. Range	Salary	
		Minimum	Maximum	
91	I		<u>\$26,250</u>	
		-0-	49,999	\$21,250 \$0.07875
92	II		<u>29,400</u>	
		50,000	99,999	24,400 0.06300
93	III		<u>32,550</u>	
		100,000	199,999	27,550 0.02625
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 98 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 215.425, Florida
 99 Statutes, is amended to read:

100 215.425 Extra compensation claims prohibited; bonuses;
 101 severance pay.—

102 (2) This section does not apply to:

103 (a) A bonus or severance pay that is paid wholly from
 104 nontax revenues and nonstate-appropriated funds, the payment and
 105 receipt of which does not otherwise violate part III of chapter
 106 112, and which is paid to an officer, agent, employee, or
 107 contractor of a public hospital that is operated by a county or
 108 a special district;

109 (b) Hiring or retention bonuses, but only as follows:

110 1. A tax collector may budget for and pay a hiring or
 111 retention bonus to a tax collector employee if such expenditure
 112 is approved by the Department of Revenue or the board of county
 113 commissioners in the tax collector's budget.

114 2. A property appraiser, county comptroller, clerk of the
 115 circuit court, or supervisor of elections may budget for and pay

116 a hiring or retention bonus to an employee if such expenditure
 117 is approved by the board of county commissioners in his or her
 118 budget; or

119 (c)~~(b)~~ A clothing and maintenance allowance given to
 120 plainclothes deputies pursuant to s. 30.49.

121 Section 6. Paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection (1) of
 122 section 409.1664, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 123 paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, subsections (2), (3),
 124 (4), and (6) of that section are amended, and a new paragraph
 125 (b) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

126 409.1664 Adoption benefits for qualifying adoptive
 127 employees of state agencies, veterans, servicemembers, ~~and~~ law
 128 enforcement officers, and employees of constitutional offices.-

129 (1) As used in this section, the term:

130 (b) "Employee of a constitutional office" means an
 131 employee of an office of a county tax collector, county
 132 comptroller, county appraiser, clerk of the circuit court, or
 133 supervisor of elections in the state.

134 (2) A qualifying adoptive employee, veteran, ~~or~~
 135 servicemember who adopts a child within the child welfare system
 136 who is difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
 137 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
 138 \$10,000 per such child, subject to applicable taxes. A law
 139 enforcement officer or an employee of a constitutional office
 140 who adopts a child within the child welfare system who is

141 difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
142 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
143 \$25,000 per such child, subject to applicable taxes. A
144 qualifying adoptive employee, veteran, or servicemember who
145 adopts a child within the child welfare system who is not
146 difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
147 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
148 \$5,000 per such child, subject to applicable taxes. A law
149 enforcement officer or an employee of a constitutional office
150 who adopts a child within the child welfare system who is not
151 difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
152 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
153 \$10,000 per each such child, subject to applicable taxes. A
154 qualifying adoptive employee of a charter school or the Florida
155 Virtual School may retroactively apply for the monetary benefit
156 provided in this subsection if such employee was employed by a
157 charter school or the Florida Virtual School when he or she
158 adopted a child within the child welfare system pursuant to
159 chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2015. A veteran or servicemember
160 may apply for the monetary benefit provided in this subsection
161 if he or she is domiciled in this state and adopts a child
162 within the child welfare system pursuant to chapter 63 on or
163 after July 1, 2020. A law enforcement officer may apply for the
164 monetary benefit provided in this subsection if he or she is
165 domiciled in this state and adopts a child within the child

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166 welfare system pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2022.
167 An employee of a constitutional office may apply for the
168 monetary benefit provided in this subsection if he or she is
169 domiciled in this state and adopts a child within the child
170 welfare system under chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2023.

171 (a) Benefits paid to a qualifying adoptive employee who is
172 a part-time employee must be prorated based on the qualifying
173 adoptive employee's full-time equivalency at the time of
174 applying for the benefits.

175 (b) Monetary benefits awarded under this subsection are
176 limited to one award per adopted child within the child welfare
177 system.

178 (c) The payment of a lump-sum monetary benefit for
179 adopting a child within the child welfare system under this
180 section is subject to a specific appropriation to the department
181 for such purpose.

182 (3) A qualifying adoptive employee must apply to his or
183 her agency head, or to his or her school director in the case of
184 a qualifying adoptive employee of a charter school or the
185 Florida Virtual School, to obtain the monetary benefit provided
186 in subsection (2). A veteran, a ~~ex~~ servicemember, or an employee
187 of a constitutional office must apply to the department to
188 obtain the benefit. A law enforcement officer must apply to the
189 Department of Law Enforcement to obtain the benefit.
190 Applications must be on forms approved by the department and

191 must include a certified copy of the final order of adoption
 192 naming the applicant as the adoptive parent. Monetary benefits
 193 shall be approved on a first-come, first-served basis based upon
 194 the date that each fully completed application is received by
 195 the department.

196 (4) This section does not preclude a qualifying adoptive
 197 employee, a veteran, a servicemember, a ~~or~~ law enforcement
 198 officer, or an employee of a constitutional office from
 199 receiving adoption assistance for which he or she may qualify
 200 under s. 409.166 or any other statute that provides financial
 201 incentives for the adoption of children.

202 (6) The department may adopt rules to administer this
 203 section. The rules may provide for an application process such
 204 as, but not limited to, an open enrollment period during which
 205 qualifying adoptive employees, veterans, servicemembers, ~~or~~ law
 206 enforcement officers, or employees of constitutional offices may
 207 apply for monetary benefits under this section.

208 Section 7. Subsection (6) is added to section 1003.48,
 209 Florida Statutes, to read:

210 1003.48 Instruction in operation of motor vehicles; road
 211 tests.-

212 (6) The school board may contract with the tax collector
 213 in the county for the tax collector to administer road tests on
 214 school grounds at one or more schools within the district.

215 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.