

By Senator Martin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to county constitutional offices;
3 amending ss. 145.051, 145.09, 145.10, and 145.11,
4 F.S.; revising the base salary used to calculate the
5 compensation of a clerk of the circuit court and
6 county comptroller, a supervisor of elections, a
7 property appraiser, and a tax collector, respectively;
8 amending s. 409.1664, F.S.; defining the term "county
9 constitutional officer employee"; providing that
10 county constitutional officer employees are eligible
11 to receive certain adoption benefits from the state;
12 authorizing county constitutional officer employees to
13 apply for the monetary benefit if certain conditions
14 exist; requiring such employees to apply to the
15 Department of Children and Families to obtain the
16 benefit; authorizing the department to adopt specified
17 rules; creating s. 445.09, F.S.; authorizing specified
18 county constitutional officers to budget for and pay
19 specified bonuses to employees, pending a specified
20 approval; amending s. 1003.48, F.S.; authorizing a
21 district school board to contract with a county tax
22 collector's office to administer road tests on school
23 grounds at one or more schools within the district;
24 providing an effective date.

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26 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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28 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 145.051, Florida
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

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30 145.051 Clerk of circuit court; county comptroller.—

31 (1) Each clerk of the circuit court and each county
 32 comptroller shall receive as salary the amount indicated, based
 33 on the population of his or her county. In addition, a
 34 compensation shall be made for population increments over the
 35 minimum for each population group, which shall be determined by
 36 multiplying the population in excess of the minimum for the
 37 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> 30,175	0.01575
V	400,000	999,999	<u>38,325</u> 33,325	0.00525

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Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 145.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

145.09 Supervisor of elections.—

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

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Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 145.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

145.10 Property appraiser.—

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

Pop. Group	County Pop. Range		Base Salary	Group Rate
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I			<u>\$26,250</u>	
	-0-	49,999	\$21,250	\$0.07875
II			<u>29,400</u>	
	50,000	99,999	24,400	0.06300
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Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 145.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

145.11 Tax collector.—

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

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	Minimum	Maximum		
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	II		<u>29,400</u>	
96		50,000	99,999	24,400 0.06300
	III		<u>32,550</u>	
97		100,000	199,999	27,550 0.02625
	IV		<u>35,175</u>	
98		200,000	399,999	30,175 0.01575
	V		<u>38,325</u>	
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101 Section 5. Section 409.1664, Florida Statutes, is amended,
 102 to read:

103 409.1664 Adoption benefits for qualifying adoptive
 104 employees of state agencies, veterans, servicemembers, ~~and~~ law
 105 enforcement officers, and county constitutional officer
 106 employees.—

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

108 (a) "Child within the child welfare system" has the same
 109 meaning as provided in s. 409.166(2).

110 (b) "County constitutional officer employee" means an
 111 employee of an office of a clerk of the circuit court, a county
 112 comptroller, a county property appraiser, a county supervisor of
 113 elections, or a county tax collector in this state.

114 (c) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as

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115 provided in s. 943.10(1).

116 (d)~~(e)~~ "Qualifying adoptive employee" means a full-time or
117 part-time employee of a state agency, a charter school
118 established under s. 1002.33, or the Florida Virtual School
119 established under s. 1002.37, who is not an independent
120 contractor and who adopts a child within the child welfare
121 system pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2015. The term
122 includes instructional personnel, as defined in s. 1012.01, who
123 are employed by the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind,
124 and includes other-personal-services employees who have been
125 continuously employed full time or part time by a state agency
126 for at least 1 year.

127 (e)~~(d)~~ "Servicemember" has the same meaning as in s.
128 250.01(19).

129 (f)~~(e)~~ "State agency" means a branch, department, or agency
130 of state government for which the Chief Financial Officer
131 processes payroll requisitions, a state university or Florida
132 College System institution as defined in s. 1000.21, a school
133 district unit as defined in s. 1001.30, or a water management
134 district as defined in s. 373.019.

135 (g)~~(f)~~ "Veteran" has the same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

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

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144 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
145 \$25,000 per such child, subject to applicable taxes. A
146 qualifying adoptive employee, veteran, or servicemember who
147 adopts a child within the child welfare system who is not
148 difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
149 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
150 \$5,000 per such child, subject to applicable taxes. A law
151 enforcement officer or a county constitutional officer employee
152 who adopts a child within the child welfare system who is not
153 difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
154 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
155 \$10,000 per each such child, subject to applicable taxes. A
156 qualifying adoptive employee of a charter school or the Florida
157 Virtual School may retroactively apply for the monetary benefit
158 provided in this subsection if such employee was employed by a
159 charter school or the Florida Virtual School when he or she
160 adopted a child within the child welfare system pursuant to
161 chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2015. A veteran or servicemember
162 may apply for the monetary benefit provided in this subsection
163 if he or she is domiciled in this state and adopts a child
164 within the child welfare system pursuant to chapter 63 on or
165 after July 1, 2020. A law enforcement officer may apply for the
166 monetary benefit provided in this subsection if he or she is
167 domiciled in this state and adopts a child within the child
168 welfare system pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2022.
169 A county constitutional officer employee may apply for the
170 monetary benefit provided in this subsection if he or she is
171 domiciled in this state and adopts a child within the child
172 welfare system under chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2023.

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

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

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

184 (3) A qualifying adoptive employee must apply to his or her
185 agency head, or to his or her school director in the case of a
186 qualifying adoptive employee of a charter school or the Florida
187 Virtual School, to obtain the monetary benefit provided in
188 subsection (2). A veteran, or servicemember, or county
189 constitutional officer employee must apply to the department to
190 obtain the benefit. A law enforcement officer must apply to the
191 Department of Law Enforcement to obtain the benefit.
192 Applications must be on forms approved by the department and
193 must include a certified copy of the final order of adoption
194 naming the applicant as the adoptive parent. Monetary benefits
195 shall be approved on a first-come, first-served basis based upon
196 the date that each fully completed application is received by
197 the department.

198 (4) This section does not preclude a qualifying adoptive
199 employee, veteran, servicemember, ~~or~~ law enforcement officer, or
200 county constitutional officer employee from receiving adoption
201 assistance for which he or she may qualify under s. 409.166 or

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202 any other statute that provides financial incentives for the
203 adoption of children.

204 (5) Parental leave for a qualifying adoptive employee must
205 be provided in accordance with the personnel policies and
206 procedures of his or her employer.

207 (6) The department may adopt rules to administer this
208 section. The rules may provide for an application process such
209 as, but not limited to, an open enrollment period during which
210 qualifying adoptive employees, veterans, servicemembers, ~~or~~ law
211 enforcement officers, or county constitutional officer employees
212 may apply for monetary benefits under this section.

213 Section 6. Section 445.09, Florida Statutes, is created to
214 read:

215 445.09 Bonuses for employees of county constitutional
216 officers.—Notwithstanding any other law, a clerk of the circuit
217 court, a county comptroller, a county supervisor of elections, a
218 county property appraiser, and a county tax collector may budget
219 for and pay a hiring or retention bonus to an employee if such
220 expenditure is approved by:

221 (1) The board of county commissioners in the respective
222 budgets of the clerk of the circuit court, the comptroller, and
223 the supervisor of elections, and the property appraiser.

224 (2) The Department of Revenue in the respective budgets of
225 the property appraiser and the tax collector.

226 Section 7. Section 1003.48, Florida Statutes, is amended to
227 read:

228 1003.48 Instruction in operation of motor vehicles; road
229 tests.—

230 (1) A course of study and instruction in the safe and

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231 lawful operation of a motor vehicle shall be made available by
232 each district school board to students in the secondary schools
233 in the state. The secondary school shall provide preferential
234 enrollment to a student who is in the custody of the Department
235 of Children and Families if the student maintains appropriate
236 progress as required by the school. As used in this section, the
237 term "motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in s. 320.01(1) (a)
238 and includes motorcycles and mopeds. Instruction in motorcycle
239 or moped operation may be limited to classroom instruction. The
240 course may not be made a part of, or a substitute for, any of
241 the minimum requirements for graduation.

242 (2) In order to make such a course available to any
243 secondary school student, the district school board may use any
244 one of the following procedures or any combination thereof:

245 (a) Use instructional personnel employed by the district
246 school board.

247 (b) Contract with a commercial driving school licensed
248 under chapter 488.

249 (c) Contract with an instructor certified under chapter
250 488.

251 (3) District school boards shall earn funds on full-time
252 equivalent students at the appropriate basic program cost
253 factor, regardless of the method by which such courses are
254 offered.

255 (4) For the purpose of financing the driver education
256 program in the secondary schools, there shall be levied an
257 additional 50 cents per year to the driver license fee required
258 by s. 322.21. The additional fee shall be promptly remitted to
259 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, which shall

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260 transmit the fee to the Chief Financial Officer to be deposited
261 in the General Revenue Fund.

262 (5) The district school board shall prescribe standards for
263 the course required by this section and for instructional
264 personnel directly employed by the district school board. A
265 certified instructor or licensed commercial driving school is
266 sufficiently qualified and is not required to meet any standards
267 in lieu of or in addition to those prescribed under chapter 488.

268 (6) The district school board may contract with the county
269 tax collector for a tax collector employee to administer road
270 tests on school grounds at one or more schools within the
271 district.

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