

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES; PERMITTING CERTAIN COUNTIES TO SET ANNUAL SALARIES FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 4, Article 44 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"OFFICIALS--SALARIES.--

A. Notwithstanding the salaries provided for in Chapter 4, Article 44 NMSA 1978, an incorporated or urban county that has adopted a charter may by ordinance set the annual salary for some or all of its elected and appointed officers pursuant to this section, but no salary shall be set to exceed ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) per year.

B. The charter of an urban or incorporated county may provide for the officers of the county to be elected; provided that in each urban or incorporated county, there shall be, at a minimum, the following elected officers:

- (1) a county commission or county council, with no fewer than five members;
- (2) a county clerk;
- (3) a county sheriff; and
- (4) a county assessor."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2015. _____