

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL: SB 514

INTRODUCER: Senator Richter

SUBJECT: Supervisor of Elections Salaries

DATE: November 12, 2015 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Carlton	Roberts	EE	Pre-meeting
2.			ATD	
3.			FP	

I. Summary:

SB 514 addresses the group rate used to calculate the salary of Florida’s Supervisors of Elections (supervisor). A supervisor’s salary is determined by the size of the population served.¹ For purposes of calculating the salary, there are six population groups. A base salary is established for each population group. Then, a group rate is established. The group rate is additional compensation for each additional person above the minimum population for that population group. The salary of a supervisor is the base salary for his or her population group plus the group rate adjustment. This bill increases the group rate for all of the population groups, except the largest population group.

II. Present Situation:

The salary of a supervisor of election is established pursuant to a formula in s. 145.09, F.S. This formula has not been changed since 1988.² The formula is based upon six population groups, each of which is assigned a base salary. Then, a group rate is established for each population group. The group rate is additional compensation for each additional person above the minimum population for that population group. The salary of a supervisor is the base salary for his or her population group plus the group rate adjustment.³

¹ Section 145.09, F.S.

² See ch. 88-175, Laws of Fla.

³ If a Supervisor of Elections is certified by the Department of State’s Division of Elections, he or she is entitled to an additional \$2,000 per year pursuant to s. 145.09(3), F.S.

The current population groups, base salary, and group rates for supervisors of elections are:

Population Group	County Population Range		Base Salary	Group Rate
	Minimum	Maximum		
I	-0-	49,999	\$17,228	\$0.075
II	50,000	99,999	20,228	0.060
III	100,000	199,999	23,228	0.025
IV	200,000	399,999	25,728	0.015
V	400,000	999,999	28,728	0.005
VI	1,000,000		31,728	0.004

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 514 amends the group rates for supervisors of elections as follows:

Population Group	County Population Range		Base Salary	Group Rate
	Minimum	Maximum		
I	-0-	49,999	\$17,228	\$0.07875
II	50,000	99,999	20,228	0.06300
III	100,000	199,999	23,228	0.02625
IV	200,000	399,999	25,728	0.01575
V	400,000	999,999	28,728	0.00525
VI	1,000,000		31,728	0.00400

These amended group rates would match the current group rates used to calculate the salaries of the Clerks of Circuit Court,⁴ Property Appraisers,⁵ and the Tax Collectors.⁶

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

⁴ Section 145.051, F.S.

⁵ Section 145.10, F.S.

⁶ Section 145.11, F.S.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The result of the group rate changes would result in additional compensation to the supervisors of elections in all population groups except for population group VI (those counties with more than 1,000,000 residents.) The exact amount of those increases is not known.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill amends section 145.09 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.