

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 263

An Act to amend and reenact § 14.1-47.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to salaries of council members.

[H 718]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 14.1-47.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 14.1-47.2. Permitted salaries; salary increases; reimbursement for expenses.

Subject to the exception provided for in § 14.1-47.1, the annual salary of each member of the council of any city shall be set by its members by ordinance notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special. The setting of such salaries by members of council shall include the salary of the mayor or president of the council whether such official is a member of council or not.

Cities within the following population brackets shall be allowed to set salaries for mayors, which include presidents of council, and council members not to exceed the following:

| Population | Annual Salary |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 260,000 and over | |
| Mayor | \$ 20,000 30,000 |
| Council | 18,000 28,000 |
| 200,000 to 259,999 | |
| Mayor | 17,000 27,000 |
| Council | 15,000 25,000 |
| 95,000 to 199,999 | |
| Mayor | 15,000 25,000 |
| Council | 13,000 23,000 |
| 35,000 to 94,999 | |
| Mayor | 10,000 20,000 |
| Council | 8,000 18,000 |
| 20,000 to 34,999 | |
| Mayor | 8,000 13,000 |
| Council | 7,000 12,000 |
| 15,000 to 19,999 | |
| Mayor | 7,000 12,000 |
| Council | 6,500 11,500 |
| 14,999 and under | |
| Mayor | 6,500 11,500 |
| Council | 6,000 11,000 |

No increase in the salary of a member of council shall take effect during the incumbent member of council's term of office; however, this restriction shall not apply to councils when the council members are elected for staggered terms.

Every proposed increase in the salary of a member of council shall be adopted at least four months prior to the date of the next municipal election except in the case of a newly created consolidated city when the proposed increase shall be adopted at least two months prior to the date of its first municipal election.

Any member of council shall be eligible to be reimbursed for any personal expenses incurred by him for official business. However, all claims for reimbursement shall be for reasonable expenses to the extent permitted by law incurred in the conduct of official city business and shall be itemized and documented by stamped paid receipts to the extent feasible.

In addition to salary, each member of the council of any city may be compensated with such benefits as are provided city employees by the city.