# 2021 Compensation Structure Options Elected Officials and Key Classifications 

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## Compensation Project Phase I

## Established HR Guiding Principles

Recapping

## ( Conducted market study

How We Got Here

## ( Explored alternatives to waterfall

## HR Guiding Principles



These principles are typically not readily found in compensation structures that involve elected officials

## What We Heard from Your Feedback

Keep all prosecutors and the Public Defender together

Utilize the Solicitor's recommendation based on municipalities served

Utilize salary market data of comparators

Move away from the current waterfall

## Elected Officials Compensation Models



## Option 1

- One shared salary range based on market data
- Liked positions are grouped
- Percentile hierarchical structure
- Commonly establish comp model
- Estimated annual cost increase

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## Option 2

- Model based on Solicitor's approach
- Top market salary + \$3K per municipality
- Not typically utilized as a compensation model
- Estimated annual cost increase
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## Complications

- Solicitor would make more than State Court Judges
- Salary model disrupts typical judicial salary hierarchy
- Requires legislation for Superior Court Judges and DA*

$\left.$| Elected/Appoint Officials |  |  |
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| $\mathbf{9 0}$ | th | $\$ 200,902$ | | Superior Court Judges*, DA*, Public |
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| Defender, Solicitor | \right\rvert\,


| Commissioners |  |  |
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| $\mathbf{9 0}^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 77,396$ | Commissioner, Chair |
| $\mathbf{8 5}^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 76,062$ |  |
| $\mathbf{8 0}^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 74,727$ | Commissioner |
| $\mathbf{7 5}^{\text {th }}$ | $\$ 73,393$ |  |

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## Option 2

- Model based on Solicitor's approach
- Top market salary + \$3K per municipality $(\$ 45,000)$
- Not typically utilized as a compensation model
- Estimated annual cost increase


## \$4,407,463

## Complications

- Doubles the cost
- Salary model disrupts typical judicial salary hierarchy
- Requires legislation for DA and Superior Court Judges *

| Position | Top salary + \$3k per municipality | Increase |
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| Sheriff | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Base Pay - \$ 208,231 } \\ & \text { Total Comp - \$ 253,231 } \end{aligned}$ | \$93K |
| Marshal | Base Pay - \$131,103 <br> Total Comp - \$176,103 | \$47K |
| District Attorney* | Base pay - \$ 177,973 - (State) <br> Total Comp - \$ 222,973 | \$44K |
| Solicitor | Base pay - \$ 209,000 <br> Total Comp - \$ 254,000 | \$93K |
| Public Defender | Base pay - \$107,000 - (State) <br> Total Supplement - \$145,000 | \$45K |
| Chief Magistrate Judges | Base - \$186,268 <br> Total Comp - \$231,268 | \$92K |
| Superior Court Judges* | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Base - \$193,501 - (State) } \\ & \text { Total Comp - } \mathbf{\$ 2 3 8 , 5 0 1} \end{aligned}$ | \$60K |
| State Court Judges | Base - \$169,611 - (State) <br> Total Comp - \$214,611 | \$44K |
| Probate Court Judge | Base - \$193,400 <br> Total Comp - \$238,400 | \$72K |
| Tax Commissioner | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Base - \$196,100 } \\ & \text { Total Comp - } \mathbf{\$ 2 4 1 , 1 0 0} \end{aligned}$ | \$66K |
| Clerk | Base \$169,913 <br> Total Comp - \$ 214,913 | \$52K |
| Juvenile Court Judges | Base - \$149,275 <br> Total Comp - \$194,275 | \$31K |
| Associate Judges (JC) \& Magistrates (FT) | Base - \$145,168 <br> Total Comp - \$190,168 | \$62K |
| Commission Chairperson | Base - \$75,466 <br> Total Comp - \$120,460 | \$67K |
| County Commissioners | Base - \$ 72,360 <br> Total Comp - \$117,360 | \$69K |

## Key Classifications

- Key to County operations
- Challenging from a recruitment and retention perspective
- 76 classification titles
- Covers job families ranging from department heads, professional, technical and skilled trades


## Key Classifications Compensation



## Philosophy

## Method

- top 3 salary range midpoints
- minimum and maximum was
set at $20 \%$ above and $20 \%$ below
Placement
- $75^{\text {th }}$ Percentile for department heads and deputy department heads
- $50^{\text {th }}$ Percentile for managers, supervisors, technical professionals
- $25^{\text {th }}$ Percentile for all others



## Implementation

- 2 year phased approach
- Need to absorb
compensation increases into budget

Key Classification Est. Cost \$5.2MM

Entire County \$10MM - \$20MM

## Questions?

