

THE COMPTROLLER SHALL GRANT AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE COMPENSATION OF NON-ELECTED EMPLOYEES OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE COMMENSURATE WITH THAT GRANTED TO OTHER STATE EMPLOYEES.

(C) EXCEPTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WHO ARE UNDER THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language which synthesizes Art. 17, §§ 24, 28, and 29, all of which relate to the compensation of deputy clerks and which is proposed for repeal as superfluous. The reason for having three sections dealing with this area is not exactly clear; however, §§ 24 and 29 were enacted at the 1945 legislative session. Both were apparently aimed at raising the salaries of deputy clerks.

Ch. 769, Acts of 1945 (now §24) expressed an intent to repeal all inconsistent laws, and hence may have repealed §28, and possibly §29.

Sec. 24 grants the Comptroller authority to fix the compensation of deputy clerks, and sets a minimum salary.

Sec. 28 is similar, but includes a requirement that the deputy swear that he actually performed his duties, and that he gave no bribes or kickbacks to anyone in return for his job.

Sec. 29 provides for certain salary increases which have already taken effect. Under §24, deputy clerks are entitled to the same incremental increases as other State employees.

The provision of §24 fixing minimum salary levels for deputy clerks at the level paid on July 1, 1945 is proposed for deletion as obsolete. In 1945, most clerks and deputies were paid less than \$2,000—substantially less than the minimum State salary scale today. Because reductions of clerk's salaries to the 1945 level may be