

(c) (1) On or before July 31 of each year, the Commission shall publish the amount of the cost of living adjustment that shall become effective on January 1 of the following year.

(2) The cost of living adjustment may not exceed 5%.

(d) The compensation payable to a covered employee under this Part V of this subtitle shall be adjusted by:

(1) multiplying the initial rate of compensation by the cost of living adjustment; and

(2) adding the product to the compensation, as adjusted, paid during the prior year.

(e) (1) If a covered employee who is entitled to compensation under this Part V of this subtitle also receives federal Social Security disability insurance benefits, the adjusted annual compensation paid shall be reduced to the extent necessary to avoid a diminution of the federal Social Security disability insurance benefits.

(2) If federal Social Security law on disability insurance benefits no longer imposes a diminution in the payment of the adjustment in compensation, payments of compensation shall be made to the full extent allowed under this section.

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(A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

(1) A NONGOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT EMPLOYS AT LEAST ONE COVERED EMPLOYEE;

(2) A COUNTY; AND

(3) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(B) **A COVERED EMPLOYEE UNDER THIS SECTION MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

(1) **IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM EVENTS OCCURRING ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1988; AND**

(2) **FILED THE CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION ~~WITH~~ PAID BY A NONGOVERNMENTAL UNIT, A COUNTY, OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.**