

CHAPTER 15A

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES;
COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES

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NOTE: For salary of lieutenant governor see Const. Art. 5, Section 5 and Minnesota Statutes, Section 15A.081. For legislative salaries see section 3.099.

15A.01 AMOUNT.

Subdivision 1. **When paid.** The yearly salaries of the state officers and employees mentioned in this chapter shall be as herein fixed subject to the provisions of section 16A.17.

Subd. 2. **To be in full payment for services.** The salaries provided in this chapter for the officers and employees named herein shall be in full payment for all services that may be rendered by them either in the performance of their regular or special duties or while acting as a member or employee of any state board or commission.

Subd. 3. **Fees collected paid into state treasury.** All fees of any nature collected by any officer or employee named in this chapter in the performance of official duties for the state shall be paid into the state treasury.

History: (252,252-1,253,254) 1913 c 400 s 1-3; 1921 c 379 s 1; 1961 c 561 s 11; Ex1971 c 32 s 28; 1986 c 444

- 15A.02** [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]
15A.021 [Repealed, 1974 c 511 s 16]
15A.03 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]
15A.031 [Repealed, 1974 c 511 s 16]
15A.04 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]
15A.041 [Repealed, 1974 c 511 s 16]
15A.05 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]
15A.06 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]
15A.07 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]
15A.071 [Repealed, 1975 c 381 s 23]
15A.08 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.081 SALARIES AND SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Subdivision 1. **Salary ranges.** The governor shall set the salary rate within the ranges listed below for positions specified in this subdivision, upon approval of the legislative commission on employee relations and the legislature as provided by section 3.855:

Salary Range

\$57,500-\$78,500

- Commissioner of finance;
- Commissioner of education;
- Commissioner of transportation;

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Commissioner of human services;
Commissioner of revenue;
Commissioner of public safety;
Executive director, state board of investment;

\$50,000-\$67,500

Commissioner of administration;
Commissioner of agriculture;
Commissioner of commerce;
Commissioner of corrections;
Commissioner of economic security;
Commissioner of employee relations;
Commissioner of health;
Commissioner of labor and industry;
Commissioner of natural resources;
Commissioner of trade and economic development;
Chief administrative law judge; office of administrative hearings;
Commissioner, pollution control agency;
Director, office of waste management;
Commissioner, housing finance agency;
Executive director, public employees retirement association;
Executive director, teacher's retirement association;
Executive director, state retirement system;

\$42,500-\$60,000

Commissioner of human rights;
Commissioner, department of public service;
Commissioner of veterans affairs;
Commissioner, bureau of mediation services;
Commissioner, public utilities commission;
Member, transportation regulation board;
Ombudsman for corrections;
Ombudsman for mental health and retardation.

Subd. 1a. [Repealed, 1976 c 239 s 7]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1974 c 511 s 16]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1974 c 511 s 16]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1977 c 35 s 21]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1980 c 617 s 45]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1987 c 404 s 191]

Subd. 7. **Metropolitan officers.** The governor shall set the salary rate within the range set forth below for the following positions, upon approval of the legislative commission on employee relations and the legislature as provided by section 3.855:

**Chair, metropolitan airports
commission**

\$15,000-\$25,000

Subd. 7a. [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 16 art 2 s 39 subd 1]

Subd. 7b. **Higher education officers.** The higher education board, state university board, the state board for community colleges, the state board of technical colleges, and the higher education coordinating board shall set the salary rates for, respectively, the chancellor of the higher education system, the chancellor of the state universities, the

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chancellor of the community colleges, the chancellor of vocational technical education, and the executive director of the higher education coordinating board. The respective board shall submit the proposed salary increase to the legislative commission on employee relations for approval, modification, or rejection in the manner provided in section 3.855. Salary rates for the positions specified in this subdivision may not exceed 95 percent of the salary of the governor under section 15A.082, subdivision 3. In deciding whether to recommend a salary increase, the governing board shall consider the performance of the chancellor or director, including the chancellor's or director's progress toward attaining affirmative action goals.

Subd. 8. Expense allowance. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, positions listed in subdivision 1, constitutional officers, and the commissioner of iron range resources and rehabilitation are authorized an annual expense allowance not to exceed \$1,500 for necessary expenses in the normal performance of their duties for which no other reimbursement is provided. The expenditures under this subdivision are subject to any laws and rules relating to budgeting, allotment and encumbrance, preaudit and postaudit. The commissioner of finance may promulgate rules to assure the proper expenditure of these funds, and to provide for reimbursement.

Subd. 9. Transfer of vacation and sick leave; certain appointees. (a) This subdivision governs transfers of accumulated vacation leave and sick leave if the governor appoints the incumbent of a position listed in this section to another position listed in this section.

(b) An appointee moving between positions in the executive branch shall transfer all vacation leave and sick leave hours to the appointee's credit at the time of the new appointment.

(c) The governor may authorize an appointee to transfer accumulated vacation leave and sick leave hours under the following conditions:

(1) an appointee moving to a position in the executive branch from a position outside the executive branch may be permitted to transfer no more than 275 hours of accumulated unliquidated vacation leave and no more than 900 hours of accumulated unliquidated sick leave; and

(2) an appointee moving to a position outside the executive branch from a position within the executive branch may be permitted to transfer accumulated unliquidated vacation leave and sick leave hours up to the maximum accumulations permitted by the personnel policies governing the new position.

The governor shall notify the commissioner of employee relations of any transfers authorized under this paragraph.

History: *Ex1971 c 32 s 11; 1973 c 5 s 1; 1973 c 254 s 3; 1973 c 349 s 2; 1973 c 582 s 3; 1973 c 596 s 1; 1975 c 156 s 2; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1975 c 321 s 2; 1975 c 359 s 23; 1976 c 134 s 8,78; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1977 c 35 s 1,2,5,9; 1977 c 430 s 6; 1979 c 192 s 1; 1979 c 332 art 2 s 1; 1980 c 516 s 2; 1980 c 534 s 12; 1980 c 607 art 14 s 25; 1980 c 614 s 123; 1980 c 615 s 60; 1981 c 356 s 90; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 4 s 48; 1983 c 299 s 4-7; 1984 c 619 s 12; 1984 c 640 s 32; 1984 c 654 art 2 s 40,41; art 3 s 15; art 5 s 58; 1985 c 11 s 2; 1Sp1985 c 10 s 40,41; 1Sp1985 c 11 s 9,10; 1Sp1985 c 13 s 91,92; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 9 s 2; art 10 s 1; 1Sp1985 c 16 art 2 s 40 subd 1; 1Sp1985 c 17 s 3,4,13; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 1 art 10 s 3; 1987 c 186 s 15; 1987 c 403 art 2 s 1; 1987 c 404 s 72-74; 1988 c 667 s 1,2; 1989 c 334 art 6 s 3; 1989 c 335 art 1 s 58; 1990 c 375 s 3; 1990 c 506 art 2 s 7; 1990 c 571 s 1,2; 1991 c 233 s 38; 1991 c 345 art 2 s 9; 1991 c 356 art 9 s 1; 1993 c 146 art 3 s 6; 1994 c 483 s 1; 1994 c 560 art 2 s 4-6; 1994 c 628 art 1 s 1; art 3 s 4,5*

15A.082 COMPENSATION COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. Creation. A compensation council is created each even-numbered year to assist the legislature in establishing the compensation of constitutional officers, members of the legislature, justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, district court, county court, and county municipal court, and the heads of state and metropolitan agencies included in section 15A.081.

Subd. 2. Membership. The compensation council consists of 16 members: two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; two members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate; one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate; two nonjudges appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court; and one member from each congressional district appointed by the governor, of whom no more than four may belong to the same political party. Appointments must be made by October 1. The compensation and removal of members appointed by the governor or the chief justice shall be as provided in section 15.059, subdivisions 3 and 4. The legislative coordinating commission shall provide the council with administrative and support services.

Subd. 3. Submission of recommendations. (a) By May 1 in each odd-numbered year, the compensation council shall submit to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate salary recommendations for constitutional officers, legislators, justices of the supreme court, and judges of the court of appeals, district court, county court, and county municipal court. The recommended salary for each office must take effect on the first Monday in January of the next odd-numbered year, with no more than one adjustment, to take effect on January 1 of the year after that. The salary recommendations for legislators, judges, and constitutional officers take effect if an appropriation of money to pay the recommended salaries is enacted after the recommendations are submitted and before their effective date. Recommendations may be expressly modified or rejected. The salary recommendations for legislators are subject to additional terms that may be adopted according to section 3.099, subdivisions 1 and 3.

(b) The council shall also submit to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate recommendations for the salary ranges of the heads of state and metropolitan agencies, to be effective retroactively from January 1 of that year if enacted into law. The recommendations shall include the appropriate group in section 15A.081 to which each agency head should be assigned and the appropriate limitation on the maximum range of the salaries of the agency heads in each group, expressed as a percentage of the salary of the governor.

(c) The council shall also submit to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate recommendations for the salaries of members of the metropolitan council.

Subd. 4. Criteria. In making compensation recommendations, the council shall consider the amount of compensation paid in government service and the private sector to persons with similar qualifications, the amount of compensation needed to attract and retain experienced and competent persons, and the ability of the state to pay the recommended compensation. In making recommendations for legislative compensation, the council shall also consider the average length of a legislative session, the amount of work required of legislators during interim periods, and opportunities to earn income from other sources without neglecting legislative duties.

Subd. 4a. Constitutional officers. No constitutional officer whose compensation is set under this section may receive monetary compensation for unused vacation or sick leave accruals.

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1987 c 404 s 191]

Subd. 6. Expiration. Each compensation council shall expire upon submission of the recommendations required by subdivision 3.

History: 1983 c 299 s 8; 1984 c 654 art 2 s 42; 1Sp1985 c 13 s 93,94; 1988 c 686 art 1 s 43; 1991 c 22 s 1; 1991 c 345 art 1 s 51; 1992 c 592 s 4; 1994 c 560 art 2 s 7,8; 1994 c 628 art 1 s 2

15A.083 SALARIES FOR POSITIONS IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1987 c 404 s 191]

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Subd. 2. County court and county municipal judges. If any judge of the county municipal courts, and county courts in the counties of Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Anoka, Scott, St. Louis, Carver, and Dakota or the county or probate court in St. Louis county dies while in office, the amount of the judge's salary remaining unpaid for the month in which death occurs, shall be paid to the estate.

Subd. 3. Salary to be paid by the state. Beginning January 1, 1978, the entire compensation of county, probate and county municipal court judges shall be paid by the state. Beginning on July 1, 1977, the salary increases provided in Laws 1977, chapter 35, section 13, and Laws 1977, chapter 432 for county, probate and county municipal judges shall be paid by the state.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this section to the contrary, an increase in compensation provided a district or supreme court judge in Laws 1977, chapter 432 shall not take effect as to any judge of the district court or any justice of the supreme court who served in the district or supreme court prior to July 1, 1967, until that judge submits an executed agreement to the executive director of the Minnesota state retirement system in accord with section 490.106.

Subd. 4. Ranges for other judicial positions. Salaries or salary ranges are provided for the following positions in the judicial branch of government. The appointing authority of any position for which a salary range has been provided shall fix the individual salary within the prescribed range, considering the qualifications and overall performance of the employee. The supreme court shall set the salary of the state court administrator and the salaries of district court administrators. The salary of the state court administrator or a district court administrator may not exceed the salary of a district court judge. If district court administrators die, the amounts of their unpaid salaries for the months in which their deaths occur must be paid to their estates. The salary of the state public defender must be 95 percent of the salary of the attorney general.

Salary or Range
Effective
July 1, 1994

Board on judicial standards
executive director

\$44,000-60,000

Subd. 4a. [Repealed, 1979 c 332 art 2 s 7]

Subd. 5. Tax court. Salaries of judges of the tax court are the same as the base salary for district judges as set under section 15A.082, subdivision 3.

Subd. 6. Referee salaries. Notwithstanding any other law or ordinance to the contrary, no referee or administrative law judge employed by a court in this state shall receive a salary which is in excess of 90 percent of the salary paid a judge of the employing court.

Subd. 6a. Administrative law judge; maximum salary. The maximum salary of an administrative law judge in the classified service employed by the office of administrative hearings is 90 percent of the salary of district court judges as set under section 15A.082, subdivision 3.

Subd. 7. Workers' compensation court of appeals and compensation judges. Salaries of judges of the workers' compensation court of appeals are the same as the salary for district judges as set under section 15A.082, subdivision 3. Salaries of compensation judges are 75 percent of the salary of district court judges. The chief workers' compensation settlement judge at the department of labor and industry may be paid an annual salary that is up to five percent greater than the salary of workers' compensation settlement judges at the department of labor and industry.

History: *Ex 1971 c 32 s 12; 1973 c 564 s 3; 1973 c 596 s 2; 1973 c 598 s 4; 1974 c 355 s 35; 1975 c 381 s 1; 1976 c 2 s 2; 1976 c 134 s 78; 1977 c 35 s 13; 1977 c 307 s 1,2,9; 1977 c 432 s 46; 1978 c 674 s 4; 1978 c 793 s 40,41; 1979 c 332 art 2 s 2-4; 1980 c 614 s 49; 1981 c 224 s 16; 1981 c 346 s 7; 1983 c 299 s 9-11; 1983 c 301 s 66,236; 1984 c 640 s 32; 1984 c 654 art 2 s 43; 1986 c 444; 1986 c 464 s 1; 1987 c 404 s 75; 1988 c 667 s 3; 1990 c 571 s 3-5; 1992 c 567 art 3 s 1; 1993 c 122 s 1; 1994 c 560 art 2 s 9*

15A.084 [Repealed, 1974 c 511 s 16]

15A.085 [Repealed, 1974 c 511 s 16]

15A.086 LIMITS ON BONUS PAYMENTS.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an employee of the state lottery or of a public corporation or nonprofit corporation created by law may not receive bonus payments in any year that exceed ten percent of the employee's base salary for that year. For purposes of this section, bonus payments include any combination of merit pay, achievement awards, or any other cash payments in addition to base salary, other than severance pay or overtime or holiday pay. Groups covered by this section include, but are not limited to, the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association, the Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Association, the Fair plan, the Joint Underwriters Association, the Minnesota Joint Underwriters Association, the Life and Health Guaranty Association, the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association, the Minnesota State High School League, Minnesota Technology, Inc., Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, Minnesota Project Outreach Corporation, State Fund Mutual Insurance Company, the World Trade Center Corporation, and the State Agricultural Society. This section does not give any entity authority to grant a bonus not otherwise authorized by law.

History: 1993 c 192 s 42

15A.09 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.091 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.10 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.101 [Renumbered 16A.16]

15A.11 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.12 [Renumbered 43.068]

15A.13 OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

The annual salaries prescribed by chapter 15A for positions in the unclassified service of the executive branch of the state government are in addition to other terms and conditions of their employment as now or hereafter prescribed by law or the commissioner of employee relations pursuant to section 43A.18, subdivision 3.

History: 1957 c 936 s 12; Ex1971 c 32 s 17; 1979 c 332 art 1 s 9; 1980 c 617 s 47; 1981 c 210 s 54

15A.14 [Repealed, 1973 c 507 s 47; 1974 c 511 s 16]

15A.15 CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to in any way affect the number of positions as now provided by law and designated in this chapter in the singular nor the appropriations from which the salaries herein prescribed are payable.

History: 1957 c 936 s 14; 1973 c 35 s 4

15A.16 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.17 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.18 APPELLATE COURTS EMPLOYEES.

Within the limits of their appropriations for salaries and subject to the conditions of the appropriations, the appellate courts may employ such technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel as is necessary.

History: (252(2)) 1913 c 400 s 1 cl 2; Ex1919 c 29 s 1; Ex1919 c 30 s 1; 1921 c 504 s 1; 1923 c 377 s 1; 1925 c 268 s 1; 1941 c 548 s 3; 1945 c 507 s 1; 1947 c 427 s 1; 1951 c 455 s 3; 1983 c 247 s 15

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15A.19 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 32 s 33]

15A.20 Subdivision 1. MS 1969 [Repealed, Ex1971 c 3 s 76 subd 3]

Subdivision 1. MS 1971 [Renumbered 43.328, Subdivision 1]

Subd. 2. MS 1971 [Renumbered 43.328, Subd 2]

Subd. 3. MS 1971 [Renumbered 43.328, Subd 3]

Subd. 4. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1974 c 364 s 23]

Subd. 5. MS 1971 [Repealed, 1974 c 364 s 23]

15A.21 [Repealed, 1973 c 720 s 79]

15A.22 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS.

Any employee of the state, its political subdivisions, or a municipality therein who observes a religious holiday on days which do not fall on a Sunday or a legal holiday, shall be entitled to such days off from employment for such observance. Such days off shall be taken off without pay except where the employee has accumulated annual leave, and in that case such days shall be charged against the accumulated annual leave of the employee or unless the employee is able to work an equivalent number of days at some other time during the fiscal year to compensate for the days lost.

History: 1971 c 583 s 1; 1986 c 444