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# Local Finance Notice

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## New Law P.L. 2018, c. 14: Statutory Salary Increases for County Prosecutors and other Constitutional Officers

This Local Finance Notice provides guidance concerning the implementation of [P.L. 2018, c.14](#), which increases the annual salaries of certain County Constitutional Officers.

This law authorizes, in pertinent part, increases in the statutory salary for Superior Court Judges and County Prosecutors. The prior statutory salaries for both positions was set by [P.L. 2007, c.350](#) at \$165,000 as of January 1, 2009. P.L. 2018, c.14 provides for an \$8,000 increase in the annual salary for Superior Court Judges and County Prosecutors in calendar year 2018, with additional \$8,000 increases in annual salary beginning on January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020. In all subsequent years, the statute requires annual salary adjustments pegged to the Consumer Price Index; Such adjustments shall not exceed two percent per annum, or reduce the prior year salary. As [P.L. 2001, c.370](#) sets the minimum salaries of County Sheriffs, Clerks, Surrogates, and Registers of Deeds and Mortgages at 65% of the statutory salary of a Superior Court Judge, the statutory salaries of said positions are correspondingly increased.

The 2018 statutory salary adjustment shall apply prospectively from the law's July 1, 2018 effective date. This law is not retroactive.

Unlike P.L. 2007, c.350, which expressly provided for retroactive implementation of the statutory salary adjustment, P.L. 2018 c. 14 contains no express statutory language authorizing retroactive application. Nor is retroactive application necessary to make the statute workable or to give it the most sensible interpretation. Therefore, in the absence of manifest legislative intent or curative or ameliorative purpose, the law has prospective application.

Consistent with prior years (see [Local Finance Notice 2017-21](#)), the State will reimburse counties for increases required to meet the minimum salaries

set by statute; a new Local Finance Notice will be issued later this year to begin the application process. Please be advised that salaries that were already at or in excess of the now operant statutory salary are not reimbursable. **Similarly, any counties electing to give increases retroactive to January 1, 2018 will not be reimbursed for those increases.**

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Document	Internet Address
P.L. 2018, c.14	<a href="http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/PL18/14_.PDF">http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/PL18/14_.PDF</a>
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P.L. 2001, c.370	<a href="http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2000/Bills/PL01/370_.PDF">http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2000/Bills/PL01/370_.PDF</a>
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