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**STATE AUDITOR ROB SAND ADVISES COUNTIES TO CONSIDER NEW LAW
WHEN SETTING COUNTY ATTORNEY SALARIES**

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Des Moines, IA - State Auditor Rob Sand today issued an advisory to counties following the signing of Senate File 2436. The new law sets the annual salary of each District Court Judge at \$165,959. The salary shall be paid to the persons holding the position during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, effective with the pay period beginning June 21, 2024.

The salary of the County Attorney is governed by the provisions of Chapter 331.752(5). It states that except in counties with a population of more than 200,000, the annual salary of a full-time county attorney must be in an amount between 45-percent and 100-percent of the annual salary of a district court judge.

The new law places the salary range for county attorneys in Iowa between \$74,681.55 and \$165,959, except in the counties of Polk and Linn. Auditor Sand recommends county Boards of Supervisors review the new law and ensure that the salaries of their county attorneys adhere to it. Violations of the new law will be noted in the findings of reports issued by the Auditor of State Office.

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