

December 18, 2008

EMAIL MEMORANDUM

To: All Constitutional Officers and Regional Jail Superintendents  
From: Robyn deSocio, Executive Secretary  
Subject: Overview of Compensation Board Funding Contained in the Governor's Recommended Budget (FY09/FY10)

An overview of budget amendments affecting Constitutional Officers and the Compensation Board contained in the Governor's recommended budget (FY09/10 Biennial Budget) is provided by connecting to the following link on the Compensation Board's website:

<http://www.scb.virginia.gov/docs/budgetbillfy10.pdf>

Please review all information in the linked document. This document contains preliminary information regarding Governor Kaine's proposals.

With respect to the proposed across-the-board reductions, please note that it is not possible to say at this time what the 7 or 10% reductions, as applicable, will amount to in each office specifically. These proposals must be considered and approved by the legislature, and the Compensation Board will need to specifically approve any staff proposed methodology. The Compensation Board has been allocated 7 or 10% reduction levels based upon the appropriations of funds for all constitutional officers, finance directors and regional jails (excluding the salaries of the elected officials). These reduction amounts are as follows, by constitutional officer program statewide:

Sheriffs & Regional Jail Operations:	\$28,881,397
Jail Per Diems:	\$5,584,328
Commonwealth's Attorneys:	\$3,529,849
Circuit Court Clerks:	\$2,749,929
Treasurers:	\$1,059,334 (50% reimbursement level)
Commissioners of the Revenue:	\$1,071,500 (50% reimbursement level)
Directors of Finance:	\$ 620,504 (50% reimbursement level)
Total All Offices:	\$43,496,841

In the coming weeks, Compensation Board staff will need to work with the Board and your Association leadership to determine how best to achieve the 7 or 10% reductions. Given that only minimal percentages of funding are attributed to non-salary funds in all offices, the reductions will invariably affect funding for staff in some way. As an interim measure, officers may wish to review their May 1 approved budget for FY09 (less the salary of the elected officer) as the basis for quantifying the 7 or 10% reduction level that may be applicable to your office.

As we head into the upcoming legislative session, I have no doubt that these issues will receive considerable attention, and the final reduction levels to be determined by the legislature in the first part of March remain to be seen. In the meantime, we will work to address what these cuts may mean to your offices if ultimately approved by the General Assembly in their proposed form

Compensation Board Members and Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.