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§7-7-12. Sharing compensation prohibited.

No county official shall receive or be paid, directly or indirectly, any part of the compensation of any assistant, deputy or employee, or any fee or reward for appointing him or her to his or her position. No member of a county commission shall receive or be paid, directly or indirectly, any part of the compensation of any other county officer named in this article, or of any county assistant, deputy or employee. If any county commissioner or county official violates the provisions of this section, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than $500, or imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year, or both fined and imprisoned. Any county commissioner or county official so convicted shall forfeit his or her office.

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