

N.D.A.G. Letter to Slorby (April 4, 1986)

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Mr. Tom P. Slorby
Ward County State's Attorney
Ward County Courthouse
Minot, ND 58701

Dear Mr. Slorby:

Thank you for your letter of March 19, 1986, inquiring as to the ability of a county to designate county offices as part-time and to reduce their salary accordingly.

N.D.C.C §11-10-10(4) states, in part, as follows:

11-10-10. SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

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4. . . .Any county official performing duties on less than a full-time basis may be paid a reduced salary set by the board of county commissioners.

This statute also states that a salary of a county official shall not be reduced during the official's term of office.

Based upon the clear and unequivocal language of N.D.C.C. §11-10-10(4), the board of county commissioners may designate any county official, including the county treasurer and the county superintendent of schools, as a half-time position with a reduced salary to be effective upon the commencement of a subsequent term.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Spaeth

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