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The compensation of legislative body members is fixed by resolution of the body, although the General Assembly establishes the minimum compensation in certain classes of counties. T.C.A. § 5-5-107. Currently, the legislative body may not set the compensation of its members at less than the following daily amounts in these classes (by population) of counties:

Third class (50,000-150,000)	\$35	Sixth class (5,500-12,000)	\$20
Fourth class (23,300-50,000)	\$30	Seventh class (3,770-5,500)	\$20
Fifth class (12,000-23,300)	\$25	Eighth class (under 3,770)	\$20

These county classes are set by population and are delineated in T.C.A. § 8-24-101. The amount provided above, or a greater amount provided by resolution duly adopted by the legislative body, must be paid to the members for each day's attendance at meetings of the county commission; however, a greater amount may be provided by resolution adopted by the legislative body as a stated salary per month. The compensation fixed by the legislative body for attending authorized committee meetings is one-half the daily compensation paid for attending regular sessions when the compensation is based upon attendance at meetings. T.C.A. § 5-5-107.

In Hamilton County, the legislative body was statutorily required to set the compensation of its members by a two-thirds vote effective July 1, 1999; each year on July 1 the compensation is adjusted to reflect the same percentage increase received by the county mayor for that year. T.C.A. § 5-5-107.

The compensation of the chair and chair pro tempore is fixed by the county legislative body but if on a per diem basis cannot be less than the amount fixed for members. The compensation of the chair pro tempore cannot exceed the compensation of the chair for like services. T.C.A. § 5-5-103(e).

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