To: Honorable D. O. Oxley, Clerk of Circuit Court, Nassau County Courthouse, Fernandina Beach, Florida

Prepared by: Division of Elections

This is in reply to your inquiry requesting a determination of the filing fee and committee assessment for elected property appraisers of the several counties of the State of Florida.

Attorney General Shevin, in AGO 076-146, set forth the method of determining the required fees taking specific account of the special qualification salary for qualified property appraisers.

The AGO 076-146 opines that the amount of the qualifying fees should be calculated on the basis of the maximum salary authorized irrespective of whether the incumbent of the office has yet attained such maximum salary level.

Further, the special qualification salary is to be included as part of the estimate of annual salary with respect to all candidates who would be eligible to receive it if successful in their bid for election. Such $2,000 per annum salary flows to an appraiser upon the certification of said appraiser by the Florida Department of Revenue.

The Department of Administration's estimate of population July 1, 1975, is to be used for the purpose of calculating the qualifying fees.

An example of the formula provided in AGO 076-146, Appendix A, B and C, is as follows, e.g., for Leon County:

Step 1.
Base salary determined under Section 145.10(1), Florida Statutes. Applying DOA's July 1, 1975, estimate of population

Leon County's estimated population 133,204 Group IV
Base Salary (100,000 - 199,000) = 21,000

Step 2.
Population increment under Section 145.10(1), Florida Statutes.

Leon County's estimated population 133,204
Group IV minimum population . 100,000
3. Population increment times group rate
   
   33,204 x .025 = 830.10

Step 4.

Total base salary and population increment

21,000 + 830.10 = 21,830.10

Step 5.

Cost of living adjustment Section 145.18(1), Florida Statutes. Repealed effective July 1, 1976, preserving previously certified adjustments

Chapter 76-80, Laws of Florida

$21,830.10 x 1.211 = 26,436.25110

Step 5A.

Regarding qualified certified property appraisers (Supra)

$26,436.25110

2,000.00

$28,436.25110

Step 6.

Filing fee:

Certified property appraiser candidates

28,436.25110 x .03 = 853.0875

Candidates not qualifying for special qualification salary:

26,436.25110 x .03 = 793.0875

Step 7.

Committee assessment

Certified property appraiser candidates

28,436.25110 x .02 = 568.725

Candidates not qualifying for Section 145.10(2), Florida Statutes, special qualification salary

26,436.25110 x .02 = 528.725

Step 8.
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I trust that this recapitulation proves to be of some assistance.