

**49-19-404 Annual cost-of-living adjustment.**

- (1) The office shall make an annual cost-of-living adjustment to:
  - (a) an original allowance paid under Section 49-19-402 and Part 5, Death Benefit, of this chapter if the benefit has been paid for at least one year;
  - (b) an original payment made to an alternate payee under a domestic relations order, if the payment is to be paid as a percentage of the allowance rather than a specific dollar amount; and
  - (c) the base retirement amount for governors and legislators under Section 49-19-402.
- (2)
  - (a) The original allowance shall be increased by the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index up to a maximum of 4%.
  - (b) Annual increases in the Consumer Price Index in excess of 4% shall be accumulated and used in subsequent adjustments when the increase in the Consumer Price Index is less than 4%.
- (3) The Consumer Price Index used in calculating adjustments shall be a United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index average as determined by the board.
- (4) The cost-of-living adjustment made under this section may not decrease the allowance.

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