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4 **By: Senator Bradford**

# A Bill

ACT 954 OF 1993  
SENATE BILL 559

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-1204 TO RAISE THE  
9 MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM SALARIES FOR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS  
10 IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF COUNTIES; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE  
11 14-14-1205 (a) TO INCREASE PER DIEM FOR QUORUM COURT  
12 MEMBERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "TO INCREASE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM SALARIES OF ELECTED  
15 COUNTY OFFICIALS."

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-14-1204 (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) and (j) are  
21 hereby amended to read as follows:

22 "(c) Judge of the County Court. (1) The annual salary of a county  
23 judge shall be in compensation for his services as the executive and  
24 administrator for the county, as judge of the county court, as judge of the  
25 court of common pleas, where established, as presiding officer of the quorum  
26 court, and for all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas  
27 Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

28 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county judge of a  
29 county shall be as follows:

30	Classification	Salary Per Annum
31	Class 1	not less than \$20,000
32		nor more than \$42,640
33	Class 2	not less than \$21,000
34		nor more than \$44,095
35	Class 3	not less than \$22,000
36		nor more than \$45,550

1	Class 4	not less than \$23,000
2		nor more than \$47,005
3	Class 5	not less than \$24,000
4		nor more than \$48,459
5	Class 6	not less than \$25,000
6		nor more than \$54,278
7	Class 7	not less than \$26,000
8		nor more than \$57,188

9 (d) Sheriff. (1) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation  
10 for services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county  
11 jail, as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crime, as an officer of  
12 the circuit, chancery, or county courts, and as the ex officio county tax  
13 collector and delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is  
14 combined with the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as  
15 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any  
16 county in which the office of sheriff and the office of collector is combined  
17 into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county shall be  
18 one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those  
19 prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this  
20 subsection.

21 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the sheriff of a  
22 county shall be as follows:

23	Classification	Salary Per Annum
24	Class 1	not less than \$20,000
25		nor more than \$42,640
26	Class 2	not less than \$21,000
27		nor more than \$44,095
28	Class 3	not less than \$22,000
29		nor more than \$45,550
30	Class 4	not less than \$23,000
31		nor more than \$47,005
32	Class 5	not less than \$24,000
33		nor more than \$48,459
34	Class 6	not less than \$25,000
35		nor more than \$54,278



1 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in  
2 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

3 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county and  
4 probate clerk of a county shall be as follows:

5	Classification	Salary Per Annum
6	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
7		nor more than \$38,276
8	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
9		nor more than \$39,731
10	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
11		nor more than \$41,186
12	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
13		nor more than \$42,640
14	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
15		nor more than \$44,095
16	Class 6	not less than \$22,000
17		nor more than \$48,459
18	Class 7	not less than \$23,000
19		nor more than \$51,369

20 (g) Circuit Clerk. (1) The annual salary of a circuit clerk and ex  
21 officio recorder shall be in compensation for his services as clerk of the  
22 circuit court, as clerk of the chancery court, and as ex officio recorder, and  
23 for all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by  
24 law, or by county ordinance. In those counties where the office of circuit  
25 clerk and ex officio recorder is combined with the office of county and  
26 probate clerk, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three  
27 hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the  
28 appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

29 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the circuit clerk and  
30 ex officio recorder of a county shall be as follows:

31	Classification	Salary Per Annum
32	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
33		nor more than \$38,276
34	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
35		nor more than \$39,731

1	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
2		nor more than \$41,186
3	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
4		nor more than \$42,640
5	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
6		nor more than \$44,095
7	Class 6	not less than \$22,000
8		nor more than \$48,459
9	Class 7	not less than \$23,000
10		nor more than \$51,369

11 (3) In those counties where the separate office of the clerk of the  
 12 chancery court shall have been created by law, the minimum and maximum  
 13 salaries shall be as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

14 (h) County Assessor. (1) The annual salary of a county assessor  
 15 shall be in compensation for all services performed as county assessor and  
 16 appraiser, and as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county  
 17 ordinance. In any county in which the office of Assessor and Collector is  
 18 combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county  
 19 assessor-collector shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars  
 20 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in  
 21 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

22 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county assessor  
 23 of a county shall be as follows:

24	Classification	Salary Per Annum
25	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
26		nor more than \$38,276
27	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
28		nor more than \$39,731
29	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
30		nor more than \$41,186
31	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
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33	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
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 2 Class 7 not less than \$23,000  
 3 nor more than \$51,369

4 (i) County Treasurer. (1) The annual salary of a county treasurer  
 5 shall be in compensation for all services performed as provided by the  
 6 Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

7 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum for the county treasurer  
 8 of a county shall be as follows:

9	Classification	Salary Per Annum
10	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
11		nor more than \$38,276
12	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
13		nor more than \$39,731
14	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
15		nor more than \$41,186
16	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
17		nor more than \$42,640
18	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
19		nor more than \$44,095
20	Class 6	not less than \$22,000
21		nor more than \$48,459
22	Class 7	not less than \$23,000
23		nor more than \$51,369

24 (j) COUNTY CORONER. (1) The compensation of a county coroner shall be  
 25 for all services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law,  
 26 or by county ordinance.

27 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county  
 28 coroner of a county shall be as follows:

29	Class 1 and 2	not less than \$1,512
30		not more than \$7,731
31	Class 3 and 4	not less than \$2,371
32		not more than \$12,315
33	Class 5 and 6	not less than \$3,231
34		not more than \$30,644
35	Class 7	not less than \$4,089

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 14-14-1205(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) JUSTICES OF THE PEACE SERVING AS MEMBERS OF A QUORUM COURT.

(1) PER DIEM COMPENSATION.

(A) The per diem compensation for justices of the peace attending any official, regular, special, or committee meeting of a quorum court shall be fixed by ordinance in each county.

(B) The per diem compensation of justices during any one (1) calendar year shall be not less than ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) per diem for each regular meeting nor exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in counties having a population of less than two hundred thousand (200,000) and shall not exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) in counties having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more.

(2) PER DIEM COMPENSATION ALLOWED. Per diem compensation is defined as a per calendar day allowance, exclusive of allowable expenses, which shall be paid a justice for attending meetings of the county quorum court. This compensation shall be based on attending meetings of a quorum court during any single calendar day without regard to the duration of the meetings."

SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

1           SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
2 Assembly that the ranges of compensation now provided by law for the various  
3 county officials are inadequate to permit reasonable and equitable  
4 compensation to such officials for their services; that this act is designed  
5 to permit the compensation of such officers to be increased to a fair level  
6 and to enable such officers to cope with the high rate of inflation, and  
7 should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby  
8 declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation  
9 of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from  
10 and after its passage and approval.

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