

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 109 of 2003  
HOUSE BILL 1044

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 14-14-1204 AND  
10 14-14-1205 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM  
11 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY AND QUORUM  
12 COURT OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM  
15 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY AND  
16 QUORUM COURT OFFICIALS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1204 is amended to read as follows:  
23 14-14-1204. Compensation of elected county officers.

24 (a) The quorum court of each county shall fix, by ordinance, the  
25 annual salaries of the following county officers within the minimums and  
26 maximums provided in this section:

- 27 (1) The county judge;
- 28 (2) The sheriff and ex officio collector of taxes;
- 29 (3) The collector of taxes, where established by law;
- 30 (4) The circuit clerk;
- 31 (5) The county clerk, where established by law;
- 32 (6) The assessor;
- 33 (7) The treasurer;
- 34 (8) The coroner; and
- 35 (9) The surveyor.

36 (b) For purposes of determining the salaries of the elected county



1 officers, unless otherwise specifically provided in this section, the  
2 counties shall be classified on the basis of population as determined by the  
3 preceding federal decennial census according to the following  
4 classifications:

5 Classification	Population
6 -----	-----
7 Class 1	0 to 9,999
8 Class 2	10,000 to 19,999
9 Class 3	20,000 to 29,999
10 Class 4	30,000 to 49,999
11 Class 5	50,000 to 69,999
12 Class 6	70,000 to 199,999
13 Class 7	200,000 and above

14 (c)(1) The annual salary of a county judge shall be in compensation  
15 for his or her services as the executive and administrator for the county, as  
16 judge of the county court, as judge of the court of common pleas, where  
17 established, as presiding officer of the quorum court, and for all other  
18 services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by  
19 county ordinance.

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

22 Classification	Salary per Annum
23 -----	-----
24 Class 1	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
25	nor more than <del>\$61,640</del> <u>\$66,640</u>
26 Class 2	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
27	nor more than <del>\$63,095</del> <u>\$68,095</u>
28 Class 3	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
29	nor more than <del>\$64,550</del> <u>\$69,550</u>
30 Class 4	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
31	nor more than <del>\$66,005</del> <u>\$71,005</u>
32 Class 5	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u>
33	nor more than <del>\$67,459</del> <u>\$72,459</u>
34 Class 6	not less than <del>\$29,000</del> <u>\$30,000</u>
35	nor more than <del>\$73,278</del> <u>\$78,278</u>
36 Class 7	not less than <del>\$30,000</del> <u>\$31,000</u>

1 nor more than ~~\$76,188~~ \$81,188

2 (d)(1)(A) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation for  
3 services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county jail,  
4 as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crimes, as an officer of the  
5 circuit court, chancery court, or county court, as the ex officio county tax  
6 collector and delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is  
7 combined with the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as  
8 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

9 (B) In any county in which the offices of sheriff and  
10 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries  
11 of the county shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392)  
12 greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in  
13 subdivision (d)(2) of this section.

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

16 Classification	Salary per Annum
17 -----	-----
18 Class 1	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$61,640</del> <u>\$66,640</u>
20 Class 2	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$63,095</del> <u>\$68,095</u>
22 Class 3	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$64,550</del> <u>\$69,550</u>
24 Class 4	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$66,005</del> <u>\$71,005</u>
26 Class 5	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$67,459</del> <u>\$72,459</u>
28 Class 6	not less than <del>\$29,000</del> <u>\$30,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$73,278</del> <u>\$78,278</u>
30 Class 7	not less than <del>\$30,000</del> <u>\$31,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$76,188</del> <u>\$81,188</u>

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32 (e)(1) In those counties where the office of county tax collector has  
33 been separated from the office of sheriff, the annual salary of a county tax  
34 collector shall be in compensation for services as tax collector and  
35 delinquent tax collector and for all other services performed as provided by  
36 the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

(2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county tax collector in those counties where the office has been separated from the office of sheriff shall be as follows:

Classification	Salary per Annum
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Class 1	not less than <del>\$21,000</del> <u>\$22,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$57,276</del> <u>\$62,276</u>
Class 2	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$58,731</del> <u>\$63,731</u>
Class 3	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$60,186</del> <u>\$65,186</u>
Class 4	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$61,640</del> <u>\$66,640</u>
Class 5	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$63,095</del> <u>\$68,095</u>
Class 6	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$67,459</del> <u>\$72,459</u>
Class 7	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$70,369</del> <u>\$75,369</u>

(f)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county and probate clerk shall be in compensation for his or her services as county clerk, probate clerk, clerk of the county court, clerk of the quorum court, registrar of voters, and for all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

(B) In those counties where the office of county and probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder, the salary shall be as provided in this section.

(C) In those counties where the office of county and probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (f)(2) of this section.

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

Classification	Salary per Annum
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1	Class 1	not less than <del>\$21,000</del>	<u>\$22,000</u>
2		nor more than <del>\$57,276</del>	<u>\$62,276</u>
3	Class 2	not less than <del>\$22,000</del>	<u>\$23,000</u>
4		nor more than <del>\$58,731</del>	<u>\$63,731</u>
5	Class 3	not less than <del>\$23,000</del>	<u>\$24,000</u>
6		nor more than <del>\$60,186</del>	<u>\$65,186</u>
7	Class 4	not less than <del>\$24,000</del>	<u>\$25,000</u>
8		nor more than <del>\$61,640</del>	<u>\$66,640</u>
9	Class 5	not less than <del>\$25,000</del>	<u>\$26,000</u>
10		nor more than <del>\$63,095</del>	<u>\$68,095</u>
11	Class 6	not less than <del>\$26,000</del>	<u>\$27,000</u>
12		nor more than <del>\$67,459</del>	<u>\$72,459</u>
13	Class 7	not less than <del>\$27,000</del>	<u>\$28,000</u>
14		nor more than <del>\$70,369</del>	<u>\$75,369</u>

15 (g)(1)(A) The annual salary of a circuit clerk and ex officio recorder  
16 shall be in compensation for his or her services as clerk of the circuit  
17 court, as clerk of the chancery court, as ex officio recorder, and for all  
18 other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or  
19 by county ordinance.

20 (B) In those counties where the office of circuit clerk  
21 and ex officio recorder is combined with the office of county and probate  
22 clerk, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred  
23 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate  
24 class of county in subdivision (g)(2) of this section.

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

27	Classification	Salary per Annum	
28	-----	-----	
29	Class 1	not less than <del>\$21,000</del>	<u>\$22,000</u>
30		nor more than <del>\$57,276</del>	<u>\$62,276</u>
31	Class 2	not less than <del>\$22,000</del>	<u>\$23,000</u>
32		nor more than <del>\$58,731</del>	<u>\$63,731</u>
33	Class 3	not less than <del>\$23,000</del>	<u>\$24,000</u>
34		nor more than <del>\$60,186</del>	<u>\$65,186</u>
35	Class 4	not less than <del>\$24,000</del>	<u>\$25,000</u>
36		nor more than <del>\$61,640</del>	<u>\$66,640</u>

1	Class 5	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
2		nor more than <del>\$63,095</del> <u>\$68,095</u>
3	Class 6	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
4		nor more than <del>\$67,459</del> <u>\$72,459</u>
5	Class 7	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
6		nor more than <del>\$70,369</del> <u>\$75,369</u>

7 (3) In those counties where the separate office of the clerk of  
8 the chancery court shall have been created by law, the minimum and maximum  
9 salaries shall be as provided in subdivision (g)(2) of this section.

10 (h)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county assessor shall be in  
11 compensation for all services performed as county assessor, appraiser, and as  
12 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

13 (B) In any county in which the offices of assessor and  
14 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries  
15 of the county assessor and collector shall be one thousand three hundred  
16 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate  
17 class of county in subdivision (h)(2) of this section.

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

20	Classification	Salary per Annum
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22	Class 1	not less than <del>\$21,000</del> <u>\$22,000</u>
23		nor more than <del>\$57,276</del> <u>\$62,276</u>
24	Class 2	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u>
25		nor more than <del>\$58,731</del> <u>\$63,731</u>
26	Class 3	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u>
27		nor more than <del>\$60,186</del> <u>\$65,186</u>
28	Class 4	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
29		nor more than <del>\$61,640</del> <u>\$66,640</u>
30	Class 5	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
31		nor more than <del>\$63,095</del> <u>\$68,095</u>
32	Class 6	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
33		nor more than <del>\$67,459</del> <u>\$72,459</u>
34	Class 7	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
35		nor more than <del>\$70,369</del> <u>\$75,369</u>

36 (i)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county treasurer shall be in

1 compensation for all services performed as provided by the Arkansas  
2 Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

3 (B) In any county in which the offices of treasurer and  
4 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries  
5 of the county treasurer and collector shall be one thousand three hundred  
6 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate  
7 class of county in subdivision (i)(2) of this section.

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

10 Classification	Salary per Annum
11 -----	-----
12 Class 1	not less than <del>\$21,000</del> <u>\$22,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$57,276</del> <u>\$62,276</u>
14 Class 2	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$58,731</del> <u>\$63,731</u>
16 Class 3	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$60,186</del> <u>\$65,186</u>
18 Class 4	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$61,640</del> <u>\$66,640</u>
20 Class 5	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$63,095</del> <u>\$68,095</u>
22 Class 6	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$67,459</del> <u>\$72,459</u>
24 Class 7	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
	nor more than <del>\$70,369</del> <u>\$75,369</u>

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

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

31 Classification	Salary per Annum
32 -----	-----
33 Class 1 and 2	not less than <del>\$2,762</del> <u>\$2,861</u>
	nor more than <del>\$12,778</del> <u>\$13,668</u>
35 Class 3 and 4	not less than <del>\$3,692</del> <u>\$3,825</u>
	nor more than <del>\$18,714</del> <u>\$21,000</u>

1 Class 5 and 6 not less than ~~\$4,618~~ \$4,784  
 2 nor more than ~~\$42,424~~ \$45,379  
 3 Class 7 not less than ~~\$5,542~~ \$5,741  
 4 nor more than ~~\$47,978~~ \$51,320

5 (k) Compensation of the county surveyor shall be fixed by the quorum  
 6 court of each county at a rate not to exceed thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) per  
 7 hour.

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 9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1205(a)(1) is amended to read as  
 10 follows:

11 (a)(1)(A) The per diem compensation for justices of the peace  
 12 attending any official, regular, special, or committee meeting of a quorum  
 13 court shall be fixed by ordinance in each county.

14 (B) The per diem compensation of justices shall be not  
 15 less than ~~one hundred ten dollars (\$110)~~ one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115)  
 16 per diem for each regular meeting nor exceed ~~six thousand five hundred forty-~~  
 17 ~~four dollars (\$6,544)~~ seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per calendar year in  
 18 counties having a population of less than seventy thousand (70,000), shall  
 19 not exceed ~~eight thousand thirty five dollars (\$8,035)~~ eight thousand five  
 20 hundred ninety-five dollars (\$8,595) per calendar year in counties having a  
 21 population of at least seventy thousand (70,000) and less than two hundred  
 22 thousand (200,000), and shall not exceed ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~  
 23 eleven thousand four hundred dollars (\$11,400) per calendar year in counties  
 24 having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more.

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 26 /s/ Dangeau

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