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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2096

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5 By: Representative Williams  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING THE SALARIES OF PERSONNEL AND OTHER  
9 REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT COURTS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 REGARDING THE SALARIES OF PERSONNEL AND  
15 OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT  
16 COURTS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(1) and (a)(2), regarding the*  
22 *salary range for the Arkansas County District Court Judges and court clerks,*  
23 *is amended to read as follows:*

24 *(1) The Arkansas County District Court – Northern District Judge shall*  
25 *receive an annual salary of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars*  
26 *(\$35,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the district court*  
27 *clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than thirteen thousand eight*  
28 *hundred thirty-four dollars and ninety-two cents (\$13,834.92) nor more than*  
29 *thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000), and the deputy court clerk shall*  
30 *receive an annual salary of not less than eleven thousand four hundred*  
31 *seventy-five dollars (\$11,475) nor more than twenty-eight thousand dollars*  
32 *(\$28,000). The salaries shall be as determined by the governing body of the*  
33 *City of Stuttgart and the Arkansas County Quorum Court and paid one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )*  
34 *by the city and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by the county;*

35 *(2) The Arkansas County District Court – Southern District Judge shall*  
36 *receive an annual salary of not less than thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000)*



1 nor more than ~~twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars  
 2 (\$50,000), the district court clerk shall receive an annual salary of not  
 3 less than twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) nor more than  
 4 ~~twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500)~~ thirty-four thousand  
 5 dollars (\$34,000), and the deputy clerk shall receive an annual salary of not  
 6 less than ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) nor more than ~~twenty~~  
 7 ~~thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500)~~ twenty-eight thousand dollars  
 8 (\$28,000). The salaries shall be determined by the governing body of the City  
 9 of DeWitt and the Arkansas County Quorum Court and paid ~~equally~~ paid one-half  
 10 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by the city and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by the county;

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 12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(6), regarding the salary range  
 13 for the Bradley County District Court Judge, is amended to read as follows:

14 (6) The Bradley County District Court Judge shall receive an annual  
 15 salary of not less than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) nor more than  
 16 ~~twenty-four thousand dollars~~ thirty-six thousand dollars (\$24,000 \$36,000),  
 17 as established by the Bradley County Quorum Court and approved by the  
 18 governing body of the City of Warren;

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 20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(17), regarding the salary  
 21 range for the Columbia County District Court Judge, is amended to read as  
 22 follows:

23 (17) The Columbia County District Court Judge shall receive an annual  
 24 salary of not less than twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) nor more than  
 25 ~~forty~~ fifty thousand dollars (~~\$40,000~~ \$50,000). Any salaries paid over the  
 26 minimum salaries set in this subdivision (a)(17) shall be paid only upon the  
 27 approval of the governing bodies of the City of Magnolia and Columbia County;

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 29 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(39), regarding the salary  
 30 range for the IZARD County District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended  
 31 to read as follows:

32 (39) The IZARD County District Court Judge shall receive an annual  
 33 salary of not less than ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) nor more  
 34 than thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000), and the district court clerk  
 35 shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~five~~ seven thousand four  
 36 hundred dollars (~~\$5,400~~ \$7,400) nor more than twenty-eight thousand dollars

1 (\$28,000). However, the salaries shall be subject to the approval of the  
2 Melbourne City Council and the Izard County Quorum Court;

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4 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(40), regarding the salary  
5 range for the Jackson County District Court Judge, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 (40) The Jackson County District Court Judge shall receive an annual  
8 salary of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) nor more than  
9 ~~forty five thousand dollars~~ fifty-five thousand dollars (~~\$45,000~~ \$55,000).  
10 The salary of the district court judge shall be paid one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by the City  
11 of Newport and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by Jackson County;

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13 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(42), regarding the salary  
14 range for the Jasper District Court Judge and district court clerk, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (42) The Jasper District Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of  
17 not less than ~~fifteen~~ sixteen thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars (~~\$15,500~~ \$16,000)  
18 nor more than twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$22,000~~ \$22,500), and  
19 the clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~twelve thousand~~  
20 ~~five hundred~~ thirteen thousand dollars (~~\$12,500~~ \$13,000) nor more than  
21 ~~seventeen thousand five hundred~~ eighteen thousand dollars (~~\$17,500~~ \$18,000).  
22 All salaries and all other expenses of the office shall be paid one hundred  
23 percent (100%) by the county;

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25 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(46), regarding the salary  
26 ranges for the Lawrence County District Court Judges, are amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 (46)(A) The Lawrence County District Court – Hoxie Department Judge  
29 shall receive an annual salary of not less than thirteen thousand ~~five~~  
30 ~~hundred~~ seven hundred forty dollars (~~\$13,500~~ \$13,740) nor more than twenty  
31 thousand dollars (\$20,000), to be paid by the City of Hoxie and approved by  
32 its governing body.

33 (B) The Lawrence County District Court – Walnut Ridge Department  
34 Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~fifty~~ fifty-one  
35 thousand dollars (~~\$50,000~~ \$51,000) nor more than sixty thousand dollars  
36 (\$60,000), one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the salary to be paid by the City of Walnut Ridge

1 and the other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) shall be paid by Lawrence County;

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3 *SECTION 8.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(54), regarding the salary  
4 range for the Lonoke County District Court – Northern District Ward  
5 Department Judge, is amended to read as follows:

6 (54) The Lonoke County District Court – Northern District Ward  
7 Department Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~three~~  
8 ~~thousand six hundred~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (~~\$3,600~~ \$25,000) nor more  
9 than ~~fifteen thousand~~ fifty thousand dollars (~~\$15,000~~ \$50,000), as may be  
10 determined by the governing body of the City of Ward;

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12 *SECTION 9.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(57), regarding the salary  
13 range for the Lonoke County District Court – Southern District Lonoke  
14 Department Judge, is amended to read as follows:

15 (57) The Lonoke County District Court – Southern District Lonoke  
16 Department Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than five  
17 thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than ~~twenty~~ twenty-five thousand dollars  
18 (~~\$20,000~~ \$25,000), as may be determined by the governing body of the City of  
19 Lonoke;

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21 *SECTION 10.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(61), regarding the salary  
22 range for the Maumelle District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (61) The Maumelle District Court Judge shall receive an annual salary  
25 of not less than twenty thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$20,350) nor  
26 more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). The district court clerk shall  
27 receive an annual salary of not less than seventeen thousand five hundred  
28 dollars (\$17,500) nor more than ~~forty~~ fifty thousand dollars (~~\$40,000~~  
29 \$50,000). The salary of both the judge and the clerk shall be as determined  
30 by the City of Maumelle Board of Directors;

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32 *SECTION 11.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(70), regarding the salary  
33 ranges for the Phillips County District Court Judges, are amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 (70) The Phillips County District Court Judges, Departments 1 and 2,  
36 shall receive annual salaries of not less than ~~thirty~~ thirty-five thousand

1 dollars (~~\$30,000~~ \$35,000) nor more than fifty-five thousand dollars  
2 (\$55,000). The salaries shall be determined by the governing body of the  
3 City of Helena-West Helena and the Phillips County Quorum Court, with the  
4 City of Helena-West Helena paying sixty percent (60%) of the salaries and  
5 Phillips County paying forty percent (40%) of the salaries. Subject to the  
6 annual salary cap of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000), the salaries may  
7 be increased, but any increase in the base salaries shall be borne entirely  
8 *by the governing body or bodies that approved the increase;*

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10 *SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(72), regarding the salary*  
11 *ranges for the Poinsett County District Court Judge and the court clerk, are*  
12 *amended to read as follows:*

13 *(72) The Poinsett County District Court shall consist of five (5)*  
14 *departments located in Harrisburg, Lepanto, Marked Tree, Trumann, and*  
15 *Tyronza. All five (5) departments ~~are to~~ shall be served by one (1) judge.*  
16 *The ~~salaries~~ salary of the court clerk of each department will be as*  
17 *determined by the Poinsett County Quorum Court ~~by~~ and the governing body of*  
18 *each municipality where the department is located. The ~~salaries~~ salary of*  
19 *each court clerk shall be payable one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by Poinsett County and one-*  
20 *half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by the ~~municipalities~~ municipality. ~~The municipalities~~ Each*  
21 *municipality shall receive from the county each month the county's share of*  
22 *the ~~clerks'~~ clerk's salaries. ~~The county shall also pay one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the~~*  
23 *~~expenses of all departments of the court;~~*

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25 *SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(84), regarding the salary*  
26 *range for the Searcy County District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended*  
27 *to read as follows:*

28 *(84) The Searcy County District Court Judge shall receive an annual*  
29 *salary of not less than twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$22,000~~*  
30 *\$22,500) nor more than ~~thirty-two~~ thirty-three thousand ~~five hundred~~*  
31 *(~~\$32,500~~ \$33,000), and the clerk of the court shall receive an annual salary*  
32 *of not less than eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) nor more*  
33 *than twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000), as determined by the Searcy*  
34 *County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Marshall by*  
35 *ordinances or resolutions adopted by the respective bodies. The salary of the*  
36 *judge shall be determined by ordinances or resolutions of the quorum court*

1 and the governing body of the city within the minimum and maximum prescribed  
2 in this subdivision (a)(84). All salaries shall be paid fifty percent (50%)  
3 by Searcy County and fifty percent (50%) by the City of Marshall. The  
4 salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments. The Searcy County  
5 District Court Judge shall be of good moral character, shall be a resident  
6 and elector of the city, county, and the state, and shall possess the  
7 qualifications required by law of circuit judges;

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9 *SECTION 14.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(89), regarding the salary  
10 range for the Sherwood District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (89) The Sherwood District Court Judge shall receive an annual salary  
13 of not less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) nor more than ~~eighty-five~~  
14 ninety-five thousand dollars (~~\$85,000~~ \$95,000), and the district court clerk  
15 shall receive an annual salary of not less than fifty thousand dollars  
16 (\$50,000) nor more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). The salaries  
17 are to be determined by the governing body of the City of Sherwood;

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19 *SECTION 15.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(95), regarding the salary  
20 range for the White County District Court – Beebe Department Judge and court  
21 clerk, is amended to read as follows:

22 (95) The White County District Court – Beebe Department Judge shall  
23 receive an annual salary of not less than twenty-five thousand eight hundred  
24 dollars (\$25,800) nor more than ~~thirty~~ forty thousand nine hundred ninety  
25 dollars (~~\$30,990~~ \$40,990). The district court clerk shall receive an annual  
26 salary of not less than twenty-five thousand two hundred ten dollars  
27 (\$25,210) nor more than ~~thirty~~ forty thousand nine hundred ninety dollars  
28 (~~\$30,990~~ \$40,990);

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30 *SECTION 16.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(96), regarding the salary  
31 range for the White County District Court – Searcy Department Judge, is  
32 amended to read as follows:

33 (96) The White County District Court – Searcy Department Judge shall  
34 receive an annual salary of not less than sixty-seven thousand one hundred  
35 dollars (\$67,100) nor more than ~~seventy-one~~ eighty-one thousand one hundred  
36 dollars (~~\$71,100~~ \$81,100);

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*SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108 is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:*

*(c) The local salary supplement paid to a district judge under § 16-17-115(c) shall not be used when calculating the salary established in this section.*

*SECTION 18. The effective date of Section 18 of this act is January 1, 2012.*

*/s/Williams*

**APPROVED: 04/04/2011**