

As Engrossed: 2/14/91

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Thurman**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1421

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-20-102(a) TO ALLOW A
9 QUORUM COURT TO USE THE COURT COST LEVIED FOR THE DEFENSE
10 OF INDIGENTS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL
11 COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS
12 INCARCERATED IN THE COUNTY JAIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

13

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

15

16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-20-102(a) is amended to read as follows:

17 "(a) The quorum court of any county included within the judicial
18 districts of the State of Arkansas, by appropriate county legislation, may
19 provide for the creation of a fund to be used for the purpose of paying
20 reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the defense of indigent persons
21 accused of criminal offenses and in the defense of indigent persons against
22 whom involuntary commitment procedures for insanity or alcoholism have been
23 brought, and for representation in civil and criminal matters of persons
24 deemed incompetent by the court due to minority or mental incapacity, which
25 have been brought in any circuit courts, chancery courts, probate courts, or
26 municipal courts within the county, including, but not limited to,
27 investigative expenses, expert witness fees, and legal fees. The quorum court
28 may also provide for the use of the funds for the purpose of defraying the
29 cost of the *Juvenile Division of Chancery Court*. *The quorum court may use any*
30 *excess funds, not required for any other purpose under this subsection, for*
31 *defraying medical and dental costs incurred by the county for indigent*
32 *defendants incarcerated in the county jail.*

33

34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

2

3 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 Act are declared to be severable.

8

9 SECTION 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

11

/s/J. R. Thurman

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32