

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Bradford**

# A Bill

SENATE BILL

## 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

1		nor more than \$45,550
2	Class 4	not less than \$23,000
3		nor more than \$47,005
4	Class 5	not less than \$24,000
5		nor more than \$48,459
6	Class 6	not less than \$25,000
7		nor more than \$54,278
8	Class 7	not less than \$26,000
9		nor more than \$57,188

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

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

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



1 and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars  
2 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in  
3 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

1		nor more than \$39,731
2	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
3		nor more than \$41,186
4	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
5		nor more than \$42,640
6	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
7		nor more than \$44,095
8	Class 6	not less than \$22,000
9		nor more than \$48,459
10	Class 7	not less than \$23,000
11		nor more than \$51,369

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

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

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

25	Classification	Salary Per Annum
26	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
27		nor more than \$38,276
28	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
29		nor more than \$39,731
30	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
31		nor more than \$41,186
32	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
33		nor more than \$42,640
34	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
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1                   Class 6                                   not less than \$22,000  
 2   nor more than \$48,459  
 3                   Class 7                                   not less than \$23,000  
 4   nor more than \$51,369

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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