

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT PERSONNEL OF THE VARIOUS MUNICIPAL COURTS OF THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Arkadelphia/Clark County Municipal Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,500 nor more than \$30,500. The Arkadelphia/Clark County Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$12,000, such salaries to be established annually by the Clark County Quorum Court. Upon approval by the Clark County Quorum Court, the Arkadelphia/Clark County Municipal Judge may appoint one deputy municipal clerk to receive such salary as established by the Clark County Quorum Court.

(2) The Ashdown Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,000 nor more than \$30,000 as determined by the governing body of the City of Ashdown and the Quorum Court of Little River County. Such salary shall be paid 62% by Little River County and 38% by the City of Ashdown unless otherwise agreed by the Quorum Court of Little River County and the governing body of the City of Ashdown.

(3) The Ash Flat Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000 nor more than \$12,000, and the Ash Flat Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,800, nor more than \$8,000, as determined by the Quorum Court of Sharp County, and to be paid by Sharp County.

(4) The Augusta Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$ 7,500), the city and the county to share the cost equally.

(5) The Batesville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$16,000, nor more than \$18,000, as determined by the governing body of Batesville and the Quorum Court of Independence County.

(6) The Beebe Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$8,000, nor more than \$12,000.

(7) The Benton Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,305.60, nor more than \$30,000 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$14,000, nor more than \$20,000. Such salaries shall be as determined by the governing body of the City of Benton and the Saline County Quorum Court.

(8) The Benton County Municipal Court-West Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,000, and not more than \$17,000 as determined by the Benton County Quorum Court and the governing bodies of the cities of Gentry and Decatur. One-half of such salary is to be paid by Benton County, one-fourth of the salary is to be paid by Decatur and one-fourth of the salary is to be paid by Gentry.

(9) The Bentonville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$15,900, nor more than \$25,900, as determined by the City Council of Bentonville. The Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$15,000, nor more than \$17,000, as determined by the City Council of Bentonville. The Deputy Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not to exceed \$14,000, as determined by the City Council of Bentonville. The two Clerks of the Bentonville Municipal Court shall each receive annual salaries of not less than \$4,800, nor more than \$9,000, as may be approved by the Benton

County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Bentonville.

(10) The Berryville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$15,000, and not more than \$24,000.

(11) The Biscoe Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$3,900, nor more than \$13,900.

(12) The Blytheville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$16,000, nor more than \$20,000, as may be approved by the Mississippi County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Blytheville.

(13) The Booneville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$25,000, as may be determined by the City Council of the City of Booneville and the Quorum Court of Logan County and shall be payable one-half by the City of Booneville and one-half by Logan County and shall be paid in twelve equal monthly installments.

(14) The Brinkley Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,200, nor more than \$12,000, and the Brinkley Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,488, and not more than \$12,000.

(15) The Bryant Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$14,128 nor more than \$24,200.

(16) The Cabot Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$9,600 nor more than \$20,000 as may be determined by the governing body of the City of Cabot.

(17) The Camden Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$20,000, nor more than \$30,000 to be paid equally by the City of Camden and Ouachita County.

(18) The Carlisle Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,500, nor more than \$14,500.

(19) The Clarendon Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,800, and the Clarendon Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$8,988.

(20) The Clarksville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$15,000, nor more than \$20,000. Such salary shall be determined by the governing body of the City of Clarksville and the Johnson County Quorum Court with the City of Clarksville paying forty percent (40%) of the amount and Johnson County paying sixty percent (60%) of the amount.

(21) The Clinton Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000 nor more than \$24,000 and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$12,000 and the Deputy Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$2,000, nor more than \$4,500.

(22) The Conway Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,000, nor more than \$30,000.

(23) The Judge of the Municipal Court of Corning, Piggott, and Rector shall receive an annual salary not less than \$15,000, nor more than \$25,000, to be paid, as well as other current benefits, in equal monthly installments by Clay County, fifty percent (50%) of the amount shall be reimbursed by the cities of Corning, Piggott and Rector at 18%, 18%, and 13%, respectively, to the County Treasury. The Clerks of the respective Municipal Courts shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,500 and not to exceed \$6,000, one-half of such salary to be paid by Clay County and the other one-half to be paid by the respective cities.

(24) The Judge of the Municipal Court of Craighead County shall receive as compensation for services an annual salary of not less than \$24,000, nor more than \$36,000, to be payable in equal monthly installments. The amount of said salary shall be appropriated by ordinance adopted by the Quorum Court of Craighead County. The amount of said salary and necessary expenses

appropriated for said court shall be apportioned among, and paid to the county from the respective cities of the first and second class, incorporated towns and the government of Craighead County a prorated amount based on the number of cases filed from each of such towns, cities and county during the preceding calendar year. Apportionment of the costs of said court shall be by order of the Municipal Court upon certification of the cases filed by the Clerk of the Municipal Court of Craighead County.

The Judge of the Municipal Court of Craighead County shall maintain dockets and hold court, as deemed necessary, in each of the county seats of Craighead County, and may establish dockets and hold court in such other cities and towns in Craighead County as deemed necessary by ordinance adopted by the Quorum Court of Craighead County. All cases on the docket of the Municipal Court of Jonesboro or the Lake City branch of the Municipal Court on the effective date of this Act shall continue to be on the docket and shall be heard by the Municipal Court of Craighead County.

(25) The Crossett Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,800 nor more than \$24,000, and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,000 nor more than \$13,000.

(26) The Dewitt Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$8,104, nor more than \$18,104 and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,511.96, nor more than \$17,511.96 and the Deputy Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$5,477, nor more than \$15,477. Such salaries shall be determined by the governing body of the City of Dewitt and the Arkansas County Quorum Court and paid equally by the city and the county.

(27) The DeQueen Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of at least \$11,000 and not more than \$21,000, which shall be paid one-half by the City and one-half by the County. Any salary exceeding \$11,000 must be approved by the City Council and Quorum Court. The DeQueen Municipal Court Clerk shall receive such salary as may be approved by the governing body of the City of DeQueen and the Quorum Court of Sevier County, provided that said salary shall be no less than \$9,740 and no more than \$19,740 per year.

Beginning January 1, 1988, the DeQueen Municipal Judge shall receive an annual salary of \$21,000. The DeQueen Municipal Court Clerk shall have an annual salary of \$14,000, unless provided for otherwise by ordinance of the Sevier County Quorum Court and the governing body of the city of DeQueen.

(28) The De Valls Bluff Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$3,600, nor more than \$13,600.

(29) The Dermott Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$16,000, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,500, nor more than \$10,000.

Beginning July 1, 1987, the Dermott Municipal Court Judge, shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$16,000, nor more than \$20,000 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,000, nor more than \$16,000, provided, however, that the Court Clerk's position shall, beginning July 1, 1987, be a full-time position.

(30) The Dumas Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$14,000, nor more than \$20,000. Such salary shall be paid one-half by the Desha County Quorum Court and one-half by the city of Dumas and shall be determined by the Desha County Quorum Court and the governing body of the city of Dumas. The Municipal Court Clerk shall be employed and paid by the city of Dumas at such salary the governing body shall determine.

(31) If a Municipal Court is established in Eudora, the Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$16,000, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,500 nor more than \$10,000, with such salaries to be established by agreement between the governing body of Eudora and the County Court, and such salaries shall

not be retroactive; provided, in lieu of the establishment of a Municipal Court in Eudora, the governing body of the City of Eudora and the governing body of the City of Lake Village are hereby authorized to enter into agreements whereby the Municipal Court of Lake Village will hear and determine all matters which would otherwise be heard by the Mayor's Court of Eudora or a Municipal Court if established in Eudora. Such agreement may include the contribution to be made by the City of Eudora to the salary of the Judge of the Lake Village Municipal Court and to other operating costs of the court the day or days on which the Lake Village Municipal Court will hear matters which would otherwise have been heard by the Eudora Mayor's Court or by the Municipal Court of Eudora if such were established, and such other matters as the governing body of Lake Village and the governing body of Eudora shall determine. Provided further, that all fines, penalties, forfeitures, fees and costs assessed in the Lake Village Municipal Court and arising out of the violation of city ordinances of Eudora or of State laws if committed within the corporate limits of Eudora shall, after deducting fees due to the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney be paid over to the City of Eudora. If the City of Eudora and the City of Lake Village enter into an agreement as authorized in this Act, the Mayor's Court of Eudora shall cease to exist during the term of such agreement.

Beginning July 1, 1987, and in the event a Municipal Court is established in the City of Eudora, the Judge of the Eudora Municipal Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$16,000, nor more than \$20,000 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,000, nor more than \$16,000.

(32) The Eureka Springs Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$15,000, nor more than \$24,000.

(33) The Fayetteville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$30,000, nor more than \$50,000. The annual salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas, may be increased in such amounts as may be agreed by the Quorum Court of Washington County and the governing body of the City of Fayetteville, by ordinances or resolutions adopted by their respective bodies.

(34) The Fordyce Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$8,000 nor more than \$12,000, and the Clerk of said Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$5,000, nor more than \$7,000, as may be determined by the Fordyce City Council and the Dallas County Quorum Court, and said salaries shall be paid by the City of Fordyce and Dallas County in equal monthly installments.

(35) The Forrest City Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$24,000, nor more than \$30,000, as may be set by the quorum court of St. Francis County and the governing body of Forrest City.

(36) The Fort Smith Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$38,640, nor more than \$48,640 and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,500, nor more than \$22,500.

(37) The Greenwood District Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$22,000, nor more than \$32,000 to be set by the Quorum Court of Sebastian County, and the salaries of the court clerk and the clerk's deputies shall be set by the Quorum Court of Sebastian County. The salaries shall be paid 90% by Sebastian County, and 10% by the City of Greenwood. In order to defray the expenses of operating the Greenwood District Municipal Court, 90% of the Sebastian County net fines, 10% of the City of Greenwood net fines, and 15% of all other cities' net fines processed by the Greenwood District Municipal Court may/shall be deposited in a bank account entitled "Greenwood District Municipal Court Operating Fund" to be

administered by the Greenwood District Municipal Judge pursuant to a budget approved as follows: the Municipal Judge shall submit a proposed annual budget to a committee composed of the members of the Quorum Court that represents the Greenwood District of Sebastian County. The committee shall approve the judge's budget or formulate a reasonable budget which shall be approved by the Quorum Court of Sebastian County unless found by a majority of the Quorum Court to be clearly excessive. If funds provided from the fines as set out above become insufficient, or excessive, the committee shall adjust the percentage of fines on a pro rata basis to increase or decrease the funds necessary to operate the court pursuant to the budget established above. The Judge of the Greenwood District Municipal Court shall be bonded in accordance with Arkansas Statutes Section 13-412.

(38) The Hamburg Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,800 nor more than \$24,000, and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,000 nor more than \$13,000.

(39) Hampton-Calhoun County. The Judge of the Hampton Municipal Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$9,000, and the Clerk of said Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$9,000, as may be determined by the Hampton City Council and the Calhoun County Quorum Court, and such salaries shall be paid by the City of Hampton and Calhoun County in equal monthly installments.

(40) The Harrisburg Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,200, nor more than \$15,000.

(41) The Harrison Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$25,000, nor more than \$40,000.

(42) The Hazen Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,400, nor more than \$16,400.

(43) The Heber Springs Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,400, nor more than \$15,000. Such salary shall be set by and the payment thereof shall be apportioned between the county and the city by agreement of the Cleburne County Quorum Court and the governing body of the city of Heber Springs.

(44) The Helena Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,400, nor more than \$27,400. Such salary shall be determined by the governing body of Helena and the Phillips County Quorum Court with each responsible for paying one-half of the salary.

(45) The Hope Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$20,200, nor more than \$30,200, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$11,300, nor more than \$21,300. The amount of such salaries shall be determined by agreement between the governing body of the city of Hope and the Quorum Court of Hempstead County.

(46) The Hot Springs Municipal Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$43,000, nor more than \$53,000.

(47) The Huntsville Municipal Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,800, nor more than \$14,800.

(48) The Jacksonville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$36,400, nor more than \$40,000, and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$16,018, nor more than \$19,651.

(49) The Jasper Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$10,500.

(50) If a Municipal Court is established in Lake Village, the Judge of such Municipal Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$16,000, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,500, nor more than \$10,000. The amount of such salaries shall be determined by agreement between the City of Lake Village and the

County Court.

Beginning July 1, 1987 the Lake Village Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$16,000, nor more than \$20,000 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,000, nor more than \$16,000. If authorized by the governing body of the city of Lake Village and the Chicot County Quorum Court, the Judge shall be authorized to employ a Deputy Court Clerk, full or part-time, at an annual salary of not less than \$5,000, nor more than \$9,000.

(51) The Judge of the Lafayette County Municipal Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$11,550.59, nor more than \$22,500 and the city of Lewisville shall pay at least \$3,100.27 but not more than \$6,075 of said salary and Lafayette County shall pay at least \$8,450.32 but not more than \$16,425 of said salary. The Clerk of the Lafayette County Municipal Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,685.16, nor more than \$14,500 and the city of Lewisville shall pay at least \$2,844.81, but not more than \$3,915 of said salary and Lafayette County shall pay at least \$7,840.35 but not more than \$10,585 of said salary.

(52) The Little Rock Municipal Court Judges, First and Second Division, shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$61,000, nor more than \$71,000.

(53) The Lonoke Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,200, nor more than \$16,000 as may be determined by the governing body of the city of Lonoke.

(53A) The Malvern Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,500 nor more than \$21,000 as prescribed by the governing body of the City of Malvern and the Quorum Court of Hot Spring County, and provided, further, that the first \$14,500 shall be paid fifty percent (50%) by the city and fifty percent (50%) by the county, and that portion of the annual salary in excess of \$14,500 shall be paid by the city and county in the same proportion that the city and county shared in the revenues generated by the court in the previous year. Furthermore, the judge of the Malvern Municipal Court shall be entitled to an additional deputy municipal court clerk whose salary shall be determined by the governing body of the City of Malvern and the Quorum Court of Hot Spring County, and such salary shall be paid by the city and county in the same proportion as the city and county shared in the revenues generated by the court in the previous year.

(54) The McCrory Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of thirty-nine hundred dollars (\$3,900).

(55) The McGehee Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$14,000, nor more than \$20,000. Such salary shall be paid one-half by the Desha County Quorum Court and one-half by the city of McGehee and shall be determined by the Desha County Quorum Court and the governing body of the city of McGehee. The Municipal Court Clerk shall be employed and paid by the city of McGehee at such salary the governing body shall determine.

(56) The Magnolia Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,500, nor more than \$30,000. Said salary shall be set by agreement between the Columbia County Quorum Court and the City Council of Magnolia.

(57) The Marianna Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,420, nor more than \$22,420. The city of Marianna shall pay at least \$6,120 but not more than \$11,120 of said salary and Lee County shall pay at least \$6,300 but not more than \$11,300 of said salary.

(58) The Marion County Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,100, nor more than \$15,000.

(59) The Marked Tree Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual

salary of not less than \$7,200, nor more than \$15,000.

(60) The Marshall-Searcy County Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,500, nor more than \$20,500, and the Clerk of said Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$3,000, nor more than \$7,500, as may be determined by the Quorum Court of Searcy County and the governing body of the City of Marshall by ordinances or resolutions adopted by the respective bodies.

Provided, for the calendar years 1985 and 1986, the Judge of said Court shall receive an annual salary of \$11,520. Thereafter, the salary of the Judge of said Court shall be determined by ordinances or resolutions of the Quorum Court and the governing body of the City, within the minimum and maximum prescribed above.

All such salaries shall be paid fifty percent (50%) by Searcy County and fifty percent (50%) 50% by the City of Marshall, and such salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments. The Marshall-Searcy County Municipal Judge shall be of good moral character, a resident an elector of said City, County, and the State, and shall possess the qualifications required by law of Circuit and Chancery Judges.

(61) The Maumelle Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$24,000 and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,650, nor more than \$14,800. Such salary shall be as determined by the Board of Directors of the City of Maumelle.

(62) The Melbourne Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$3,600, nor more than \$10,000, and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$2,400, nor more than \$4,800, provided that said salaries shall be subject to the approval of the Melbourne City Council and the IZARD County Quorum Court.

(63) The Mena Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,500, nor more than \$20,000, to be paid in equal monthly installments with 58% to be paid by Polk County, and 42% to be paid by the City of Mena.

(64) The Monticello Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$11,500, nor more than \$20,000. The salary shall be paid one-half by the City of Monticello and one-half by Drew County in such amount as may be agreed to by the Drew County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Monticello.

(65) The Morrilton Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$14,400, nor more than \$24,400, provided that said salary may be increased by such amount as may be agreed to by the Conway County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Morrilton, by ordinances adopted by their respective bodies.

(66) The Mountain Home Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$19,000, and not more than \$37,000, and the Mountain Home Municipal Court Clerk shall receive such compensation as may be provided by the City of Mountain Home and the Quorum Court of Baxter County.

(67) The Mountain View Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$10,000, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$3,600, and not more than \$6,000, provided that said salaries shall be subject to the approval of the Mountain View City Council and the Stone County Quorum Court.

(68) The Mt. Ida Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$16,000, to be paid in equal monthly installments. Montgomery County shall pay at least \$5,000 but not more than \$10,000 of such salary and the city of Mt. Ida shall pay at least \$1,000 but not more than \$6,000 of such salary.

(69) The Murfreesboro Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual

salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$15,000, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$3,000, nor more than \$7,500. Seventy-five percent (75%) of such salaries shall be paid by Pike County, and twenty-five percent (25%) thereof shall be paid by the City of Murfreesboro.

(70) The Nashville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of at least \$11,000 and not more than \$21,000, which shall be paid one-half by the City and one-half by the County. Any salary exceeding \$11,000 must be approved by the City Council and the Quorum Court. The Nashville Municipal Court Clerk shall receive such salary as may be approved by the governing body of the City of Nashville and the Quorum Court of Howard County, provided that said salary shall be no less than \$7,200 per year. Beginning January 1, 1988, the Nashville Municipal Judge shall have an annual salary of \$21,000. The Nashville Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of \$12,000 unless provided for otherwise by ordinance of the Howard County Quorum Court and the governing body of the city of Nashville. Such salary to be paid one-half by the city of Nashville and one-half by Howard County.

(71) The Newport Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$20,000, nor more than \$25,000. The salary of the Municipal Judge shall be paid one-half by the City of Newport and one-half by Jackson County.

(72) The North Little Rock Municipal Court Judges shall receive annual salaries of not less than \$38,000, nor more than \$42,500, as may be prescribed by the governing body of North Little Rock. The Judges of the North Little Rock Municipal Court are each authorized to employ a Chief Clerk, whose salary shall be at least \$21,000 but not more than \$22,500, a Deputy Clerk, whose salary shall be at least \$18,500, but not more than \$19,500, and a Clerk, whose salary shall be at least \$15,000, but not more than \$16,500.

(73) The Osceola Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$13,500, nor more than \$17,000, as may be approved by the Quorum Court of Mississippi County and the governing body of Osceola.

(74) The Paragould Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$19,000 nor more than \$35,000; the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,000 nor more than \$18,000; and the Deputy Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,000 nor more than \$14,000. Said salaries shall be determined by the Greene County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Paragould and shall be paid in twelve equal monthly installments.

(75) The Paris Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$25,000, as may be determined by the City Council of the City of Paris and the Quorum Court of Logan County, and shall be payable one-half by the City of Paris, and one-half by Logan County, and shall be paid in twelve equal monthly installments.

(76) The Pine Bluff Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$40,000, nor more than \$48,000, as may be approved by the Jefferson County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Pine Bluff. Said Judge shall not engage in the private practice of law. The Clerk of said Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$20,000, nor more than \$25,000 as may be approved by the Jefferson County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Pine Bluff.

(77) The Pocahontas Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,497, nor more than \$17,497 and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$4,819.47, nor more than \$14,819.47.

(78) The Prairie Grove Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$20,000 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$5,000, nor more than \$15,000.

(79) The annual salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Prescott,

Nevada County, Arkansas, shall not be less than \$10,000, nor more than \$16,000, and the annual salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas, shall be not less than \$7,200, nor more than \$10,000. The salaries for the Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Court Clerk shall be established within these ranges by the Nevada County Quorum Court and the City of Prescott City Council, and such salaries shall be paid 60% by Nevada County and 40% by the City of Prescott. Such salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

(80) The Pulaski County Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$42,000, nor more than \$52,000 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$18,000, nor more than \$22,000.

(81) The Rison Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$9,000, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$9,000 as may be determined by the City Council of Rison and the Quorum Court of Cleveland County.

(82) The Rogers Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$21,313, nor more than \$31,313.

(83) The Russellville Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$21,000, nor more than \$26,000 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$15,000, nor more than \$17,500 and the Deputy Clerk of the Court shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$12,000.

(83A) The Salem Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,500, nor more than \$20,000.

(84) The Searcy Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$22,000, nor more than \$32,000.

(85) The Sheridan Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$8,600, nor more than \$20,000 as approved by the Quorum Court to be paid as follows: \$3,960, by the City of Sheridan and the balance by Grant County. The Sheridan Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$9,000 or more than \$15,000 as approved by the Quorum Court. The Municipal Clerk salary shall be paid as follows: \$3,399.12 to be paid by each the City of Sheridan and Grant County and the balance of the salary of the Clerk as approved by the Quorum Court shall be paid from a court cost of \$2.00 to be levied to each fine assessed by the Sheridan Municipal Court. Said court cost shall be deposited in the County General Fund. There shall also be levied a court cost to each fine assessed of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$10.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the deputy prosecuting attorney for Grant County. Said cost shall be deposited in the County General Fund.

(86) The Sherwood Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$29,900, nor more than \$35,500 and the Municipal Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$20,000, nor more than \$26,000. Said salaries to be determined by the governing body of the City of Sherwood.

(87) The Siloam Springs Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$18,000, nor more than \$28,000. Said salary shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs as concurred in by the Benton County Quorum Court.

(88) The Springdale Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$20,000, nor more than \$26,000, as determined by the governing body of Springdale.

(89) The Stuttgart Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$17,600, nor more than \$27,600 and the Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$13,834.92, nor more than \$23,834.92 and the Deputy Court Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than

\$11,475, nor more than \$21,475. Such salaries shall be as determined by the governing body of the city of Stuttgart and the Arkansas County Quorum Court and paid one-half by the City and one-half by the County.

(90) The Texarkana Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$26,500 nor more than \$27,500 through June 30, 1987. Beginning July 1, 1987, the Texarkana Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of \$37,500 and beginning January 1, 1988 said Judge shall receive an annual salary of \$42,500. The salary shall be paid two-thirds by the city of Texarkana and one-third by Miller County.

(91) The Trumann Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,200, nor more than \$15,000. Such salary shall be paid one-half by the City of Trumann and one-half by Poinsett County.

(92) The Ulm Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$900, nor more than \$10,900.

(93) On and after the effective date of this Act, the El Dorado Municipal Court shall hereafter be known as the Union County Municipal Court.

The Union County Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$30,000, nor more than \$40,000. Such salary shall be as determined by the Union County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of El Dorado.

(94) The Van Buren Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$21,000, nor more than \$31,000.

(95) The Waldron Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$14,000, nor more than \$20,000, and the Clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$5,500, nor more than \$10,000. Provided that said salaries shall be subject to approval of the Waldron City Council and the Scott County Quorum Court. Said salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments, one-third to be paid by the City of Waldron, and two-thirds to be paid by Scott County.

(96) The Walnut Ridge Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$7,200, nor more than \$17,200; one-half of the salary to be paid by the City of Walnut Ridge and the other one-half shall be paid by Lawrence County.

(97) The Warren Municipal Court shall hereafter be known as the Bradley County Municipal Court and the Judge of said Court shall receive an annual salary not less than \$6,000, nor more than \$16,000, as established by the Bradley County Quorum Court and approved by the governing body of the City of Warren.

(98) The West Helena Municipal Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$12,312, nor more than \$16,800, of which not less than \$513 nor more than \$700 per month shall be paid by the city of West Helena, and of which not less than \$513, nor more than \$700 per month shall be paid by Phillips County.

(99) The West Memphis Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$18,000, nor more than \$30,000. Said salary shall be determined by the governing body of the City of West Memphis and the Crittenden County Quorum Court.

The Judge of the West Memphis Municipal Court shall have the authority to appoint a referee to hear all civil cases which maybe filed with the Municipal Court. The civil referee of the West Memphis Municipal Court shall receive the same compensation as may be paid to a small claims referee in Municipal Court under Arkansas law.

(100) The Wynne Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$16,000, nor more than \$22,000. Said salary shall be as determined by the Cross County Quorum Court. The Judge of the Wynne Municipal Court may appoint a small claims referee to hear small claims cases in the Wynne Municipal Court. If a referee is appointed, the small claims

referee of the Wynne Municipal Court shall receive a salary as fixed by the Quorum Court.

(101) The Yell County Municipal Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than \$9,600, nor more than \$15,000, as determined by the Quorum Court.

(102) The salaries of personnel of all municipal courts not specifically mentioned in this Act shall be as provided by law.

SECTION 2. In the event the Arkansas General Assembly establishes a uniform procedure for civil practice in the municipal courts of Arkansas and therein establishes a "Municipal Court Cost Fund" to be used exclusively for the operation and expenses of the municipal court, any municipal court judge's, clerk's, or other empolyee's salary authorized by this Act may be increased from the minimum salary upward to any amount not exceeding the maximum salary authorized herein and may be paid from such fund as set forth hereafter. On and after July 1, 1987, the city council or the county quorum court, or both, if authorized, of the local government jurisdictions responsible for paying the salaries of the municipal court judge, clerks, and other employees may authorize salary increases for the various court personnel as authorized above after considering the following factors:

- (1) the amount and availability of funds in the "Municipal Court Cost Fund";
- (2) the volume of caseload;
- (3) the backlog of cases, if any, on the court docket;
- (4) the time required in dealing with cases;
- (5) the skill required in dealing with cases; and
- (6) the amount of time taken away from the judge's private practice, if applicable.

SECTION 3. Act 955 of 1985 is hereby repealed. All other laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided in any subsection of Section 1 hereof, the provisions of this Act and the salaries prescribed herein shall be retroactive to January 1, 1987.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the salaries currently prescribed by law for judges of the various municipal courts in the State are inadequate to compensate the judges of such courts for their services; that the effective and efficient operation of the municipal courts in the State are essential to the administration of justice and that this Act is necessary to assure the effective and efficient operation of such courts and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: April 14, 1987

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