

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF UP TO ONE-HALF (1/2) OF THE SALARY OF THE COUNTY JUDGE IN EACH COUNTY FROM THE COUNTY ROAD FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that Section 78 of Chapter 4 of Act 742 of 1977 as amended, and various other laws charge the county judge with the responsibility of constructing, maintaining and operating a system of county roads, bridges and ferries and gives the county judge broad administrative authority and responsibility with respect to the construction, maintenance and operation of county roads; that as a result of this responsibility, a substantial portion of each county judge's time must be dedicated to the administration of the county road system; that under current interpretation of the present law, there is no clear authority to pay any portion of the salary of the county judge out of county road funds; that fairness and equity dictate that the county road bear a fair share of the salary of the county judge since a substantial part of his time is dedicated to his responsibilities as administrator of the county road system. Therefore, it is the intent and purpose of this Act to authorize the payment of up to one-half (1/2) of the salary of each county judge from the county road fund.

SECTION 2. The quorum court of each county is hereby authorized to pay a portion of the salary of the county judge from the county road fund. Provided, the portion of the county judge's salary paid from the county road fund shall not exceed fifty percent (50%).

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: April 7, 1987

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