

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

ACT 759 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 422

4
5 By: Senator Bradford

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-1204 AND ARKANSAS
10 CODE 14-14-1205(a)(1)(B) TO PRESCRIBE THE COMPENSATION
11 LEVELS FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO PRESCRIBE COMPENSEATION LEVELS FOR
16 COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ELECTED 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 is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "14-14-1204. Compensation of elected county officers.

23 (a) Authority to Establish Compensation Levels. The quorum court
24 of each county shall, by ordinance, fix the annual salaries of the
25 following county officers within the minimum and maximum provided in
26 this section: The county judge; the sheriff and ex officio collector of
27 taxes; the collector of taxes, where established by law; the circuit
28 clerk; the county clerk, where established by law; the assessor; the
29 treasurer; the coroner; and the surveyor.

30 (b) Classification of Counties. For purposes of determining the
31 salaries of the elected county officers, unless otherwise specifically
32 provided in this section, the counties shall be classified on the basis
33 of population as determined by the preceding federal decennial census
34 according to the following classifications:

35 Classification	Population
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1	Class 1	0 to 9,999
2	Class 2	10,000 to 19,999
3	Class 3	20,000 to 29,999
4	Class 4	30,000 to 49,999
5	Class 5	50,000 to 69,999
6	Class 6	70,000 to 199,999
7	Class 7	200,000 and above

8 (c) Judge of the County Court. (1) The annual salary of a county
 9 judge shall be in compensation for his services as the executive and
 10 administrator for the county, as judge of the county court, as judge of
 11 the court of common pleas, where established, as presiding officer of
 12 the quorum court, and for all other services performed as provided by
 13 the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

14 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county judge
 15 of a county shall be as follows:

16	Classification	Salary per Annum	
17	-----	-----	
18	Class 1	not less than \$21,000	<u>\$22,000</u>
19		nor more than \$46,640	<u>\$51,640</u>
20	Class 2	not less than \$22,000	<u>\$23,000</u>
21		nor more than \$48,095	<u>\$53,095</u>
22	Class 3	not less than \$23,000	<u>\$24,000</u>
23		nor more than \$49,550	<u>\$54,550</u>
24	Class 4	not less than \$24,000	<u>\$25,000</u>
25		nor more than \$51,005	<u>\$56,005</u>
26	Class 5	not less than \$25,000	<u>\$26,000</u>
27		nor more than \$52,459	<u>\$57,459</u>
28	Class 6	not less than \$26,000	<u>\$27,000</u>
29		nor more than \$58,278	<u>\$63,278</u>
30	Class 7	not less than \$27,000	<u>\$28,000</u>
31		nor more than \$61,188	<u>\$66,188</u>

32 (d) Sheriff. (1) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be
 33 compensation for services as a law enforcement officer, as the
 34 supervisor of the county jail, as custodian of persons accused or
 35 convicted of crime, as an officer of the circuit, chancery, or county
 36 courts, and as the ex officio county tax collector and delinquent tax

1 collector in those counties where that office is combined with the
2 office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as provided by
3 the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any county
4 in which the office of sheriff and the office of collector is combined
5 into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county
6 shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater
7 than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision
8 (2) of this subsection.

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

11 Classification	Salary per Annum
12 -----	-----
13 Class 1	not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u>
	nor more than \$46,640 <u>\$51,640</u>
15 Class 2	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
	nor more than \$48,095 <u>\$53,095</u>
17 Class 3	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>
	nor more than \$49,550 <u>\$54,550</u>
19 Class 4	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
	nor more than \$51,005 <u>\$56,005</u>
21 Class 5	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u>
	nor more than \$52,459 <u>\$57,459</u>
23 Class 6	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u>
	nor more than \$58,278 <u>\$63,278</u>
25 Class 7	not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u>
	nor more than \$61,188 <u>\$66,188</u>

27 (e) County Tax Collector. (1) In those counties where the office of
28 county tax collector has been separated from the office of sheriff, the
29 annual salary of a county tax collector shall be in compensation for
30 services as tax collector and delinquent tax collector, and for all
31 other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by
32 law, or by county ordinance.

33 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county tax
34 collector in those counties where the office has been separated from the
35 office of sheriff shall be as follows:

36 Classification	Salary per Annum
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1	-----	-----
2	Class 1	not less than \$18,000 <u>\$19,000</u>
3		nor more than \$42,276 <u>\$47,276</u>
4	Class 2	not less than \$19,000 <u>\$20,000</u>
5		nor more than \$43,731 <u>\$48,731</u>
6	Class 3	not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u>
7		nor more than \$45,186 <u>\$50,186</u>
8	Class 4	not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u>
9		nor more than \$46,640 <u>\$51,640</u>
10	Class 5	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
11		nor more than \$48,095 <u>\$53,095</u>
12	Class 6	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>
13		nor more than \$52,459 <u>\$57,459</u>
14	Class 7	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
15		nor more than \$55,369 <u>\$60,369</u>

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

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

31	Classification	Salary per Annum
32	-----	-----
33	Class 1	not less than \$18,000 <u>\$19,000</u>
34		nor more than \$42,276 <u>\$47,276</u>
35	Class 2	not less than \$19,000 <u>\$20,000</u>
36		nor more than \$43,731 <u>\$48,731</u>

1	Class 3	not less than \$20,000	<u>\$21,000</u>
2		nor more than \$45,186	<u>\$50,186</u>
3	Class 4	not less than \$21,000	<u>\$22,000</u>
4		nor more than \$46,640	<u>\$51,640</u>
5	Class 5	not less than \$22,000	<u>\$23,000</u>
6		nor more than \$48,095	<u>\$53,095</u>
7	Class 6	not less than \$23,000	<u>\$24,000</u>
8		nor more than \$52,459	<u>\$57,459</u>
9	Class 7	not less than \$24,000	<u>\$25,000</u>
10		nor more than \$55,369	<u>\$60,369</u>

11 (g) Circuit and Chancery Clerk. (1) The annual salary of a circuit
 12 clerk and ex officio recorder shall be in compensation for his services
 13 as clerk of the circuit court, as clerk of the chancery court, and as ex
 14 officio recorder, and for all other services performed as provided by
 15 the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In those
 16 counties where the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder is
 17 combined with the office of county and probate clerk, the minimum and
 18 maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars
 19 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of
 20 county in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

23	Classification	Salary per Annum	
24	-----	-----	
25	Class 1	not less than \$18,000	<u>\$19,000</u>
26		nor more than \$42,276	<u>\$47,276</u>
27	Class 2	not less than \$19,000	<u>\$20,000</u>
28		nor more than \$43,731	<u>\$48,731</u>
29	Class 3	not less than \$20,000	<u>\$21,000</u>
30		nor more than \$45,186	<u>\$50,186</u>
31	Class 4	not less than \$21,000	<u>\$22,000</u>
32		nor more than \$46,640	<u>\$51,640</u>
33	Class 5	not less than \$22,000	<u>\$23,000</u>
34		nor more than \$48,095	<u>\$53,095</u>
35	Class 6	not less than \$23,000	<u>\$24,000</u>
36		nor more than \$52,459	<u>\$57,459</u>

1 Class 7 not less than ~~\$24,000~~ \$25,000
 2 nor more than ~~\$55,369~~ \$60,369

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

6 (h) County Assessor. (1) The annual salary of a county assessor
 7 shall be in compensation for all services performed as county assessor
 8 and appraiser, and as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or
 9 by county ordinance. In any county in which the office of assessor and
 10 collector is combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum
 11 salaries of the county assessor and collector shall be one thousand
 12 three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed
 13 for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this
 14 subsection.

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

17 Classification	Salary per Annum
18 -----	-----
19 Class 1	not less than \$18,000 <u>\$19,000</u>
20	nor more than \$42,276 <u>\$47,276</u>
21 Class 2	not less than \$19,000 <u>\$20,000</u>
22	nor more than \$43,731 <u>\$48,731</u>
23 Class 3	not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u>
24	nor more than \$45,186 <u>\$50,186</u>
25 Class 4	not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u>
26	nor more than \$46,640 <u>\$51,640</u>
27 Class 5	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
28	nor more than \$48,095 <u>\$53,095</u>
29 Class 6	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>
30	nor more than \$52,459 <u>\$57,459</u>
31 Class 7	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
32	nor more than \$55,369 <u>\$60,369</u>

33 (i) County Treasurer. (1) The annual salary of a county treasurer
 34 shall be in compensation for all services performed as provided by the
 35 Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any county in
 36 which the office of treasurer and collector is combined into a single

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

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

7 Classification	Salary per Annum
8 -----	-----
9 Class 1	not less than \$18,000 <u>\$19,000</u>
10	nor more than \$42,276 <u>\$47,276</u>
11 Class 2	not less than \$19,000 <u>\$20,000</u>
12	nor more than \$43,731 <u>\$48,731</u>
13 Class 3	not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u>
14	nor more than \$45,186 <u>\$50,186</u>
15 Class 4	not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u>
16	nor more than \$46,640 <u>\$51,640</u>
17 Class 5	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
18	nor more than \$48,095 <u>\$53,095</u>
19 Class 6	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>
20	nor more than \$52,459 <u>\$57,459</u>
21 Class 7	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
22	nor more than \$55,369 <u>\$60,369</u>

23 (j) County Coroner. (1) The compensation of a county coroner shall
24 be for all services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution,
25 by law, or by county ordinance.

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

28 Classification	Salary per Annum
29 -----	-----
30 Class 1 and 2	not less than \$2,512 <u>\$2,638</u>
31	nor more than \$9,731 <u>\$11,677</u>
32 Class 3 and 4	not less than \$3,371 <u>\$3,540</u>
33	nor more than \$14,315 <u>\$17,178</u>
34 Class 5 and 6	not less than \$4,231 <u>\$4,443</u>
35	nor more than \$32,644 <u>\$39,173</u>
36 Class 7	not less than \$5,089 <u>\$5,343</u>

1 nor more than ~~\$37,144~~ \$44,573

2 (k) County Surveyor. Compensation of the county surveyor shall be
3 fixed by the quorum court of each county at a rate not to exceed thirty-
4 six dollars (\$36.00) per hour."

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 14-14-1205(a)(1)(B) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 "(B) The per diem compensation of justices shall be not less than
9 one hundred five dollars ~~(\$100)~~ (\$105) per diem for each regular meeting
10 nor exceed five six thousand dollars ~~(\$5,000)~~ (\$6,000) per calendar year
11 in counties having a population of less than seventy thousand (70,000)
12 and shall not exceed ~~six seven~~ thousand ~~two~~ four hundred forty dollars
13 ~~(\$6,200)~~ (\$7,440) per calendar year in counties having a population of
14 at least seventy thousand (70,000) and less than two hundred thousand
15 (200,000), and shall not exceed ~~seven eight~~ thousand four hundred
16 dollars ~~(\$7,000)~~ (\$8,400) per calendar year in counties having a
17 population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more."

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19 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
20 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the
21 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the
22 Code.

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24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application
25 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity
26 shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can
27 be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
28 this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act
31 are hereby repealed.

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/s/Bradford

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34 APPROVED:3-24-97

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