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4 **By: Representative Jordan**

# A Bill

**ACT 661 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1750**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

14 "TO PRESCRIBE COMPENSATION LEVELS FOR  
15 COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS."

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

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-14-1204 is amended to read as follows:

20 "14-14-1204. Compensation of elected county officers.

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

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

| 32 Classification | Population       |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 33 -----          | -----            |
| 34 Class 1        | 0 to 9,999       |
| 35 Class 2        | 10,000 to 19,999 |
| 36 Class 3        | 20,000 to 29,999 |

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|---|---------|-------------------|
| 1 | Class 4 | 30,000 to 49,999  |
| 2 | Class 5 | 50,000 to 69,999  |
| 3 | Class 6 | 70,000 to 199,999 |
| 4 | Class 7 | 200,000 and above |

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

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

| 13 | Classification | Salary per Annum       |
|----|----------------|------------------------|
| 14 | -----          | -----                  |
| 15 | Class 1        | not less than \$21,000 |
| 16 |                | nor more than \$46,640 |
| 17 | Class 2        | not less than \$22,000 |
| 18 |                | nor more than \$48,095 |
| 19 | Class 3        | not less than \$23,000 |
| 20 |                | nor more than \$49,550 |
| 21 | Class 4        | not less than \$24,000 |
| 22 |                | nor more than \$51,005 |
| 23 | Class 5        | not less than \$25,000 |
| 24 |                | nor more than \$52,459 |
| 25 | Class 6        | not less than \$26,000 |
| 26 |                | nor more than \$58,278 |
| 27 | Class 7        | not less than \$27,000 |
| 28 |                | nor more than \$61,188 |

29 (d) Sheriff. (1) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation  
30 for services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county  
31 jail, as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crime, as an officer of  
32 the circuit, chancery, or county courts, and as the ex officio county tax  
33 collector and delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is  
34 combined with the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as  
35 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any

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

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

| 8 Classification | Salary per Annum       |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 9 -----          | -----                  |
| 10 Class 1       | not less than \$21,000 |
| 11               | nor more than \$46,640 |
| 12 Class 2       | not less than \$22,000 |
| 13               | nor more than \$48,095 |
| 14 Class 3       | not less than \$23,000 |
| 15               | nor more than \$49,550 |
| 16 Class 4       | not less than \$24,000 |
| 17               | nor more than \$51,005 |
| 18 Class 5       | not less than \$25,000 |
| 19               | nor more than \$52,459 |
| 20 Class 6       | not less than \$26,000 |
| 21               | nor more than \$58,278 |
| 22 Class 7       | not less than \$27,000 |
| 23               | nor more than \$61,188 |

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

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

| 32 Classification | Salary per Annum       |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 33 -----          | -----                  |
| 34 Class 1        | not less than \$18,000 |
| 35                | nor more than \$42,276 |

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|----|---------|------------------------|
| 1  | Class 2 | not less than \$19,000 |
| 2  |         | nor more than \$43,731 |
| 3  | Class 3 | not less than \$20,000 |
| 4  |         | nor more than \$45,186 |
| 5  | Class 4 | not less than \$21,000 |
| 6  |         | nor more than \$46,640 |
| 7  | Class 5 | not less than \$22,000 |
| 8  |         | nor more than \$48,095 |
| 9  | Class 6 | not less than \$23,000 |
| 10 |         | nor more than \$52,459 |
| 11 | Class 7 | not less than \$24,000 |
| 12 |         | nor more than \$55,369 |

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

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

| 27 | Classification | Salary per Annum       |
|----|----------------|------------------------|
| 28 | -----          | -----                  |
| 29 | Class 1        | not less than \$18,000 |
| 30 |                | nor more than \$42,276 |
| 31 | Class 2        | not less than \$19,000 |
| 32 |                | nor more than \$43,731 |
| 33 | Class 3        | not less than \$20,000 |
| 34 |                | nor more than \$45,186 |
| 35 | Class 4        | not less than \$21,000 |

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|---|---------|------------------------|
| 1 |         | nor more than \$46,640 |
| 2 | Class 5 | not less than \$22,000 |
| 3 |         | nor more than \$48,095 |
| 4 | Class 6 | not less than \$23,000 |
| 5 |         | nor more than \$52,459 |
| 6 | Class 7 | not less than \$24,000 |
| 7 |         | nor more than \$55,369 |

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

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

| 19 | Classification | Salary per Annum       |
|----|----------------|------------------------|
| 20 | -----          | -----                  |
| 21 | Class 1        | not less than \$18,000 |
| 22 |                | nor more than \$42,276 |
| 23 | Class 2        | not less than \$19,000 |
| 24 |                | nor more than \$43,731 |
| 25 | Class 3        | not less than \$20,000 |
| 26 |                | nor more than \$45,186 |
| 27 | Class 4        | not less than \$21,000 |
| 28 |                | nor more than \$46,640 |
| 29 | Class 5        | not less than \$22,000 |
| 30 |                | nor more than \$48,095 |
| 31 | Class 6        | not less than \$23,000 |
| 32 |                | nor more than \$52,459 |
| 33 | Class 7        | not less than \$24,000 |
| 34 |                | nor more than \$55,369 |

35 (3) In those counties where the separate office of the clerk of the

1 chancery court shall have been created by law, the minimum and maximum  
2 salaries shall be as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

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

| 13 Classification | Salary per Annum       |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 14 -----          | -----                  |
| 15 Class 1        | not less than \$18,000 |
| 16                | nor more than \$42,276 |
| 17 Class 2        | not less than \$19,000 |
| 18                | nor more than \$43,731 |
| 19 Class 3        | not less than \$20,000 |
| 20                | nor more than \$45,186 |
| 21 Class 4        | not less than \$21,000 |
| 22                | nor more than \$46,640 |
| 23 Class 5        | not less than \$22,000 |
| 24                | nor more than \$48,095 |
| 25 Class 6        | not less than \$23,000 |
| 26                | nor more than \$52,459 |
| 27 Class 7        | not less than \$24,000 |
| 28                | nor more than \$55,369 |

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

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

| 34 Classification | Salary per Annum |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 35 -----          | -----            |

|    |         |                        |
|----|---------|------------------------|
| 1  | Class 1 | not less than \$18,000 |
| 2  |         | nor more than \$42,276 |
| 3  | Class 2 | not less than \$19,000 |
| 4  |         | nor more than \$43,731 |
| 5  | Class 3 | not less than \$20,000 |
| 6  |         | nor more than \$45,186 |
| 7  | Class 4 | not less than \$21,000 |
| 8  |         | nor more than \$46,640 |
| 9  | Class 5 | not less than \$22,000 |
| 10 |         | nor more than \$48,095 |
| 11 | Class 6 | not less than \$23,000 |
| 12 |         | nor more than \$52,459 |
| 13 | Class 7 | not less than \$24,000 |
| 14 |         | nor more than \$55,369 |

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

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

|    |                |                        |
|----|----------------|------------------------|
| 20 | Classification | Salary per Annum       |
| 21 | -----          | -----                  |
| 22 | Class 1 and 2  | not less than \$2,512  |
| 23 |                | nor more than \$9,731  |
| 24 | Class 3 and 4  | not less than \$3,371  |
| 25 |                | nor more than \$14,315 |
| 26 | Class 5 and 6  | not less than \$4,231  |
| 27 |                | nor more than \$32,644 |
| 28 | Class 7        | not less than \$5,089  |
| 29 |                | nor more than \$37,144 |

30 (k) County Surveyor. Compensation of the county surveyor shall be fixed  
 31 by the quorum court of each county at a rate not to exceed thirty-six dollars  
 32 (\$36.00) per hour."

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





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