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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 261

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
10 TOWNSHIP OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
14 TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.  
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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 § 14-14-1205 is amended to read as follows:  
21 14-14-1205. Compensation of township officers.

22 (a)(1)(A) The per diem compensation for justices of the peace  
23 attending any official, regular, special, or committee meeting of a quorum  
24 court shall be fixed by ordinance in each county.

25 (B) The per diem compensation of justices shall not be  
26 less than one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per diem for each regular  
27 meeting nor exceed:

28 (i) Eight thousand seven hundred thirty-four dollars  
29 (\$8,734) per calendar year in counties having a population of less than  
30 seventy thousand (70,000);

31 (ii) Ten thousand three hundred seventy-six dollars  
32 (\$10,376) per calendar year in counties having a population of at least  
33 seventy thousand (70,000) and less than two hundred thousand (200,000); and

34 (iii) Thirteen thousand three hundred nineteen  
35 dollars (\$13,319) per calendar year in counties having a population of two  
36 hundred thousand (200,000) or more.



(2) Per Diem Compensation Defined.

(A) Per diem compensation is defined as a per calendar day allowance, exclusive of allowable expenses, which shall be paid to a justice for attending meetings of the county quorum court. This compensation shall be based on attending meetings of a quorum court during any single calendar day without regard to the duration of the meetings.

(B) However, a member of the quorum court may receive per diem compensation for one (1) meeting per year for which the member is absent due to an emergency or for personal reasons.

~~(3) In addition to any other compensation expense reimbursement or expense allowances provided members of the quorum court, counties may provide medical insurance coverage for members of the quorum court.~~

(b) Justices of the Peace Serving in Judicial Capacity. The compensation of all justices of the peace serving in a judicial capacity shall be fixed by ordinance of the quorum court in each county. This basis of compensation shall not be computed on a percentage of the dollar amount of fines levied by a justice of the peace.

(c) Justice of the Peace as County Employee or Deputy. A justice of the peace shall not receive compensation as a county employee or deputy, nor shall any justice receive compensation or expenses from funds appropriated by the quorum court for any services performed within the county, other than as provided by this subchapter.

(d) Constables. The compensation of all constables serving in any official capacity established by law shall be fixed by ordinance of the quorum court in each county.

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