

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 14-14-1204 AND
11 14-14-1205 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM
12 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY AND QUORUM
13 COURT OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM
16 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY AND
17 QUORUM COURT OFFICIALS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1204 is amended to read as follows:
24 14-14-1204. Compensation of elected county officers.

25 (a) The quorum court of each county shall fix, by ordinance, the
26 annual salaries of the following county officers within the minimums and
27 maximums provided in this section:

- 28 (1) The county judge;
- 29 (2) The sheriff and ex officio collector of taxes;
- 30 (3) The collector of taxes, where established by law;
- 31 (4) The circuit clerk;
- 32 (5) The county clerk, where established by law;
- 33 (6) The assessor;
- 34 (7) The treasurer;
- 35 (8) The coroner; and



1 (9) The surveyor.

2 (b) For purposes of determining the salaries of the elected county
3 officers, unless otherwise specifically provided in this section, the
4 counties shall be classified on the basis of population, as determined by the
5 preceding federal decennial census, according to the following
6 classifications:

8	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Population</u>
9	Class 1	0 to 9,999
10	Class 2	10,000 to 19,999
11	Class 3	20,000 to 29,999
12	Class 4	30,000 to 49,999
13	Class 5	50,000 to 69,999
14	Class 6	70,000 to 199,999
15	Class 7	200,000 and above

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17 (c)(1) The annual salary of a county judge shall be in compensation
18 for his or her services as the executive and administrator for the county, as
19 judge of the county court, as judge of the court of common pleas, where
20 established, as presiding officer of the quorum court, and for all other
21 services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by
22 county ordinance.

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

26	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
27	Class 1	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u>
28		nor more than \$66,640
29	Class 2	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u>
30		nor more than \$68,095
31	Class 3	not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u>
32		nor more than \$69,550
33	Class 4	not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u>
34		nor more than \$71,005
35	Class 5	not less than \$29,000 <u>\$30,000</u>
36		nor more than \$72,459

1	Class 6	not less than \$30,000 <u>\$31,000</u>
2		nor more than \$78,278
3	Class 7	not less than \$31,000 <u>\$32,000</u>
4		nor more than \$81,188 <u>\$91,223</u>

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6 (d)(1)(A) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation for

7 services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county jail,

8 as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crimes, as an officer of the

9 circuit court or county court, as the ex officio county tax collector and

10 delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is combined with

11 the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as provided by

12 the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

13 (B) In any county in which the offices of sheriff and

14 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries

15 of the county shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392)

16 greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in

17 subdivision (d)(2) of this section.

18 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the sheriff of

19 a county shall be as follows:

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	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
21	Class 1	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u>
22		nor more than \$66,640
23	Class 2	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u>
24		nor more than \$68,095
25	Class 3	not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u>
26		nor more than \$69,550
27	Class 4	not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u>
28		nor more than \$71,005
29	Class 5	not less than \$29,000 <u>\$30,000</u>
30		nor more than \$72,459
31	Class 6	not less than \$30,000 <u>\$31,000</u>
32		nor more than \$78,278
33	Class 7	not less than \$31,000 <u>\$32,000</u>
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(e)(1) In those counties where the office of county tax collector has been separated from the office of sheriff, the annual salary of a county tax collector shall be in compensation for services as tax collector and delinquent tax collector and for all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
Class 1	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> nor more than \$62,276
Class 2	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> nor more than \$63,731
Class 3	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> nor more than \$65,186
Class 4	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> nor more than \$66,640
Class 5	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> nor more than \$68,095
Class 6	not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u> nor more than \$74,459 <u>\$72,459</u>
Class 7	not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u> nor more than \$75,369

(f)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county and probate clerk shall be in compensation for his or her services as county clerk, probate clerk, clerk of the county court, clerk of the quorum court, registrar of voters, and for all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

(B) In those counties where the office of county and probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder, the salary shall be as provided in this section.

(C) In those counties where the office of county and probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three

1 hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the
 2 appropriate class of county in subdivision (f)(2) of this section.

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
5 Class 1	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
	nor more than \$57,276
8 Class 2	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>
	nor more than \$63,731
10 Class 3	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
	nor more than \$65,186
12 Class 4	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u>
	nor more than \$66,640
14 Class 5	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u>
	nor more than \$68,095
16 Class 6	not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u>
	nor more than \$72,459
18 Class 7	not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u>
	nor more than \$75,369

21 (g)(1)(A) The annual salary of a circuit clerk and ex officio recorder
 22 shall be in compensation for his or her services as clerk of the circuit
 23 court, as ex officio recorder, and for all other services performed as
 24 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

25 (B) In those counties where the office of circuit clerk
 26 and ex officio recorder is combined with the office of county and probate
 27 clerk, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred
 28 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate
 29 class of county in subdivision (g)(2) of this section.

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
33 Class 1	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
	nor more than \$62,276
36 Class 2	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>

1		nor more than \$63,731
2	Class 3	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
3		nor more than \$65,186
4	Class 4	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u>
5		nor more than \$66,640
6	Class 5	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u>
7		nor more than \$68,095
8	Class 6	not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u>
9		nor more than \$72,459
10	Class 7	not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u>
11		nor more than \$75,369

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

16 (h)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county assessor shall be in
17 compensation for all services performed as county assessor, appraiser, and as
18 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

19 (B) In any county in which the offices of assessor and
20 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries
21 of the county assessor and collector shall be one thousand three hundred
22 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate
23 class of county in subdivision (h)(2) of this section.

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

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27	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
28	Class 1	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
29		nor more than \$62,276
30	Class 2	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>
31		nor more than \$63,731
32	Class 3	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
33		nor more than \$65,186
34	Class 4	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u>
35		nor more than \$66,640
36	Class 5	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u>

1 nor more than \$68,095
 2 Class 6 not less than ~~\$27,000~~ \$28,000
 3 nor more than \$72,459
 4 Class 7 not less than ~~\$28,000~~ \$29,000
 5 nor more than \$75,369
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7 (i)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county treasurer
 8 shall be in compensation for all services performed as provided by the
 9 Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

10 (B) In any county in which the offices of treasurer and
 11 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries
 12 of the county treasurer and collector shall be one thousand three hundred
 13 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate
 14 class of county in subdivision (i)(2) of this section.

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
19 Class 1	not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u>
	nor more than \$62,276
21 Class 2	not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u>
	nor more than \$63,731
23 Class 3	not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u>
	nor more than \$65,186
25 Class 4	not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u>
	nor more than \$66,640
27 Class 5	not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u>
	nor more than \$68,095
29 Class 6	not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u>
	nor more than \$72,459
31 Class 7	not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u>
	nor more than \$75,369

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 34 (j)(1) The compensation of a county coroner shall be for all services
 35 performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county
 36 ordinance.

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
Class 1 and 2	not less than \$2,861 <u>\$2,972</u> nor more than \$13,668
Class 3 and 4	not less than \$3,825 <u>\$3,973</u> nor more than \$21,000
Class 5 and 6	not less than \$4,784 <u>\$4,970</u> nor more than \$45,379
Class 7	not less than \$5,741 <u>\$5,964</u> nor more than \$51,320

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

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1205(a)(1), concerning per diem compensation for justices of the peace, is amended to read as follows:

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

(B) The per diem compensation of justices shall be not less than ~~one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115)~~ one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) per diem for each regular meeting nor exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per calendar year in counties having a population of less than seventy thousand (70,000), shall not exceed eight thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars (\$8,595) per calendar year in counties having a population of at least seventy thousand (70,000) and less than two hundred thousand (200,000), and shall not exceed eleven thousand four hundred dollars (\$11,400) per calendar year in counties having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more.

/s/ Dangeau

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