

ARKANSAS SENATE
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1899

"CONCERNING PER DIEM REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY PERSONNEL."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1899.

Amend House Bill No. 1899 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:
"AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY PERSONNEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:
"CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY PERSONNEL."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:
"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1207, as amended by Act 74 of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Reimbursement Authorized. All ~~elected county and township officers, district officials and authorized deputies or employees thereof~~ shall be entitled to receive reimbursement of ~~allowable~~ expenses incurred in the conduct of ~~county affairs where the incurrence of expense is not discretionary in the conduct of duties assigned by law~~ official and nondiscretionary duties under an appropriation for the operating expenses of an office, function, or service. Reimbursement of ~~allowable~~ expenses that are incurred in the performance of ~~discretionary functions and services~~ may be permitted ~~where~~ when provided for by a specific appropriation of the ~~county~~ quorum court.

(b)(1) Allowance for Meals, Lodging, and Other Allowable Expenses. All reimbursements for the purchase of meals, meal tips, lodging, and other allowable expenses shall be based on the actual expense incurred or on a per diem basis if approved by the quorum court.

(2) Reimbursement for meal tips under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the purchase amount of the meal.

(3) A per diem reimbursement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be made under an accountable plan as defined by Internal



Revenue Service regulations as in existence on January 1, 2009.

(c) Reimbursement of Travel Expense.

(1) Privately Owned Motor Vehicles.

(A)(i) Any elected county or ~~township~~ district officer or employee thereof ~~utilizing~~ using a privately owned motor vehicle in the conduct of county affairs may be reimbursed at a per-mile rate established by ordinance.

(ii) Reimbursement shall be based only on official miles driven and legitimate automobile parking fees.

(iii) ~~Where~~ When more than one (1) traveler is transported in the same vehicle, only the owner shall be entitled to mileage reimbursement.

(B) A county shall not assume responsibility ~~whatsoever~~ for any maintenance, operational costs, accidents, and fines incurred by the owner of the vehicle while on official business for the county.

(2) Privately Owned Airplanes.

(A) Reimbursement for travel expense ~~utilizing~~ using privately owned airplanes shall be at the same rate as established for privately owned motor vehicles.

(B) However, reimbursement mileage shall be determined by the shortest highway route to and from the official destination."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator B. Pritchard

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