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By: Rep. Purdom

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"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9 OF ACT 400 OF 1971, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 43-742], TO REQUIRE A BAIL BONDSMAN TO DEPOSIT WITH THE SHERIFF A PORTION OF HIS PREMIUM OR COMPENSATION; TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTY FROM THE DEPOSIT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Act 400 of 1971, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 43-742, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. (A) The premium or compensation for giving bond or depositing money or property as bail on any bond of up to \$20,000 shall not exceed ten percent (10%), and on any amount of bond in excess of \$20,000, the premium or compensation shall not exceed six percent (6%). Provided, that the maximum compensation for giving bond or depositing money or property as bail on any bond shall be not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(B) A bail bondsman shall deposit with the sheriff of the county in which a bond is given an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the premium or compensation the bail bondsman receives for giving the bond or depositing money or property as bail. The deposit shall be returned to the bail bondsman upon his release from the bond, unless the defendant was represented by legal counsel appointed by the court. If the court appointed legal counsel for the defendant, the court shall award the county all or part of the deposit as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in providing legal representation for the defendant. Any portion of the deposit that is not awarded to the county shall be refunded to the bailbondsman by the sheriff.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

