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4 **By: Representative Jordan, et al**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1716

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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-1204

9 (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) and (j) TO RAISE THE
10 MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM SALARIES FOR ELECTED
11 COUNTY OFFICERS IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF
12 COUNTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. *Arkansas Code 14-14-1204 (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) and (i) are*
17 *hereby amended to read as follows:*

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

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

26 Classification	Salary Per Annum
27 Class 1	not less than \$19,000
28	nor more than \$37,640
29 Class 2	not less than \$20,000
30	nor more than \$39,095
31 Class 3	not less than \$21,000
32	nor more than \$40,550
33 Class 4	not less than \$22,000
34	nor more than \$42,005
35 Class 5	not less than \$23,000

1		<i>nor more than \$43,459</i>
2	<i>Class 6</i>	<i>not less than \$24,000</i>
3		<i>nor more than \$49,278</i>
4	<i>Class 7</i>	<i>not less than \$25,000</i>
5		<i>nor more than \$52,188</i>

6 (d) *Sheriff.* (1) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation
 7 for services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county
 8 jail, as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crime, as an officer of
 9 the circuit, chancery, or county courts, and as the ex officio county tax
 10 collector and delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is
 11 combined with the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as
 12 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any
 13 county in which the office of sheriff and the office of collector is combined
 14 into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county shall be
 15 one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those
 16 prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this
 17 subsection.

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

20	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Salary Per Annum</i>
21	<i>Class 1</i>	<i>not less than \$19,000</i>
22		<i>nor more than \$37,640</i>
23	<i>Class 2</i>	<i>not less than \$20,000</i>
24		<i>nor more than \$39,095</i>
25	<i>Class 3</i>	<i>not less than \$21,000</i>
26		<i>nor more than \$40,550</i>
27	<i>Class 4</i>	<i>not less than \$22,000</i>
28		<i>nor more than \$42,005</i>
29	<i>Class 5</i>	<i>not less than \$23,000</i>
30		<i>nor more than \$43,459</i>
31	<i>Class 6</i>	<i>not less than \$24,000</i>
32		<i>nor more than \$49,278</i>
33	<i>Class 7</i>	<i>not less than \$25,000</i>
34		<i>nor more than \$52,188</i>

35 (e) *County Tax Collector.* (1) In those counties where the office of

1 county tax collector has been separated from the office of sheriff, the annual
 2 salary of a county tax collector shall be in compensation for services as tax
 3 collector and delinquent tax collector, and for all other services performed
 4 as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

Classification	Salary Per Annum
Class 1	not less than \$16,000
	nor more than \$33,276
Class 2	not less than \$17,000
	nor more than \$34,731
Class 3	not less than \$18,000
	nor more than \$36,186
Class 4	not less than \$19,000
	nor more than \$37,640
Class 5	not less than \$20,000
	nor more than \$39,095
Class 6	not less than \$21,000
	nor more than \$43,459
Class 7	not less than \$22,000
	nor more than \$46,369

23 (f) County and Probate Clerk. (1) The annual salary of a county and
 24 probate clerk shall be in compensation for his services as county clerk,
 25 probate clerk, clerk of the county court, clerk of the quorum court, and
 26 registrar of voters, and for all other services performed as provided by the
 27 Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In those counties where
 28 the office of county and probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit
 29 clerk and ex officio recorder, the salary shall be as provided in this
 30 section. In those counties where the office of county and probate clerk is
 31 combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder, the minimum
 32 and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars
 33 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in
 34 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

35 (2) The minimum and maximum salaries per annum of the county and

1 probate clerk of a county shall be as follows:

Classification	Salary Per Annum
Class 1	not less than \$16,000 nor more than \$33,276
Class 2	not less than \$17,000 nor more than \$34,731
Class 3	not less than \$18,000 nor more than \$36,186
Class 4	not less than \$19,000 nor more than \$37,640
Class 5	not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$39,095
Class 6	not less than \$21,000 nor more than \$43,459
Class 7	not less than \$22,000 nor more than \$46,369

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

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

Classification	Salary Per Annum
Class 1	not less than \$16,000 nor more than \$33,276
Class 2	not less than \$17,000 nor more than \$34,731
Class 3	not less than \$18,000 nor more than \$36,186
Class 4	not less than \$19,000

1		<i>nor more than \$37,640</i>
2	<i>Class 5</i>	<i>not less than \$20,000</i>
3		<i>nor more than \$39,095</i>
4	<i>Class 6</i>	<i>not less than \$21,000</i>
5		<i>nor more than \$43,459</i>
6	<i>Class 7</i>	<i>not less than \$22,000</i>
7		<i>nor more than \$46,369</i>

8 (3) In those counties where the separate office of the clerk of the
 9 chancery court shall have been created by law, the minimum and maximum
 10 salaries shall be as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

11 (h) County Assessor. (1) The annual salary of a county assessor
 12 shall be in compensation for all services performed as county assessor and
 13 appraiser, and as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county
 14 ordinance. In any county in which the office of Assessor and Collector is
 15 combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county
 16 assessor-collector shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars
 17 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in
 18 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Salary Per Annum</i>
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22	<i>Class 1</i>	<i>not less than \$16,000</i>
23		<i>nor more than \$33,276</i>
24	<i>Class 2</i>	<i>not less than \$17,000</i>
25		<i>nor more than \$34,731</i>
26	<i>Class 3</i>	<i>not less than \$18,000</i>
27		<i>nor more than \$36,186</i>
28	<i>Class 4</i>	<i>not less than \$19,000</i>
29		<i>nor more than \$37,640</i>
30	<i>Class 5</i>	<i>not less than \$20,000</i>
31		<i>nor more than \$39,095</i>
32	<i>Class 6</i>	<i>not less than \$21,000</i>
33		<i>nor more than \$43,459</i>
34	<i>Class 7</i>	<i>not less than \$22,000</i>
35		<i>nor more than \$46,369</i>

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

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

Classification	Salary Per Annum
Class 1	not less than \$16,000 nor more than \$33,276
Class 2	not less than \$17,000 nor more than \$34,731
Class 3	not less than \$18,000 nor more than \$36,186
Class 4	not less than \$19,000 nor more than \$37,640
Class 5	not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$39,095
Class 6	not less than \$21,000 nor more than \$43,459
Class 7	not less than \$22,000 nor more than \$46,369"

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22 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
23 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
24 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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26 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
27 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
28 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
29 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
30 act are declared to be severable.

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32 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
33 hereby repealed.

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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General

1 Assembly that the ranges of compensation now provided by law for the various
2 county officials are inadequate to permit reasonable and equitable
3 compensation to such officials for their services; that this act is designed
4 to permit the compensation of such officers to be increased to a fair level
5 and to enable such officers to cope with the high rate of inflation, and
6 should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from
9 and after its passage and approval.

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/s/James T. Jordan, et al

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