

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Senator Bradford**

# A Bill

SENATE BILL

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-1204 TO RAISE THE  
9 MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM SALARIES FOR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS  
10 IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF COUNTIES; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE  
11 14-14-1205(a) TO INCREASE PER DIEM FOR QUORUM COURT  
12 MEMBERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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### Subtitle

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15 "TO INCREASE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM SALARIES OF ELECTED  
16 COUNTY OFFICIALS."

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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 14-14-1204 (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) and (j) are  
21 hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

Classification	Salary Per Annum
Class 1	not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$42,640
Class 2	not less than \$21,000 nor more than \$44,095
Class 3	not less than \$22,000

1		nor more than \$45,550
2	Class 4	not less than \$23,000
3		nor more than \$47,005
4	Class 5	not less than \$24,000
5		nor more than \$48,459
6	Class 6	not less than \$25,000
7		nor more than \$54,278
8	Class 7	not less than \$26,000
9		nor more than \$57,188

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

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

24	Classification	Salary Per Annum
25	Class 1	not less than \$20,000
26		nor more than \$42,640
27	Class 2	not less than \$21,000
28		nor more than \$44,095
29	Class 3	not less than \$22,000
30		nor more than \$45,550
31	Class 4	not less than \$23,000
32		nor more than \$47,005
33	Class 5	not less than \$24,000
34		nor more than \$48,459
35	Class 6	not less than \$25,000

1    nor more than \$54,278  
2                 Class 7    not less than \$26,000  
3    nor more than \$57,188

4                 (e) County Tax Collector. (1) In those counties where the office of  
5 county tax collector has been separated from the office of sheriff, the annual  
6 salary of a county tax collector shall be in compensation for services as tax  
7 collector and delinquent tax collector, and for all other services performed  
8 as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

	Classification	Salary Per Annum
13	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
14		nor more than \$38,276
15	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
16		nor more than \$39,731
17	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
18		nor more than \$41,186
19	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
20		nor more than \$42,640
21	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
22		nor more than \$44,095
23	Class 6	not less than \$22,000
24		nor more than \$48,459
25	Class 7	not less than \$23,000
26		nor more than \$51,369

27                 (f) County and Probate Clerk. (1) The annual salary of a county and  
28 probate clerk shall be in compensation for his services as county clerk,  
29 probate clerk, clerk of the county court, clerk of the quorum court, and  
30 registrar of voters, and for all other services performed as provided by the  
31 Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In those counties where  
32 the office of county and probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit  
33 clerk and ex officio recorder, the salary shall be as provided in this  
34 section. In those counties where the office of county and probate clerk is  
35 combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder, the minimum

1 and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars  
 2 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in  
 3 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

	Classification	Salary Per Annum
7	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
8		nor more than \$38,276
9	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
10		nor more than \$39,731
11	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
12		nor more than \$41,186
13	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
14		nor more than \$42,640
15	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
16		nor more than \$44,095
17	Class 6	not less than \$22,000
18		nor more than \$48,459
19	Class 7	not less than \$23,000
20		nor more than \$51,369

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

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

	Classification	Salary Per Annum
33	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
34		nor more than \$38,276
35	Class 2	not less than \$18,000

1		nor more than \$39,731
2	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
3		nor more than \$41,186
4	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
5		nor more than \$42,640
6	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
7		nor more than \$44,095
8	Class 6	not less than \$22,000
9		nor more than \$48,459
10	Class 7	not less than \$23,000
11		nor more than \$51,369

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

15       (h) County Assessor. (1) The annual salary of a county assessor  
16 shall be in compensation for all services performed as county assessor and  
17 appraiser, and as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county  
18 ordinance. In any county in which the office of Assessor and Collector is  
19 combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county  
20 assessor-collector shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars  
21 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in  
22 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

	Classification	Salary Per Annum
25	Class 1	not less than \$17,000
26		nor more than \$38,276
27	Class 2	not less than \$18,000
28		nor more than \$39,731
29	Class 3	not less than \$19,000
30		nor more than \$41,186
31	Class 4	not less than \$20,000
32		nor more than \$42,640
33	Class 5	not less than \$21,000
34		nor more than \$44,095
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1                   Class 6    not less than \$22,000  
2    nor more than \$48,459  
3                   Class 7    not less than \$23,000  
4    nor more than \$51,369

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

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

	Classification	Salary Per Annum
11	Class 1	not less than \$17,000 nor more than \$38,276
13	Class 2	not less than \$18,000 nor more than \$39,731
15	Class 3	not less than \$19,000 nor more than \$41,186
17	Class 4	not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$42,640
19	Class 5	not less than \$21,000 nor more than \$44,095
21	Class 6	not less than \$22,000 nor more than \$48,459
23	Class 7	not less than \$23,000 nor more than \$51,369

25         (j) COUNTY CORONER. (1) The compensation of a county coroner shall be  
26 for all services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law,  
27 or by county ordinance.

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

30	Class 1 and 2	not less than \$1,512 not more than \$7,731
32	Class 3 and 4	not less than \$2,371 not more than \$12,315
34	Class 5 and 6	not less than \$3,231 not more than \$30,644

1                       Class 7    not less than \$4,089  
2    not more than \$35,144  
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4                       SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 14-14-1205(a) is hereby amended to  
5 read as follows:

6                       "(a) JUSTICES OF THE PEACE SERVING AS MEMBERS OF A QUORUM COURT.

7                       (1) PER DIEM COMPENSATION.

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

11                      (B) The per diem compensation of justices during any one  
12 (1) calendar year shall be not less than ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) per diem  
13 for each regular meeting nor exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in counties  
14 having a population of less than two hundred thousand (200,000) and shall not  
15 exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) in counties having a population of two  
16 hundred thousand (200,000) or more.

17                      (2) PER DIEM COMPENSATION ALLOWED. Per diem compensation is  
18 defined as a per calendar day allowance, exclusive of allowable expenses,  
19 which shall be paid a justice for attending meetings of the county quorum  
20 court. This compensation shall be based on attending meetings of a quorum  
21 court during any single calendar day without regard to the duration of the  
22 meetings."

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24                      SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28                      SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
32 act are declared to be severable.

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34                      SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
35 hereby repealed.

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

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