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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1750

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-1204 AND ARKANSAS  
CODE 14-14-1205(a)(1)(B) TO PRESCRIBE THE COMPENSATION  
LEVELS FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO PRESCRIBE COMPENSATION LEVELS FOR  
COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-14-1204 is amended to read as follows:

"14-14-1204. Compensation of elected county officers.

(a) Authority to Establish Compensation Levels. The quorum court of each county shall, by ordinance, fix the annual salaries of the following county officers within the minimum and maximum provided in this section: The county judge; the sheriff and ex officio collector of taxes; the collector of taxes, where established by law; the circuit clerk; the county clerk, where established by law; the assessor; the treasurer; the coroner; and surveyor.

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

Classification	Population
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Class 1	0 to 9,999
Class 2	10,000 to 19,999

1	Class 3	20,000 to 29,999
2	Class 4	30,000 to 49,999
3	Class 5	50,000 to 69,999
4	Class 6	70,000 to 199,999
5	Class 7	200,000 and above

6 (c) Judge of the County Court. (1) The annual salary of a county judge  
7 shall be in compensation for his services as the executive and administrator  
8 for the county, as judge of the county court, as judge of the court of common  
9 pleas, where established, as presiding officer of the quorum court, and for  
10 all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by  
11 law, or by county ordinance.

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

14 Classification	Salary per Annum
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16 Class 1	not less than \$21,000
17	nor more than \$46,640
18 Class 2	not less than \$22,000
19	nor more than \$48,095
20 Class 3	not less than \$23,000
21	nor more than \$49,550
22 Class 4	not less than \$24,000
23	nor more than \$51,005
24 Class 5	not less than \$25,000
25	nor more than \$52,459
26 Class 6	not less than \$26,000
27	nor more than \$58,278
28 Class 7	not less than \$27,000
29	nor more than \$61,188

30 (d) Sheriff. (1) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation  
31 for services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county  
32 jail, as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crime, as an officer of  
33 the circuit, chancery, or county courts, and as the ex officio county tax  
34 collector and delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is  
35 combined with the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as

1 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any  
2 county in which the office of sheriff and the office of collector is combined  
3 into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county shall be  
4 one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those  
5 prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this  
6 subsection.

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

9 Classification	Salary per Annum
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11 Class 1	not less than \$21,000
12	nor more than \$46,640
13 Class 2	not less than \$22,000
14	nor more than \$48,095
15 Class 3	not less than \$23,000
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17 Class 4	not less than \$24,000
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19 Class 5	not less than \$25,000
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21 Class 6	not less than \$26,000
22	nor more than \$58,278
23 Class 7	not less than \$27,000
24	nor more than \$61,188

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

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

34 Classification	Salary per Annum
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1	Class 1	not less than \$18,000
2		nor more than \$42,276
3	Class 2	not less than \$19,000
4		nor more than \$43,731
5	Class 3	not less than \$20,000
6		nor more than \$45,186
7	Class 4	not less than \$21,000
8		nor more than \$46,640
9	Class 5	not less than \$22,000
10		nor more than \$48,095
11	Class 6	not less than \$23,000
12		nor more than \$52,459
13	Class 7	not less than \$24,000
14		nor more than \$55,369

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

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

29 Classification	Salary per Annum
30 -----	-----
31 Class 1	not less than \$18,000
32	nor more than \$42,276
33 Class 2	not less than \$19,000
34	nor more than \$43,731
35 Class 3	not less than \$20,000

1		nor more than \$45,186
2	Class 4	not less than \$21,000
3		nor more than \$46,640
4	Class 5	not less than \$22,000
5		nor more than \$48,095
6	Class 6	not less than \$23,000
7		nor more than \$52,459
8	Class 7	not less than \$24,000
9		nor more than \$55,369

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

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

22 Classification	Salary per Annum
23 -----	-----
24 Class 1	not less than \$18,000
25	nor more than \$42,276
26 Class 2	not less than \$19,000
27	nor more than \$43,731
28 Class 3	not less than \$20,000
29	nor more than \$45,186
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1 of a county shall be as follows:

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5		nor more than \$42,276
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7		nor more than \$43,731
8	Class 3	not less than \$20,000
9		nor more than \$45,186
10	Class 4	not less than \$21,000
11		nor more than \$46,640
12	Class 5	not less than \$22,000
13		nor more than \$48,095
14	Class 6	not less than \$23,000
15		nor more than \$52,459
16	Class 7	not less than \$24,000
17		nor more than \$55,369

18 (j) County Coroner. (1) The compensation of a county coroner shall be  
19 for all services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law,  
20 or by county ordinance.

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

23	Classification	Salary per Annum
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25	Class 1 and 2	not less than \$2,512
26		nor more than \$9,731
27	Class 3 and 4	not less than \$3,371
28		nor more than \$14,315
29	Class 5 and 6	not less than \$4,231
30		nor more than \$32,644
31	Class 7	not less than \$5,089
32		nor more than \$37,144

33 (k) County Surveyor. Compensation of the county surveyor shall be fixed  
34 by the quorum court of each county at a rate not to exceed thirty-six dollars  
35 (\$36.00) per hour."

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 14-14-1205(a)(1)(B) is amended to read as follows:

"(B) The per diem compensation of justices shall be not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per diem for each regular meeting nor exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per calendar year in counties having a population of less than seventy thousand (70,000) and shall not exceed six thousand two hundred dollars (\$6,200) 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 seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per calendar year in counties having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more."

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

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

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



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