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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1494

4
5 By: Representatives Horn, Lynn and Ammons

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-14-1205 TO PROVIDE THAT
10 COUNTY QUORUM COURTS MEMBERS MAY HAVE COUNTY HEALTH
11 INSURANCE BENEFITS INCLUDED WITHIN THE MEANING OF PER DIEM
12 COMPENSATION BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO ALLOW COUNTY QUORUM COURTS MEMBERS
17 TO HAVE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE INCLUDED
18 WITHIN THE MEANING OF PER DIEM BY THE
19 COUNTY."

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1205 is amended to read as follows:
24 "14-14-1205. Compensation of township officers.

25 (a) Justices of the Peace Serving as Members of a Quorum Court.

26 (1) Per Diem Compensation. (A) The per diem compensation for
27 justices of the peace attending any official, regular, special, or committee
28 meeting of a quorum court shall be fixed by ordinance in each county.

29 (B) The per diem compensation of justices shall be not less
30 than one hundred dollars (\$100) per diem for each regular meeting nor exceed
31 five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per calendar year in counties having a
32 population of less than seventy thousand (70,000) and shall not exceed six
33 thousand two hundred dollars (\$6,200) per calendar year in counties having a
34 population of at least seventy thousand (70,000) and less than two hundred
35 thousand (200,000), and shall not exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per
36 calendar year in counties having a population of two hundred thousand

1 (200,000) or more.

2 (2) Per Diem Compensation Defined. Per diem compensation is
 3 defined as a per calendar day allowance, ~~exclusive~~ inclusive of all allowable
 4 expenses including, but not limited to, county health insurance benefits,
 5 which shall be paid a justice for attending meetings of the county quorum
 6 court. This compensation shall be based on attending meetings of a quorum
 7 court during any single calendar day without regard to the duration of the
 8 meetings.

9 (b) Justices of the Peace Serving in Judicial Capacity. The
 10 compensation of all justices of the peace serving in a judicial capacity shall
 11 be fixed by ordinance of the quorum court in each county. This basis of
 12 compensation shall not be computed on a percentage of the dollar amount of
 13 fines levied by a justice of the peace.

14 (c) Justice of the Peace as County Employee or Deputy. No justice of
 15 the peace shall receive compensation as a county employee or deputy, nor shall
 16 any justice receive compensation or expenses from funds appropriated by the
 17 quorum court for any services performed within the county, other than as
 18 provided by this subchapter.

19 (d) Constables. The compensation of all constables serving in any
 20 official capacity established by law shall be fixed by ordinance of the quorum
 21 court in each county."

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

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

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

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