

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-1204 AND 14-
11 14-1205 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM
12 SALARIES AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM
17 SALARIES AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY
18 OFFICIALS.

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-14-1204 is amended to read as follows:
24 14-14-1204. Compensation of elected county officers.

25 (a) Authority to Establish Compensation Levels. The quorum court of
26 each county shall fix, by ordinance, the annual salaries of the following
27 county officers within the minimums and maximums provided in this section:

- 28 (1) The county judge;
29 (2) The sheriff and ex officio collector of taxes;
30 (3) The collector of taxes, where established by law;
31 (4) The circuit clerk;
32 (5) The county clerk, where established by law;
33 (6) The assessor;
34 (7) The treasurer;
35 (8) The coroner; and
36 (9) The 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 |
|----------------|-------------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| Class 1 | 0 to 9,999 |
| Class 2 | 10,000 to 19,999 |
| Class 3 | 20,000 to 29,999 |
| Class 4 | 30,000 to 49,999 |
| Class 5 | 50,000 to 69,999 |
| Class 6 | 70,000 to 199,999 |
| Class 7 | 200,000 and above |

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

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

| Classification | Salary per Annum |
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| ----- | ----- |
| Class 1 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> nor more than \$56,640 <u>\$61,640</u> |
| Class 2 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> nor more than \$58,095 <u>\$63,095</u> |
| Class 3 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> nor more than \$59,550 <u>\$64,550</u> |
| Class 4 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> nor more than \$61,005 <u>\$66,005</u> |
| Class 5 | not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u> nor more than \$62,459 <u>\$67,459</u> |
| Class 6 | not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u> nor more than \$68,278 <u>\$73,278</u> |

1 Class 7 not less than ~~\$29,000~~ \$30,000
2 nor more than ~~\$71,188~~ \$76,188

3 (d) Sheriff. (1)(A) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be
4 compensation for services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of
5 the county jail, as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crimes, as an
6 officer of the circuit, chancery, or county courts, as the ex officio county
7 tax collector and delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office
8 is combined with the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed
9 as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

10 (B) In any county in which the offices of sheriff and
11 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries
12 of the county shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392)
13 greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in
14 subdivision (d)(2) of this section.

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

| 17 Classification | Salary per Annum |
|-------------------|---|
| 18 ----- | ----- |
| 19 Class 1 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> |
| 20 | nor more than \$56,640 <u>\$61,640</u> |
| 21 Class 2 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> |
| 22 | nor more than \$58,095 <u>\$63,095</u> |
| 23 Class 3 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| 24 | nor more than \$59,550 <u>\$64,550</u> |
| 25 Class 4 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |
| 26 | nor more than \$61,005 <u>\$66,005</u> |
| 27 Class 5 | not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u> |
| 28 | nor more than \$62,459 <u>\$67,459</u> |
| 29 Class 6 | not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u> |
| 30 | nor more than \$68,278 <u>\$73,278</u> |
| 31 Class 7 | not less than \$29,000 <u>\$30,000</u> |
| 32 | nor more than \$71,188 <u>\$76,188</u> |

33 (e) County Tax Collector. (1) In those counties where the office of
34 county tax collector has been separated from the office of sheriff, the annual
35 salary of a county tax collector shall be in compensation for services as tax
36 collector and delinquent tax collector and for all other services performed as

1 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

| 5 Classification | Salary per Annum |
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| 6 ----- | ----- |
| 7 Class 1 | not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u> |
| 8 | nor more than \$52,276 <u>\$57,276</u> |
| 9 Class 2 | not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u> |
| 10 | nor more than \$53,731 <u>\$58,731</u> |
| 11 Class 3 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> |
| 12 | nor more than \$55,186 <u>\$60,186</u> |
| 13 Class 4 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> |
| 14 | nor more than \$56,640 <u>\$61,640</u> |
| 15 Class 5 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> |
| 16 | nor more than \$58,095 <u>\$63,095</u> |
| 17 Class 6 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| 18 | nor more than \$62,459 <u>\$67,459</u> |
| 19 Class 7 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |
| 20 | nor more than \$65,369 <u>\$70,369</u> |

21 (f) County and Probate Clerk. (1)(A) The annual salary of a county and
22 probate clerk shall be in compensation for his or her services as county
23 clerk, probate clerk, clerk of the county court, clerk of the quorum court,
24 registrar of voters, and for all other services performed as provided by the
25 Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

26 (B) In those counties where the office of county and
27 probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio
28 recorder, the salary shall be as provided in this section.

29 (C) In those counties where the office of county and
30 probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio
31 recorder, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred
32 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate
33 class of county in subdivision (f)(2) of this section.

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

| 36 Classification | Salary per Annum |
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| 1 | ----- | ----- |
| 2 | Class 1 | not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u> |
| 3 | | nor more than \$52,276 <u>\$57,276</u> |
| 4 | Class 2 | not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u> |
| 5 | | nor more than \$53,731 <u>\$58,731</u> |
| 6 | Class 3 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> |
| 7 | | nor more than \$55,186 <u>\$60,186</u> |
| 8 | Class 4 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> |
| 9 | | nor more than \$56,640 <u>\$61,640</u> |
| 10 | Class 5 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> |
| 11 | | nor more than \$58,095 <u>\$63,095</u> |
| 12 | Class 6 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| 13 | | nor more than \$62,459 <u>\$67,459</u> |
| 14 | Class 7 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |
| 15 | | nor more than \$65,369 <u>\$70,369</u> |

16 (g) Circuit and Chancery Clerk. (1)(A) The annual salary of a circuit
 17 clerk and ex officio recorder shall be in compensation for his or her services
 18 as clerk of the circuit court, as clerk of the chancery court, as ex officio
 19 recorder, and for all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas
 20 Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

21 (B) In those counties where the office of circuit clerk and
 22 ex officio recorder is combined with the office of county and probate clerk,
 23 the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-
 24 two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class
 25 of county in subdivision (g)(2) of this section.

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

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| 28 | Classification | Salary per Annum |
| 29 | ----- | ----- |
| 30 | Class 1 | not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u> |
| 31 | | nor more than \$52,276 <u>\$57,276</u> |
| 32 | Class 2 | not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u> |
| 33 | | nor more than \$53,731 <u>\$58,731</u> |
| 34 | Class 3 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> |
| 35 | | nor more than \$55,186 <u>\$60,186</u> |
| 36 | Class 4 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> |

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| 1 | | nor more than \$56,640 <u>\$61,640</u> |
| 2 | Class 5 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> |
| 3 | | nor more than \$58,095 <u>\$63,095</u> |
| 4 | Class 6 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| 5 | | nor more than \$62,459 <u>\$67,459</u> |
| 6 | Class 7 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |
| 7 | | nor more than \$65,369 <u>\$70,369</u> |

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

11 (h) County Assessor. (1)(A) The annual salary of a county assessor
12 shall be in compensation for all services performed as county assessor,
13 appraiser, and as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county
14 ordinance.

15 (B) In any county in which the offices of assessor and
16 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries
17 of the county assessor and collector shall be one thousand three hundred
18 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate
19 class of county in subdivision (h)(2) of this section.

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

| 22 | Classification | Salary per Annum |
|----|----------------|---|
| 23 | ----- | ----- |
| 24 | Class 1 | not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u> |
| 25 | | nor more than \$52,276 <u>\$57,276</u> |
| 26 | Class 2 | not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u> |
| 27 | | nor more than \$53,731 <u>\$58,731</u> |
| 28 | Class 3 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> |
| 29 | | nor more than \$55,186 <u>\$60,186</u> |
| 30 | Class 4 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> |
| 31 | | nor more than \$56,640 <u>\$61,640</u> |
| 32 | Class 5 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> |
| 33 | | nor more than \$58,095 <u>\$63,095</u> |
| 34 | Class 6 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| 35 | | nor more than \$62,459 <u>\$67,459</u> |
| 36 | Class 7 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |

1 nor more than ~~\$65,369~~ \$70,369

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

5 (B) In any county in which the offices of treasurer and
 6 collector are combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries
 7 of the county treasurer and collector shall be one thousand three hundred
 8 ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate
 9 class of county in subdivision (i)(2) of this section.

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

| 12 Classification | Salary per Annum |
|-------------------|---|
| 13 ----- | ----- |
| 14 Class 1 | not less than \$20,000 <u>\$21,000</u> |
| | nor more than \$52,276 <u>\$57,276</u> |
| 16 Class 2 | not less than \$21,000 <u>\$22,000</u> |
| | nor more than \$53,731 <u>\$58,731</u> |
| 18 Class 3 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> |
| | nor more than \$55,186 <u>\$60,186</u> |
| 20 Class 4 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> |
| | nor more than \$56,640 <u>\$61,640</u> |
| 22 Class 5 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> |
| | nor more than \$58,095 <u>\$63,095</u> |
| 24 Class 6 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| | nor more than \$62,459 <u>\$67,459</u> |
| 26 Class 7 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |
| | nor more than \$65,369 <u>\$70,369</u> |

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

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

| 33 Classification | Salary per Annum |
|-------------------|---|
| 34 ----- | ----- |
| 35 Class 1 and 2 | not less than \$2,638 <u>\$2,762</u> |
| | nor more than \$11,677 <u>\$12,778</u> |

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| 1 | Class 3 and 4 | not less than \$3,540 <u>\$3,692</u> |
| 2 | | nor more than \$17,178 <u>\$18,714</u> |
| 3 | Class 5 and 6 | not less than \$4,443 <u>\$4,618</u> |
| 4 | | nor more than \$39,173 <u>\$42,424</u> |
| 5 | Class 7 | not less than \$5,343 <u>\$5,542</u> |
| 6 | | nor more than \$44,573 <u>\$47,978</u> |

7 (k) County Surveyor. Compensation of the county surveyor shall be fixed
8 by the quorum court of each county at a rate not to exceed thirty-six dollars
9 (\$36.00) per hour.

10 ~~(g)(1)(1)~~ (1) The annual salary of a circuit clerk and ex officio
11 recorder shall be in compensation for his or her services as clerk of the
12 circuit court, as clerk of the chancery court, as ex officio recorder, and for
13 all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law,
14 or by county ordinance.

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16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 14-14-1205(a)(1), concerning per diem
17 compensation for quorum court officials, is amended to read as follows:

18 14-14-1205. Compensation of township officers.

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

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

23 (B) The per diem compensation of justices shall be not less
24 than ~~one hundred five dollars (\$105)~~ one hundred ten dollars (\$110) per diem
25 for each regular meeting nor exceed ~~six thousand dollars (\$6,000)~~ six thousand
26 five hundred forty-four dollars (\$6,544) per calendar year in counties having
27 a population of less than seventy thousand (70,000) and shall not exceed ~~seven~~
28 ~~thousand four hundred forty dollars (\$7,440)~~ eight thousand thirty-five
29 dollars (\$8,035) per calendar year in counties having a population of at least
30 seventy thousand (70,000) and less than two hundred thousand (200,000), and
31 shall not exceed ~~eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400)~~ ten thousand
32 dollars (\$10,000) per calendar year in counties having a population of two
33 hundred thousand (200,000) or more.

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