

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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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2301

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 14-14-1204 AND  
11 14-14-1205 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM  
12 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY AND QUORUM  
13 COURT OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM  
16 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY AND  
17 QUORUM COURT 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) The quorum court of each county shall fix, by ordinance, the  
26 annual salaries of the following county officers within the minimums and  
27 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) 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:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Population</u>
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)(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:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
Class 1	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u> nor more than \$66,640
Class 2	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u> nor more than \$68,095
Class 3	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u> nor more than \$69,550
Class 4	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u> nor more than \$71,005
Class 5	not less than <del>\$29,000</del> <u>\$30,000</u> nor more than \$72,459
Class 6	not less than <del>\$30,000</del> <u>\$31,000</u>

1 nor more than \$78,278  
 2 Class 7 not less than ~~\$31,000~~ \$32,000  
 3 nor more than ~~\$81,188~~ \$91,223  
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5 (d)(1)(A) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation for  
 6 services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county jail,  
 7 as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crimes, as an officer of the  
 8 circuit court or county court, as the ex officio county tax collector and  
 9 delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is combined with  
 10 the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as provided by  
 11 the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
Class 1	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u> nor more than \$66,640
Class 2	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u> nor more than \$68,095
Class 3	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u> nor more than \$69,550
Class 4	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u> nor more than \$71,005
Class 5	not less than <del>\$29,000</del> <u>\$30,000</u> nor more than \$72,459
Class 6	not less than <del>\$30,000</del> <u>\$31,000</u> nor more than \$78,278
Class 7	not less than <del>\$31,000</del> <u>\$32,000</u> nor more than <del>\$81,188</del> <u>\$91,223</u>

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 36 (e)(1) In those counties where the office of county tax collector has

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
Class 1	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u> nor more than \$62,276
Class 2	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u> nor more than \$63,731
Class 3	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u> nor more than \$65,186
Class 4	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u> nor more than \$66,640
Class 5	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u> nor more than \$68,095
Class 6	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u> nor more than \$74,459
Class 7	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u> nor more than \$75,369

25 (f)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county and probate clerk shall be in  
 26 compensation for his or her services as county clerk, probate clerk, clerk of  
 27 the county court, clerk of the quorum court, registrar of voters, and for all  
 28 other services performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or  
 29 by county ordinance.

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

33 (C) In those counties where the office of county and  
 34 probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio  
 35 recorder, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three  
 36 hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the

1 appropriate class of county in subdivision (f)(2) of this section.

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

4	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
5	Class 1	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u>
6		nor more than \$57,276
7	Class 2	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u>
8		nor more than \$63,731
9	Class 3	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
10		nor more than \$65,186
11	Class 4	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
12		nor more than \$66,640
13	Class 5	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
14		nor more than \$68,095
15	Class 6	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
16		nor more than \$72,459
17	Class 7	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u>
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20 (g)(1)(A) The annual salary of a circuit clerk and ex officio recorder  
21 shall be in compensation for his or her services as clerk of the circuit  
22 court, as ex officio recorder, and for all other services performed as  
23 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

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

32	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
33	Class 1	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u>
34		nor more than \$62,276
35	Class 2	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u>
36		nor more than \$63,731

1	Class 3	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
2		nor more than \$65,186
3	Class 4	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
4		nor more than \$66,640
5	Class 5	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
6		nor more than \$68,095
7	Class 6	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
8		nor more than \$72,459
9	Class 7	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u>
10		nor more than \$75,369

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

15 (h)(1)(A) The annual salary of a county assessor shall be in  
 16 compensation for all services performed as county assessor, appraiser, and as  
 17 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

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

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26	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
27	Class 1	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u>
28		nor more than \$62,276
29	Class 2	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u>
30		nor more than \$63,731
31	Class 3	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
32		nor more than \$65,186
33	Class 4	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
34		nor more than \$66,640
35	Class 5	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
36		nor more than \$68,095

1	Class 6	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
2		nor more than \$72,459
3	Class 7	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u>
4		nor more than \$75,369

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

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

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
17 Class 1	not less than <del>\$22,000</del> <u>\$23,000</u>
19	nor more than \$62,276
20 Class 2	not less than <del>\$23,000</del> <u>\$24,000</u>
21	nor more than \$63,731
22 Class 3	not less than <del>\$24,000</del> <u>\$25,000</u>
23	nor more than \$65,186
24 Class 4	not less than <del>\$25,000</del> <u>\$26,000</u>
25	nor more than \$66,640
26 Class 5	not less than <del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
27	nor more than \$68,095
28 Class 6	not less than <del>\$27,000</del> <u>\$28,000</u>
29	nor more than \$72,459
30 Class 7	not less than <del>\$28,000</del> <u>\$29,000</u>
31	nor more than \$75,369

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33 (j)(1) The compensation of a county coroner shall be for all services  
34 performed as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county  
35 ordinance.

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

1 coroner of a county shall be as follows:

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<u>Classification</u>	<u>Salary per Annum</u>
Class 1 and 2	not less than <del>\$2,861</del> <u>\$2,972</u> nor more than \$13,668
Class 3 and 4	not less than <del>\$3,825</del> <u>\$3,973</u> nor more than \$21,000
Class 5 and 6	not less than <del>\$4,784</del> <u>\$4,970</u> nor more than \$45,379
Class 7	not less than <del>\$5,741</del> <u>\$5,964</u> nor more than \$51,320

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

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1205(a)(1), concerning per diem compensation for justices of the peace, is amended to read as follows:

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

(B) The per diem compensation of justices shall be not less than ~~one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115)~~ one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) per diem for each regular meeting nor exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per calendar year in counties having a population of less than seventy thousand (70,000), shall not exceed eight thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars (\$8,595) 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 eleven thousand four hundred dollars (\$11,400) per calendar year in counties having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more.