

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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9 **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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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM
17 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTY AND
18 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> |
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| 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> |
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| Class 1 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> nor more than \$66,640 |
| Class 2 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> nor more than \$68,095 |
| Class 3 | not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u> nor more than \$69,550 |
| Class 4 | not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u> nor more than \$71,005 |
| Class 5 | not less than \$29,000 <u>\$30,000</u> nor more than \$72,459 |
| Class 6 | not less than \$30,000 <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:

| 20 | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Salary per Annum</u> |
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| 21 | Class 1 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| 22 | | nor more than \$66,640 |
| 23 | Class 2 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |
| 24 | | nor more than \$68,095 |
| 25 | Class 3 | not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u> |
| 26 | | nor more than \$69,550 |
| 27 | Class 4 | not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u> |
| 28 | | nor more than \$71,005 |
| 29 | Class 5 | not less than \$29,000 <u>\$30,000</u> |
| 30 | | nor more than \$72,459 |
| 31 | Class 6 | not less than \$30,000 <u>\$31,000</u> |
| 32 | | nor more than \$78,278 |
| 33 | Class 7 | not less than \$31,000 <u>\$32,000</u> |
| 34 | | nor more than \$81,188 <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:

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| 9 | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Salary per Annum</u> |
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| 10 | Class 1 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> |
| 11 | | nor more than \$62,276 |
| 12 | Class 2 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> |
| 13 | | nor more than \$63,731 |
| 14 | Class 3 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> |
| 15 | | nor more than \$65,186 |
| 16 | Class 4 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> |
| 17 | | nor more than \$66,640 |
| 18 | Class 5 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> |
| 19 | | nor more than \$68,095 |
| 20 | Class 6 | not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u> |
| 21 | | nor more than \$74,459 <u>\$72,459</u> |
| 22 | Class 7 | not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u> |
| 23 | | nor more than \$75,369 |

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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.

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(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.

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(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:

| <u>Classification</u> | <u>Salary per Annum</u> |
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| Class 1 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> nor more than \$57,276 |
| Class 2 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> nor more than \$63,731 |
| Class 3 | not less than \$24,000 <u>\$25,000</u> nor more than \$65,186 |
| Class 4 | not less than \$25,000 <u>\$26,000</u> nor more than \$66,640 |
| Class 5 | not less than \$26,000 <u>\$27,000</u> nor more than \$68,095 |
| Class 6 | not less than \$27,000 <u>\$28,000</u> nor more than \$72,459 |
| Class 7 | not less than \$28,000 <u>\$29,000</u> nor more than \$75,369 |

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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:

| <u>Classification</u> | <u>Salary per Annum</u> |
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| Class 1 | not less than \$22,000 <u>\$23,000</u> nor more than \$62,276 |
| Class 2 | not less than \$23,000 <u>\$24,000</u> nor more than \$63,731 |

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

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

1 coroner of a county shall be as follows:

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

/s/ Dangeau