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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2096

5 By: Representative Williams
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING THE SALARIES OF PERSONNEL AND OTHER
9 REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT COURTS; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 REGARDING THE SALARIES OF PERSONNEL AND
15 OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT
16 COURTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(1) and (a)(2), regarding the*
22 *salary range for the Arkansas County District Court Judges and court clerks,*
23 *is amended to read as follows:*

24 *(1) The Arkansas County District Court – Northern District Judge shall*
25 *receive an annual salary of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars*
26 *(\$35,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the district court*
27 *clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than thirteen thousand eight*
28 *hundred thirty-four dollars and ninety-two cents (\$13,834.92) nor more than*
29 *thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000), and the deputy court clerk shall*
30 *receive an annual salary of not less than eleven thousand four hundred*
31 *seventy-five dollars (\$11,475) nor more than twenty-eight thousand dollars*
32 *(\$28,000). The salaries shall be as determined by the governing body of the*
33 *City of Stuttgart and the Arkansas County Quorum Court and paid one-half (½)*
34 *by the city and one-half (½) by the county;*

35 *(2) The Arkansas County District Court – Southern District Judge shall*
36 *receive an annual salary of not less than ~~thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000)~~*



1 ~~nor more than twenty three thousand dollars (\$23,000)~~ thirty-five thousand
 2 dollars (\$35,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the
 3 district court clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~twelve~~
 4 ~~thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) nor more than twenty two thousand~~
 5 ~~five hundred dollars (\$22,500)~~ thirteen thousand eight hundred thirty-four
 6 dollars and ninety-two cents (\$13,834.92) nor more than thirty-four thousand
 7 dollars (\$34,000), and the deputy clerk shall receive an annual salary of not
 8 less than ~~ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) nor more than twenty~~
 9 ~~thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500)~~ eleven thousand four hundred seventy-
 10 five dollars (\$11,475) nor more than twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000).
 11 The salaries shall be determined by the governing body of the City of DeWitt
 12 and the Arkansas County Quorum Court and paid ~~equally~~ paid one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) by
 13 the city and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) by the county;

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15 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(6), regarding the salary range
 16 for the Bradley County District Court Judge, is amended to read as follows:

17 (6) The Bradley County District Court Judge shall receive an annual
 18 salary of not less than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) nor more than
 19 ~~twenty-four thousand dollars~~ thirty-six thousand dollars (\$24,000 \$36,000),
 20 as established by the Bradley County Quorum Court and approved by the
 21 governing body of the City of Warren;

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23 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(17), regarding the salary
 24 range for the Columbia County District Court Judge, is amended to read as
 25 follows:

26 (17) The Columbia County District Court Judge shall receive an annual
 27 salary of not less than twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) nor more than
 28 ~~forty~~ fifty thousand dollars (~~\$40,000~~ \$50,000). Any salaries paid over the
 29 minimum salaries set in this subdivision (a)(17) shall be paid only upon the
 30 approval of the governing bodies of the City of Magnolia and Columbia County;

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32 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(39), regarding the salary
 33 range for the IZARD County District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended
 34 to read as follows:

35 (39) The IZARD County District Court Judge shall receive an annual
 36 salary of not less than ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) nor more

1 than thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000), and the district court clerk
2 shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~five~~ seven thousand four
3 hundred dollars (~~\$5,400~~ \$7,400) nor more than twenty-eight thousand dollars
4 (\$28,000). However, the salaries shall be subject to the approval of the
5 Melbourne City Council and the Izard County Quorum Court;

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7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(40), regarding the salary
8 range for the Jackson County District Court Judge, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 (40) The Jackson County District Court Judge shall receive an annual
11 salary of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) nor more than
12 ~~forty-five thousand dollars~~ fifty-five thousand dollars (~~\$45,000~~ \$55,000).
13 The salary of the district court judge shall be paid one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) by the City
14 of Newport and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) by Jackson County;

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16 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(42), regarding the salary
17 range for the Jasper District Court Judge and district court clerk, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (42) The Jasper District Court Judge shall receive an annual salary of
20 not less than ~~fifteen~~ sixteen thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars (~~\$15,500~~ \$16,000)
21 nor more than twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$22,000~~ \$22,500), and
22 the clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~twelve thousand~~
23 ~~five hundred~~ thirteen thousand dollars (~~\$12,500~~ \$13,000) nor more than
24 ~~seventeen thousand five hundred~~ eighteen thousand dollars (~~\$17,500~~ \$18,000).
25 All salaries and all other expenses of the office shall be paid one hundred
26 percent (100%) by the county;

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28 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(46), regarding the salary
29 ranges for the Lawrence County District Court Judges, are amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (46)(A) The Lawrence County District Court – Hoxie Department Judge
32 shall receive an annual salary of not less than thirteen thousand ~~five~~
33 ~~hundred~~ seven hundred forty dollars (~~\$13,500~~ \$13,740) nor more than twenty
34 thousand dollars (\$20,000), to be paid by the City of Hoxie and approved by
35 its governing body.

36 (B) The Lawrence County District Court – Walnut Ridge Department

1 Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~fifty~~ fifty-one
 2 thousand dollars (~~\$50,000~~ \$51,000) nor more than sixty thousand dollars
 3 (\$60,000), one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the salary to be paid by the City of Walnut Ridge
 4 and the other one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) shall be paid by Lawrence County;

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 6 *SECTION 8.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(50), regarding the salary
 7 range for the Little Rock District Court Judges, Departments 1, 2, and 3, are
 8 amended to read as follows:

9 (50) The Little Rock District Court Judges, Departments 1, 2, and 3,
 10 shall receive annual salaries of not less than one hundred fifteen thousand
 11 dollars (\$115,000) nor more than one hundred ~~forty thousand~~ seventy-five
 12 thousand dollars (~~\$140,000~~ \$175,000);

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 14 *SECTION 9.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(54), regarding the salary
 15 range for the Lonoke County District Court – Northern District Ward
 16 Department Judge, is amended to read as follows:

17 (54) The Lonoke County District Court – Northern District Ward
 18 Department Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~three~~
 19 ~~thousand six hundred~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (~~\$3,600~~ \$25,000) nor more
 20 than ~~fifteen thousand~~ fifty thousand dollars (~~\$15,000~~ \$50,000), as may be
 21 determined by the governing body of the City of Ward;

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 23 *SECTION 10.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(57), regarding the salary
 24 range for the Lonoke County District Court – Southern District Lonoke
 25 Department Judge, is amended to read as follows:

26 (57) The Lonoke County District Court – Southern District Lonoke
 27 Department Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than five
 28 thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than ~~twenty~~ twenty-five thousand dollars
 29 (~~\$20,000~~ \$25,000), as may be determined by the governing body of the City of
 30 Lonoke;

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 32 *SECTION 11.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(61), regarding the salary
 33 range for the Maumelle District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended to
 34 read as follows:

35 (61) The Maumelle District Court Judge shall receive an annual salary
 36 of not less than twenty thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$20,350) nor

1 more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). The district court clerk shall
 2 receive an annual salary of not less than seventeen thousand five hundred
 3 dollars (\$17,500) nor more than ~~forty~~ fifty thousand dollars (~~\$40,000~~
 4 \$50,000). The salary of both the judge and the clerk shall be as determined
 5 by the City of Maumelle Board of Directors;

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 7 *SECTION 12.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(70), regarding the salary
 8 ranges for the Phillips County District Court Judges, are amended to read as
 9 follows:

10 (70) The Phillips County District Court Judges, Departments 1 and 2,
 11 shall receive annual salaries of not less than ~~thirty~~ thirty-five thousand
 12 dollars (~~\$30,000~~ \$35,000) nor more than fifty-five thousand dollars
 13 (\$55,000). The salaries shall be determined by the governing body of the
 14 City of Helena-West Helena and the Phillips County Quorum Court, with the
 15 City of Helena-West Helena paying sixty percent (60%) of the salaries and
 16 Phillips County paying forty percent (40%) of the salaries. Subject to the
 17 annual salary cap of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000), the salaries may
 18 be increased, but any increase in the base salaries shall be borne entirely
 19 *by the governing body or bodies that approved the increase;*

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 21 *SECTION 13.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(72), regarding the salary
 22 ranges for the Poinsett County District Court Judge and the court clerk, are
 23 amended to read as follows:

24 (72) *The Poinsett County District Court shall consist of five (5)*
 25 *departments located in Harrisburg, Lepanto, Marked Tree, Trumann, and*
 26 *Tyronza. All five (5) departments ~~are to~~ shall be served by one (1) judge.*
 27 *The ~~salaries~~ salary of the court clerk of each department will be as*
 28 *determined by the Poinsett County Quorum Court ~~by~~ and the governing body of*
 29 *each municipality where the department is located. The ~~salaries~~ salary of*
 30 *each court clerk shall be payable one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) by Poinsett County and one-*
 31 *half ($\frac{1}{2}$) by the ~~municipalities~~ municipality. ~~The municipalities~~ Each*
 32 *municipality shall receive from the county each month the county's share of*
 33 *the ~~clerks'~~ clerk's salaries. ~~The county shall also pay one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the~~*
 34 *~~expenses of all departments of the court;~~*

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 36 *SECTION 14.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(84), regarding the salary

1 range for the Searcy County District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (84) The Searcy County District Court Judge shall receive an annual
4 salary of not less than twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$22,000~~
5 \$22,500) nor more than ~~thirty-two~~ thirty-three thousand ~~five hundred~~
6 (~~\$32,500~~ \$33,000), and the clerk of the court shall receive an annual salary
7 of not less than eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) nor more
8 than twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000), as determined by the Searcy
9 County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Marshall by
10 ordinances or resolutions adopted by the respective bodies. The salary of the
11 judge shall be determined by ordinances or resolutions of the quorum court
12 and the governing body of the city within the minimum and maximum prescribed
13 in this subdivision (a)(84). All salaries shall be paid fifty percent (50%)
14 by Searcy County and fifty percent (50%) by the City of Marshall. The
15 salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments. The Searcy County
16 District Court Judge shall be of good moral character, shall be a resident
17 and elector of the city, county, and the state, and shall possess the
18 qualifications required by law of circuit judges;

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20 *SECTION 15.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(89), regarding the salary
21 range for the Sherwood District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (89) The Sherwood District Court Judge shall receive an annual salary
24 of not less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) nor more than ~~eighty-five~~
25 ninety-five thousand dollars (~~\$85,000~~ \$95,000), and the district court clerk
26 shall receive an annual salary of not less than fifty thousand dollars
27 (\$50,000) nor more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). The salaries
28 are to be determined by the governing body of the City of Sherwood;

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30 *SECTION 16.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(95), regarding the salary
31 range for the White County District Court – Beebe Department Judge and court
32 clerk, is amended to read as follows:

33 (95) The White County District Court – Beebe Department Judge shall
34 receive an annual salary of not less than twenty-five thousand eight hundred
35 dollars (\$25,800) nor more than ~~thirty~~ forty thousand nine hundred ninety
36 dollars (~~\$30,990~~ \$40,990). The district court clerk shall receive an annual

1 salary of not less than twenty-five thousand two hundred ten dollars
2 (\$25,210) nor more than ~~thirty~~ forty thousand nine hundred ninety dollars
3 (~~\$30,990~~ \$40,990);
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5 *SECTION 17.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(96), regarding the salary
6 range for the White County District Court – Searcy Department Judge, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (96) The White County District Court – Searcy Department Judge shall
9 receive an annual salary of not less than sixty-seven thousand one hundred
10 dollars (\$67,100) nor more than ~~seventy-one~~ eighty-one thousand one hundred
11 dollars (~~\$71,100~~ \$81,100);
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13 *SECTION 18.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108 is amended to add a new
14 subsection to read as follows:

15 (c) The local salary supplement paid to a district judge under § 16-
16 17-115(c) shall not be used when calculating the salary established in this
17 section.
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19 *SECTION 19.* The effective date of Section 18 of this act is January 1,
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