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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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13 REGARDING THE SALARIES OF PERSONNEL AND
14 OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT
15 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 ($\frac{1}{2}$)*
34 *by the city and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) 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)~~ fifty thousand dollars
 2 (\$50,000), the district court clerk shall receive an annual salary of not
 3 less than twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) nor more than
 4 ~~twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500)~~ thirty-four thousand
 5 dollars (\$34,000), and the deputy clerk shall receive an annual salary of not
 6 less than ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) nor more than ~~twenty~~
 7 ~~thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500)~~ twenty-eight thousand dollars
 8 (\$28,000). The salaries shall be determined by the governing body of the City
 9 of DeWitt and the Arkansas County Quorum Court and paid ~~equally~~ paid one-half
 10 ($\frac{1}{2}$) by the city and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) by the county;

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

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

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

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

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

32 (39) The IZARD County District Court Judge shall receive an annual
 33 salary of not less than ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) nor more
 34 than thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000), and the district court clerk
 35 shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~five~~ seven thousand four
 36 hundred dollars (~~\$5,400~~ \$7,400) nor more than twenty-eight thousand dollars

1 (\$28,000). However, the salaries shall be subject to the approval of the
2 Melbourne City Council and the Izard County Quorum Court;

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (B) The Lawrence County District Court – Walnut Ridge Department
34 Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~fifty~~ fifty-one
35 thousand dollars (~~\$50,000~~ \$51,000) nor more than sixty thousand dollars
36 (\$60,000), one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the salary to be paid by the City of Walnut Ridge

1 and the other one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) shall be paid by Lawrence County;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (61) The Maumelle District Court Judge shall receive an annual salary
33 of not less than twenty thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$20,350) nor
34 more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). The district court clerk shall
35 receive an annual salary of not less than seventeen thousand five hundred
36 dollars (\$17,500) nor more than ~~forty~~ fifty thousand dollars (~~\$40,000~~

1 \$50,000). The salary of both the judge and the clerk shall be as determined
2 by the City of Maumelle Board of Directors;

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

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

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

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

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33 *SECTION 14.* Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(84), regarding the salary
34 range for the Searcy County District Court Judge and court clerk, is amended
35 to read as follows:

36 (84) The Searcy County District Court Judge shall receive an annual

1 salary of not less than twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$22,000~~
2 \$22,500) nor more than ~~thirty-two~~ thirty-three thousand ~~five hundred~~
3 (~~\$32,500~~ \$33,000), and the clerk of the court shall receive an annual salary
4 of not less than eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) nor more
5 than twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000), as determined by the Searcy
6 County Quorum Court and the governing body of the City of Marshall by
7 ordinances or resolutions adopted by the respective bodies. The salary of the
8 judge shall be determined by ordinances or resolutions of the quorum court
9 and the governing body of the city within the minimum and maximum prescribed
10 in this subdivision (a)(84). All salaries shall be paid fifty percent (50%)
11 by Searcy County and fifty percent (50%) by the City of Marshall. The
12 salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments. The Searcy County
13 District Court Judge shall be of good moral character, shall be a resident
14 and elector of the city, county, and the state, and shall possess the
15 qualifications required by law of circuit judges;

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

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

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

30 (95) The White County District Court – Beebe Department Judge shall
31 receive an annual salary of not less than twenty-five thousand eight hundred
32 dollars (\$25,800) nor more than ~~thirty~~ forty thousand nine hundred ninety
33 dollars (~~\$30,990~~ \$40,990). The district court clerk shall receive an annual
34 salary of not less than twenty-five thousand two hundred ten dollars
35 (\$25,210) nor more than ~~thirty~~ forty thousand nine hundred ninety dollars
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SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108(a)(96), regarding the salary range for the White County District Court – Searcy Department Judge, is amended to read as follows:

(96) The White County District Court – Searcy Department Judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than sixty-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$67,100) nor more than ~~seventy-one~~ eighty-one thousand one hundred dollars (~~\$71,100~~ \$81,100);

SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 16-17-108 is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

(c) The local salary supplement paid to a district judge under § 16-17-115(c) shall not be used when calculating the salary established in this section.

SECTION 19. The effective date of Section 18 of this act is January 1, 2012.

/s/Williams