

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1387

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "COUNTY OFFICIALS SALARY ACT"

Subtitle

11 "COUNTY OFFICIALS SALARY ACT"
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-14-1204 is amended to read as follows:
18 "14-14-1204. Compensation of elected county officers.

19 (a) Authority to Establish Compensation Levels. The quorum court of
20 each county shall, by ordinance, fix the annual salaries of the following
21 county officers within the minimum and maximum provided in this section: The
22 county judge; the sheriff and ex officio collector of taxes; the collector of
23 taxes, where established by law; the circuit clerk; the county clerk, where
24 established by law; the assessor; the treasurer; the coroner; and the
25 surveyor.

26 (b) Classification of Counties. For purposes of determining the
27 salaries of the elected county officers, unless otherwise specifically
28 provided in this section, the counties shall be classified on the basis of
29 population as determined by the preceding federal decennial census according
30 to the following classifications:

31 Classification	32 Population
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33 Class 1	0 to 9,999
34 Class 2	10,000 to 19,999
35 Class 3	20,000 to 29,999
36 Class 4	30,000 to 49,999

- 1 Class 5 50,000 to 69,999
- 2 Class 6 70,000 to 199,999
- 3 Class 7 200,000 and above

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

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

12 Classification	Salary per Annum
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14 Class 1	<i>not less than</i> \$22,000 <u>23,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$51,640 <u>56,640</u>
16 Class 2	<i>not less than</i> \$23,000 <u>24,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$53,095 <u>58,095</u>
18 Class 3	<i>not less than</i> \$24,000 <u>25,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$54,550 <u>59,550</u>
20 Class 4	<i>not less than</i> \$25,000 <u>26,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$56,005 <u>61,005</u>
22 Class 5	<i>not less than</i> \$26,000 <u>27,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$57,459 <u>62,459</u>
24 Class 6	<i>not less than</i> \$27,000 <u>28,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$63,278 <u>68,278</u>
26 Class 7	<i>not less than</i> \$28,000 <u>29,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$66,188 <u>71,188</u>

28 (d) Sheriff. (1) The annual salary of a sheriff shall be compensation
 29 for services as a law enforcement officer, as the supervisor of the county
 30 jail, as custodian of persons accused or convicted of crime, as an officer of
 31 the circuit, chancery, or county courts, and as the ex officio county tax
 32 collector and delinquent tax collector in those counties where that office is
 33 combined with the office of sheriff, and for all other services performed as
 34 provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any
 35 county in which the office of sheriff and the office of collector are combined
 36 into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county shall be

1 one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those
 2 prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this
 3 subsection.

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

6 Classification	Salary per Annum
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8 Class 1	not less than \$22,000 <u>23,000</u>
	nor more than \$51,640 <u>56,640</u>
10 Class 2	not less than \$23,000 <u>24,000</u>
	nor more than \$53,095 <u>58,095</u>
12 Class 3	not less than \$24,000 <u>25,000</u>
	nor more than \$54,550 <u>59,550</u>
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	nor more than \$56,005 <u>61,005</u>
16 Class 5	not less than \$26,000 <u>27,000</u>
	nor more than \$57,459 <u>62,459</u>
18 Class 6	not less than \$27,000 <u>28,000</u>
	nor more than \$63,278 <u>68,278</u>
20 Class 7	not less than \$28,000 <u>29,000</u>
	nor more than \$66,188 <u>71,188</u>

22 (e) County Tax Collector. (1) In those counties where the office of
 23 county tax collector has been separated from the office of sheriff, the annual
 24 salary of a county tax collector shall be in compensation for services as tax
 25 collector and delinquent tax collector, and for all other services performed
 26 as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance.

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

30 Classification	Salary per Annum
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32 Class 1	not less than \$19,000 <u>20,000</u>
	nor more than \$47,276 <u>52,276</u>
34 Class 2	not less than \$20,000 <u>21,000</u>
	nor more than \$48,731 <u>53,731</u>
36 Class 3	not less than \$21,000 <u>22,000</u>

1		<i>nor more than \$50,186 <u>55,186</u></i>
2	<i>Class 4</i>	<i>not less than \$22,000 <u>23,000</u></i>
3		<i>nor more than \$51,640 <u>56,640</u></i>
4	<i>Class 5</i>	<i>not less than \$23,000 <u>24,000</u></i>
5		<i>nor more than \$53,095 <u>58,095</u></i>
6	<i>Class 6</i>	<i>not less than \$24,000 <u>25,000</u></i>
7		<i>nor more than \$57,459 <u>62,459</u></i>
8	<i>Class 7</i>	<i>not less than \$25,000 <u>26,000</u></i>
9		<i>nor more than \$60,369 <u>65,369</u></i>

10 (f) County and Probate Clerk. (1) The annual salary of a county and
 11 probate clerk shall be in compensation for his services as county clerk,
 12 probate clerk, clerk of the county court, clerk of the quorum court, and
 13 registrar of voters, and for all other services performed as provided by the
 14 Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In those counties where
 15 the office of county and probate clerk is combined with the office of circuit
 16 clerk and ex officio recorder, the salary shall be as provided in this
 17 section. In those counties where the office of county and probate clerk is
 18 combined with the office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder, the minimum
 19 and maximum salaries shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars
 20 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in
 21 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

24	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Salary per Annum</i>
25	<i>-----</i>	<i>-----</i>
26	<i>Class 1</i>	<i>not less than \$19,000 <u>20,000</u></i>
27		<i>nor more than \$47,276 <u>52,276</u></i>
28	<i>Class 2</i>	<i>not less than \$20,000 <u>21,000</u></i>
29		<i>nor more than \$48,731 <u>53,731</u></i>
30	<i>Class 3</i>	<i>not less than \$21,000 <u>22,000</u></i>
31		<i>nor more than \$50,186 <u>55,186</u></i>
32	<i>Class 4</i>	<i>not less than \$22,000 <u>23,000</u></i>
33		<i>nor more than \$51,640 <u>56,640</u></i>
34	<i>Class 5</i>	<i>not less than \$23,000 <u>24,000</u></i>
35		<i>nor more than \$53,095 <u>58,095</u></i>
36	<i>Class 6</i>	<i>not less than \$24,000 <u>25,000</u></i>

1 nor more than ~~\$57,459~~ 62,459
 2 Class 7 not less than ~~\$25,000~~ 26,000
 3 nor more than ~~\$60,369~~ 65,369

4 (g) Circuit and Chancery Clerk. (1) The annual salary of a circuit
 5 clerk and ex officio recorder shall be in compensation for his services as
 6 clerk of the circuit court, as clerk of the chancery court, and as ex officio
 7 recorder, and for all other services performed as provided by the Arkansas
 8 Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In those counties where the
 9 office of circuit clerk and ex officio recorder is combined with the office of
 10 county and probate clerk, the minimum and maximum salaries shall be one
 11 thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those
 12 prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this
 13 subsection.

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

16 Classification	Salary per Annum
17 -----	-----
18 Class 1	not less than \$19,000 <u>20,000</u>
	nor more than \$47,276 <u>52,276</u>
20 Class 2	not less than \$20,000 <u>21,000</u>
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	nor more than \$53,095 <u>58,095</u>
28 Class 6	not less than \$24,000 <u>25,000</u>
	nor more than \$57,459 <u>62,459</u>
30 Class 7	not less than \$25,000 <u>26,000</u>
	nor more than \$60,369 <u>65,369</u>

32 (3) In those counties where the separate office of the clerk of the
 33 chancery court shall have been created by law, the minimum and maximum
 34 salaries shall be as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

35 (h) County Assessor. (1) The annual salary of a county assessor shall
 36 be in compensation for all services performed as county assessor and

1 appraiser, and as provided by the Arkansas Constitution, by law, or by county
2 ordinance. In any county in which the office of assessor and collector is
3 combined into a single office, the maximum and minimum salaries of the county
4 assessor and collector shall be one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars
5 (\$1,392) greater than those prescribed for the appropriate class of county in
6 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

9 Classification	Salary per Annum
10 -----	-----
11 Class 1	<i>not less than</i> \$19,000 <u>20,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$47,276 <u>52,276</u>
13 Class 2	<i>not less than</i> \$20,000 <u>21,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$48,731 <u>53,731</u>
15 Class 3	<i>not less than</i> \$21,000 <u>22,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$50,186 <u>55,186</u>
17 Class 4	<i>not less than</i> \$22,000 <u>23,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$51,640 <u>56,640</u>
19 Class 5	<i>not less than</i> \$23,000 <u>24,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$53,095 <u>58,095</u>
21 Class 6	<i>not less than</i> \$24,000 <u>25,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$57,459 <u>62,459</u>
23 Class 7	<i>not less than</i> \$25,000 <u>26,000</u>
	<i>nor more than</i> \$60,369 <u>65,369</u>

25 (i) County Treasurer. (1) The annual salary of a county treasurer shall
26 be in compensation for all services performed as provided by the Arkansas
27 Constitution, by law, or by county ordinance. In any county in which the
28 office of treasurer and collector is combined into a single office, the
29 maximum and minimum salaries of the county treasurer and collector shall be
30 one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,392) greater than those
31 prescribed for the appropriate class of county in subdivision (2) of this
32 subsection.

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

35 Classification	Salary per Annum
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1	Class 1	not less than \$19,000 <u>20,000</u>
2		nor more than \$47,276 <u>52,276</u>
3	Class 2	not less than \$20,000 <u>21,000</u>
4		nor more than \$48,731 <u>53,731</u>
5	Class 3	not less than \$21,000 <u>22,000</u>
6		nor more than \$50,186 <u>55,186</u>
7	Class 4	not less than \$22,000 <u>23,000</u>
8		nor more than \$51,640 <u>56,640</u>
9	Class 5	not less than \$23,000 <u>24,000</u>
10		nor more than \$53,095 <u>58,095</u>
11	Class 6	not less than \$24,000 <u>25,000</u>
12		nor more than \$57,459 <u>62,459</u>
13	Class 7	not less than \$25,000 <u>26,000</u>
14		nor more than \$60,369 <u>65,369</u>

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

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

20	Classification	Salary per Annum
21	-----	-----
22	Class 1 and 2	not less than \$2,638
23		nor more than \$11,677
24	Class 3 and 4	not less than \$3,540
25		nor more than \$17,178
26	Class 5 and 6	not less than \$4,443
27		nor more than \$39,173
28	Class 7	not less than \$5,343
29		nor more than \$44,573

30 (k) County Surveyor. Compensation of the county surveyor shall be fixed
 31 by the quorum court of each county at a rate not to exceed thirty-six dollars
 32 (\$36.00) per hour."

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 34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 36 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/ Fari s