

FEEES OF CIRCUIT CDERKS: Clerk of Washington County entitled to \$400.00 per annum for services rendered as clerk of juvenile court or clerk of juvenile division of circuit court.

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Mr. John W. White  
Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder  
Washington County  
Potosi, Missouri

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your request dated June 26th, 1943, for an official opinion from this office, which request is as follows:

"May I request an interpretation and ruling on Section 13437 R. S. Mo., 1939.

"Washington County, Missouri, under the Blue Book 1941-1942, has a population of 17,492 persons.

"My desire is for your ruling on Washington County."

Section 13437, R. S. Mo. 1939, is as follows:

"For their services as clerks of the juvenile courts, also known or designated as the juvenile division of the circuit court, the clerks of the circuit courts in all counties containing less than fifty thousand inhabitants shall receive and be paid an annual compensation as follows: In counties of less than seventy-five hundred inhabitants, \$100.00; in counties having a population of seventy-five hundred and less than ten thousand inhabitants, \$200.00; in counties having a population of ten thousand and less than fifteen thousand inhabitants \$300.00; in counties having a population of fifteen thousand and less than seventeen thousand five hundred inhabitants, \$400.00; and in counties having a population of seventeen thousand five hundred and less than fifty thousand inhabitants, \$500.00, payable out of the county treasury at the end of each month in equal monthly installments in the same manner as

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salaries of such circuit clerks as provided under this article: Provided, however, the compensation provided for in this article for clerks of the juvenile courts shall be in addition to the salary allowed them by law for their services as clerks for the circuit courts and shall be paid to and received by such clerks in full compensation for all services now or hereafter required of or rendered by them as clerks of the juvenile courts or as clerks of the juvenile division of the circuit courts." (First underscoring ours).

Page 1032 of the Official Manual of the State of Missouri for the year 1941-1942, the population of Washington County is listed as 17,492.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore the opinion of this office that inasmuch as Washington County, by the last official census, has a population of more than fifteen thousand and less than seventeen thousand five hundred inhabitants, the salary of the circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder for his duties as clerk of the juvenile court or clerk of the juvenile division of the circuit court should be \$400.00 per annum. It is further the opinion of this office that this \$400.00 is in addition to any compensation received for services as clerk of the circuit court.

Respectfully submitted,

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