

kinds of meetings, and other boards where they're not having these problems, they might meet once a quarter.

SENATOR SMITH: They are meeting as high as once a week for a county hospital board meeting?

SENATOR ELMER: In some areas where they're having financial difficulties.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I'm trying to figure out how this is going to help the hospital survive and it's going to save dollars if we're talking here about giving them more money for doing it. Who is paying the cost of this? Who is going to stand the increased cost here, the county?

SENATOR ELMER: You have to understand that the maximum that member could be paid...

SENATOR SMITH: I know, is \$100.

SENATOR ELMER: Is \$1,200 per year.

SENATOR SMITH: It's a \$100 now.

SENATOR ELMER: It's \$100 per year now.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. And you're increasing it to \$1,200 a year.

SENATOR ELMER: If the county board approves the salary increase.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes. Who is paying for it? Who is going to pay this increase?

SENATOR ELMER: The county.

SENATOR SMITH: I have a problem with this bill and I wish I would have paid better attention to it beforehand because we all know that our county hospitals are having trouble surviving. I'm trying to figure out how this is going to help them survive if we're going to say, what we're going to do because they are having troubles is give more money to the people that are meeting in the board meetings. That doesn't make much sense to me and I think I'm going to have to vote against this unless you