

"AN ACT FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE SECRETARY-COURT REPORTER-CASE COORDINATORS OF THE FOURTH CIRCUIT-CHANCERY COURT CIRCUIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) Each Chancellor of the Fourth Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit may employ one (1) secretary-court reporter-case coordinator to perform the secretarial, court reporter and case coordinator duties as may be assigned by the respective Chancellors.

(b) Each Circuit Judge of the Fourth Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit may employ one (1) secretary-court reporter-case coordinator to perform secretarial, court reporter and case coordinator duties as may be assigned by the respective Circuit Judges.

SECTION 2. The secretaries authorized by this Act shall be appointed by the respective Chancellors and Circuit Judges, shall be sworn officers of the court and shall hold office at the discretion of the same during the term of the Judge who appointed him, except that he may be dismissed for incompetency, neglect of duty or misbehavior.

SECTION 3. The secretaries authorized by this Act shall each be paid a salary for calendar year 1987 of \$14,466.35 and an annual salary each year thereafter of \$14,900.34 payable by the counties comprising the Fourth Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit. Said salaries shall be apportioned between the two counties on the basis of the assessed value of property in the said counties which is determined to be 93% for Washington County and 6% for Madison County, and in the following amounts:

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Washington County	\$13,526.04	\$13,931.81
Madison County	940.31	968.53

Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments by the paying offices of the respective counties.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Act and the salaries prescribed herein for secretary-court reporter-case coordinators of the Fourth Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit shall be retroactive to January 1, 1987.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that due to increased workload in the Fourth Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit and the financial pressures of inflation that the compensation now provided for the secretary-court reporter-case coordinators of the Fourth Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit is inadequate to compensate such secretary-court reporter-case coordinators for the additional workload and responsibilities, and that this Act is immediately necessary to provide adequate compensation for such secretary-court reporter-case coordinators. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and

effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: March 2, 1987 - Without Governor's Signature