

Act 7 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 7

SB107

By: Senator Nelson

"AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE BY PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION AND DUTIES OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY CASE COORDINATORS OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-WEST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Hereafter, each of the Circuit and Chancery Judges of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit-West shall be empowered and directed to employ a Case Coordinator for each division, whose duties shall be the maintenance of the court calendar, setting dates for trial of cases and for hearing of motions, and other related and incidental duties as directed by said Judges.

SECTION 2. The Case Coordinators shall be appointed by the Judges of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit-West, one for each court, and shall serve at the will of the respective judge.

SECTION 3. (a) The salary of each of the Case Coordinators for the period January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989, shall be not less than at the rate of Twenty-one Thousand One Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$21,199.00) per year, and shall be paid by the counties in the Circuit, as follows:

Jefferson County at the rate of Nineteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$19,079.00) per year, payable to each Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

Lincoln County at the rate of Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$2,120.00) per year, payable to each Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

(b) The salary of each of the Case Coordinators beginning January 1, 1990, shall be at the rate of Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$23,530.00) per year and shall be paid by the counties in the Circuit as follows:

Jefferson County at the rate of Twenty-one Thousand One Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$21,178.00) per year, payable to each Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

Lincoln County at the rate of Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-two Dollars (\$2,352.00) per year, payable to each Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

SECTION 4. In lieu of any other expenses incurred by each court provided by law for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit-West, each county of the circuit shall be responsible each year for the following amounts:

Lincoln County - Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

Jefferson County - All other expenses not otherwise provided for by law.

SECTION 5. This Act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1989.

SECTION 6. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the respective Quorum Courts of the counties in the district from paying more than the amounts set forth herein.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the duties incumbent upon the Case Coordinators of the Circuit and Chancery Courts of the Eleventh Judicial District-West of Arkansas have materially increased because of increases in population, caseload and the trial dockets of said Circuit and Chancery District, and that there has been a substantial increase in the costs of living, necessitating an increase in salaries in order to properly cope with the prevailing conditions and prevent hardship. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: February 1, 1989

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