1 State of Arkansas **A BILLACT 758 OF 1991** 2 78th General Assembly HOUSE BILL 1436 3 Regular Session, 1991 By: Representative Mike Wilson 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE SIXTH g JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY; AND FOR OTHER 9 PURPOSES." 10 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 13 14 SECTION 1. Subchapter 11 of Chapter 21 of Title 16 of the Arkansas Code 15 is hereby amended by inserting an additional section at the end thereof to 16 read as follows: "16-21-1108. (a) Effective February 1, 1991, the Prosecuting Attorney 17 18 of the Sixth Judicial District shall have the power to appoint the following 19 employees if the prosecutor receives a grant award therefor, without 20 confirmation of any court or tribunal, at such salaries as are indicated 21 below, or as are authorized in grants awarded from the Arkansas Department of 22 Finance and Administration (DFA), Office of Intergovernmental Services (IGS), 23 Arkansas Drug Law Enforcement Program (DLEP): Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (DTF Chief) 2.4 \$37,075 2.5 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 31,293 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 26 32,000 Law Enforcement Agent in Charge 33,903 2.7 Law Enforcement Investigation Agent 28 18,000 Law Enforcement Agent Asset Recovery Accountant 32,085 29 30 Law Enforcement Drug Abatement Agent 25,000 Administrative Assistant 31 19,200 15,080 32 Secretary The positions created in subsection (a) of this section shall be in 33 34 addition to those created by Arkansas Code Annotated sections 16-21-113 and 35 16-21-1102, and other Arkansas Code provisions. In the event additional 36 funding becomes available, the Prosecuting Attorney may employ such additional

- 1 employees and have expense allowances as are authorized in the DFA, IGS, DLEP 2 grant awards.
- 3 (c) Any law enforcement agent positions created in subsection (a) of
- 4 this section who are assigned to the Sixth Judicial District Prosecutor's
- 5 Regional Interdiction Drug Enforcement (PRIDE) Task Force from their
- 6 respective law enforcement agencies shall be treated as an employee of their
- 7 respective law enforcement agency for administrative and fringe benefit
- 8 purposes. All law enforcement agent positions shall have peace officer
- 9 jurisdiction throughout the Sixth Judicial District, and may serve process
- 10 issuing out of all courts within the State.
- 11 (d) The Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District shall
- 12 administer its DLEP grant from DFA, IGS. Expenditures may be made only for
- 13 purposes of the grant. All monies from the grant are appropriated on a
- 14 continuing basis and are subject to Arkansas Code Annotated Section 10-4-209,
- 15 the Prosecuting Attorney's Financial Management System. It is the explicit
- 16 legislative intent that nothing in this Act shall be construed to decrease,
- 17 supplant or be substituted for employee positions, salaries, or expenses, nor
- 18 maintenance and operation expenses or capital equipment expenditures which the
- 19 Sixth Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office will receive through
- 20 quorum court appropriation from and after February 1, 1991."

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- 22 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
- 23 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 24 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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- 32 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
- 33 hereby repealed.

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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General

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1 Assembly that there is an urgent need for additional personnel to fight the 2 war on drugs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this 3 Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 4 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and 5 approval. /s/ Mike Wilson APPROVED: 3/26/91