

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 673 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1111

5 By: Representatives Walters, Blair, Penix, Medley
6 By: Senators Wilkinson, Altes
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT PROVIDING A CHANGE OF VENUE FROM LOWER
11 COURTS TO DISTRICT *COURTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES*;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE
16 FROM LOWER *COURTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES* TO
17 DISTRICT COURT.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Arkansas Code §§ 16-17-218 and 16-19-409 or
23 any other law to the contrary:

24 (1)(A) In any criminal case brought before any justice of the peace in
25 any township, police court, city court, corporation court, or any court of
26 common pleas in a county with a population between eighty-nine thousand
27 (89,000) persons and one hundred fifty-three thousand (153,000) persons
28 according to the 2000 federal decennial census and wherein a district court
29 exists, the judge shall grant a change of venue to the district court, upon
30 defendant's motion, without the prepayment or tender of any fees.

31 (B) Upon filing of the motion, the court shall have no further
32 jurisdiction in the case, except for the purpose of preparing a transcript
33 for the district court;

34 (2) In the event of any change of venue from a justice of the peace,
35 police court, city court, or corporation court, or any court of common pleas
36 to a district court in a county with a population between eighty-nine



1 thousand (89,000) persons and one hundred fifty-three thousand (153,000)
 2 persons according to the 2000 federal decennial census and wherein more than
 3 one (1) district court exists, the case shall be transferred to the nearest
 4 district court geographically in the county; and

5 (3) In no event shall any change of venue lie from any district court,
 6 in a county with a population between eighty-nine thousand (89,000) persons
 7 and one hundred fifty-three thousand (153,000) persons according to the 2000
 8 federal decennial census, to any justice of the peace, police court, city
 9 court, or corporation court, or court of common pleas in criminal cases.

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/s/ Walters, et al

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