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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 67

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS - COURT PERSONNEL
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 67

Amend Senate Bill No. 67 as originally introduced:

Page 4, delete Section 8 in its entirety and substitute the following:

“ SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 16-13-501 is amended to read as follows:
16-13-501. Court reporters made state employees.

(a) The official court reporters of the circuit courts in this state are employees of the State of Arkansas.

(b) The Administrative Office of the Courts may employ or contract with a court reporter previously employed by the state for services provided at any time after his or her separation from state employment, regardless of a limitation otherwise provided under § 19-11-709(d).

(c) The office is responsible for the financial oversight of the court reporters employed by the circuit court, which includes without limitation:

(1) Biennial and annual budget requests;

(2) Relevant budget activities;

(3) Monitoring expenses;

(4) Travel;

(5) Substitute expenses;

(6) Indigent transcript payments; and

(7) Ensuring projected annual expenditures do not exceed total available funding.

(d) The office, with the assistance of the Arkansas Judicial Council Inc., shall establish an official procedure or rules for:

(1) The hiring of court reporters;

(2) The termination of court reporters; and

(3) Salary adjustments for court reporters.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 16-13-3301 is amended to read as follows:
16-13-3301. Trial court administrators made state employees.

(a) A trial court administrator of a circuit court is an employee of the State of Arkansas.



(b) The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for the financial oversight of the trial court administrators employed by the circuit court, which includes without limitation:

- (1) Biennial and annual budget requests;
- (2) Relevant budget activities;
- (3) Monitoring expenses;
- (4) Travel;
- (5) Substitute expenses;
- (6) Indigent transcript payments; and
- (7) Ensuring projected annual expenditures do not exceed total available funding.

(c) The office, with the assistance of the Arkansas Judicial Council Inc., shall establish an official procedure or rules for:

- (1) The hiring of trial court administrators;
- (2) The termination of trial court administrators; and
- (3) Salary adjustments for trial court administrators.”

AND

Page 5, delete Section 10 in its entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber Sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative House

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