

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

Third Extraordinary Session, 1989

CALL ITEM 8 1086

By: Representative Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO CREATE NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIPS; TO
PROVIDE EACH NEW JUDGE A COURT REPORTER AND COURT FACILITIES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) (1) The following additional circuit-chancery judgeships are hereby created:

(A) One (1) circuit-chancery judgeship in the Second Judicial District;

(B) One (1) circuit-chancery judgeship in the Sixth Judicial District;

(C) One (1) circuit-chancery judgeship in the Seventeenth-East Judicial District;

(2) The circuit-chancery judgeships created by this Act shall primarily perform the duties of judge of the juvenile division of chancery court, and shall sit as judge of the circuit, chancery and probate courts as time permits.

(b) The Governor shall as soon as possible appoint two qualified persons to fill the additional judgeships created by this Act for the Second and Sixth Judicial Districts. The appointees shall serve until December 31, 1990.

(c) The qualified electors of the respective judicial districts shall elect the additional circuit-chancery judges at the November, 1990, General Election to take office on January 1, 1991. The additional judges shall be elected in the same manner and shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses and other allowances as provided by law for judges of circuit-chancery courts. The judges shall serve for elected terms of four (4) years.

SECTION 2. In each judicial district in which an additional circuit-chancery judgeship is created pursuant to this Act, the county or counties located in the judicial district shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies, which shall be paid out of the county treasury of the county or counties in the same manner as other demands against the county or counties, out of funds appropriated by the quorum court of the county or counties for such purposes.

SECTION 3. In each judicial district in which an additional circuit-chancery judgeship is created pursuant to this Act, there shall be provided a court reporter whose salary shall be fixed and paid in the manner provided by law for court reporters of the circuit and chancery courts of this state.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. 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 6. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the Second and Sixth Judicial Districts are in immediate need of additional juvenile judges; that this Act provides for the additional judges; and that this Act should therefore go into effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately 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.