

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representative Cabe

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIPS FOR  
THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created two additional circuit-chancery judgeships for the Sixth Judicial District. Upon agreement between the additional judges created by this Act, one shall have the primary duty of sitting as the judge of the juvenile division of chancery court, and the primary duty of the other shall be to conduct hearings for the involuntary admission or commitment of persons under Act 861 of 1989 to a hospital as defined by that Act. Each of the judges shall, as time permits, sit as judge of the circuit, chancery and probate courts.

SECTION 2. The Governor shall as soon as possible appoint qualified persons to fill the two additional judgeships created by this Act. The persons appointed to fill those judgeships shall serve until December 31, 1990. The qualified electors of the Sixth Judicial District shall elect the two additional judges at the November 1990 General Election to take office on January 1, 1991. The 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 terms of four years.

SECTION 3. The judges shall be provided courtroom and office facilities and supplies by the counties comprising the Sixth Judicial District which shall pay for the same out of their county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the county, out of funds

appropriated by the quorum courts for such purposes. Each additional judge provided for in this Act 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 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 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the Sixth Judicial District is in immediate need of an additional circuit-chancery judge to serve as juvenile judge, and a circuit-chancery judge to conduct hearings for involuntary commitments under Act 861 of 1989; that this Act creates those additional judgeships; and that this Act should 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.