

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Flanagin**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §16-87-111 TO
9 ALLOW QUORUM COURTS TO APPROPRIATE A PORTION OF THE COURT
10 COST FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S INVESTIGATOR TO DEFRAY
11 COSTS OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §16-87-111 is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 "16-87-111. Investigators authorized.

19 (a) In any county having a public defender, the public defender may
20 employ an investigator to help him in carrying out his duties.

21 (b) The quorum court in any such county may adopt an ordinance
22 assessing additional court costs in order to provide funds for the payment of
23 the said public defender's investigator, and the quorum court shall set the
24 salary or the rate of pay for the investigator.

25 (1) The court cost shall be assessed upon each judgment of
26 conviction, upon each plea of guilty, and upon each plea of nolo contendere or
27 bond forfeiture in felony and misdemeanor cases in circuit courts, justice of
28 the peace courts, municipal courts, police courts, or city courts.

29 (2) The court cost shall not exceed the sum of four dollars
30 (\$4.00).

31 (3) The quorum court may appropriate any funds collected from the
32 court cost provided for in this section in excess of those needed for the
33 investigator to pay salaries and expenses of the office of the public
34 defender.

35 (c) The investigator may be employed as an independent contractor or

1 may be employed as an employee of the county at the discretion of the quorum
2 court."

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
12 act are declared to be severable.

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

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