

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

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1553

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 *"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CASE-COORDINATORS FOR THE CHANCERY*
9 *AND PROBATE COURTS IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR*
10 *OTHER PURPOSES."*

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

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14 SECTION 1. (a) The judges of the Chancery and Probate Court for the
15 *First Judicial District may appoint case-coordinators for said District.*

16 (b) The principal duties of the case-coordinator shall be to
17 maintain the court calendar, schedule dates for the trial of cases and for the
18 hearing of motions, and other related and incidental duties at the direction
19 of the judges.

20 (c) The case-coordinator provided for in the section shall
21 receive a salary of not less than eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) nor more
22 than twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) per calendar year, which salary
23 shall be pro-rated between the counties comprising the First Judicial
24 District, based on the number of annual case filings in each of such counties.

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26 SECTION 2. The reasonable expenses accruing in the office of the case-
27 coordinator shall be pro-rated among the counties comprising the district in
28 the same manner as the salary set forth above, and be paid out of the county
29 treasury.

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31 SECTION 3. When the county quorum courts raise the salaries of county
32 employees, they shall also raise salaries an equivalent amount for the case-
33 coordinator provided for in this section.

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35 SECTION 4. *In addition to any other fees prescribed by law, the*

1 following fees shall be assessed in the First Judicial District and the
2 revenues deposited into the county general fund to be used exclusively to help
3 defray the cost of the salaries of the case-coordinators and deputy
4 prosecuting attorneys:

5 (1) For each judgment obtained on complaint, information, or otherwise,
6 in the name of the state or any county \$ 5.00

7 (2) For each conviction on indictment, presentment, or information for
8 misdemeanor or breach of the peace 10.00

9 (3) For each conviction in cases of gambling 25.00

10 (4) For each conviction on indictment for any felony not capital ..
11 25.00

12 (5) For each conviction of homicide, other than capital ... 35.00

13 (6) For each conviction in capital cases 75.00

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15 SECTION 5. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 Act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
26 hereby repealed.

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28 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the case load in the First Judicial
30 District requires the appointment of a case-coordinator for the District and
31 that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary for the proper
32 administration of justice. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to
33 exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
34 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage
35 and approval.

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/s/Jim Shaver