

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Keet**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE
9 SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE
13 SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT."

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

17 SECTION 1. (a) Effective July 1, 1993, there is hereby created in the
18 Sixth Judicial District an additional circuit-chancery judgeship, which shall
19 have jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate.

20 (b) The judge of the additional circuit-chancery judgeship created
21 herein shall devote such time as may be required to perform the duties of
22 judge of the juvenile division, which duties shall be the primary obligation
23 of the judge, and shall sit as judge of the circuit, chancery, or probate
24 court as time permits.

25 (c) The qualified electors of the Sixth Judicial District shall elect
26 the additional circuit-chancery judge created herein at the November 1994
27 general election to take office on January 1, 1995. The additional judge
28 shall be elected in the same manner and shall satisfy the same qualifications
29 for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other
30 allowances as provided by law for judges of the circuit-chancery courts. The
31 judge shall serve for elected terms of four (4) years.

32 (d) As soon as possible after the effective date of this act, the
33 Governor shall appoint a qualified person to temporarily fill the Sixth
34 Judicial District Circuit-Chancery judgeship created herein, and said person
35 shall serve until December 31, 1994, or until a successor has been elected and

1 qualified, whichever occurs last.

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3 SECTION 2. The counties which comprise the Sixth Judicial District
4 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of
5 the circuit-chancery judgeship created by this act, which shall be paid out of
6 the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the
7 counties, out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the
8 counties for such purposes.

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10 SECTION 3. There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit-
11 chancery judgeship created by this act a court reporter, whose salary shall be
12 fixed and paid in the manner provided by law for court reporters of the
13 circuit-chancery courts of this state.

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15 SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.

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28 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
29 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the caseload of the Sixth Judicial
30 District necessitates the appointment of additional circuit-chancery judges
31 immediately; and that this act so provides and should therefore be given
32 effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and
33 this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
34 health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its
35 passage and approval.

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