

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1423

5 By: Representatives Parks, Pickett, Scroggin, S. Prater
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE
10 TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP
15 IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-2803, concerning judges of the
21 Twentieth Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to
22 read as follows:

23 (f)(1) Effective July 1, 2003, there is created in the Twentieth
24 Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship, which shall have
25 jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

26 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a
27 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Twentieth Judicial District
28 circuit judgeship created by this subsection (f), and the appointed person
29 shall serve until December 31, 2004, or until a successor has been elected
30 and qualified, whichever occurs last.

31 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
32 additional circuit judge, created by this subsection (f), at the November
33 2004, general election to take office on January 1, 2005.

34 (B) The additional judge shall be elected from the
35 district, shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office and shall
36 receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by law



1 for judges of the circuit courts.

2 (C) The judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6)
3 years.

4 (4) The counties which comprise the Twentieth Judicial District
5 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of
6 the circuit judgeship created by this subsection (f), which shall be paid out
7 of the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the
8 counties, out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the
9 counties for such purposes.

10 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit
11 judgeship created by this subsection (f), a court reporter and a trial court
12 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner
13 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants
14 of the circuit courts of this state.

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16 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
17 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Judicial Resources Assessment
18 Committee has reviewed the caseloads of the various judicial districts and
19 has determined that the caseload of the Twentieth Judicial District
20 necessitates the appointment of an additional circuit judge; and that this
21 act is immediately necessary to assure the smooth, efficient, and timely
22 administration of justice in the counties affected. Therefore, an emergency
23 is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
25 on:

26 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

27 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
28 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
29 bill; or

30 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
31 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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