

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 1524

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5 By: Representatives Childers, Biggs, P. Bookout, Boyd, Goss, Nichols, Thyer
6 By: Senator J. Bookout

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CREATE TWO CIRCUIT JUDGESHIPS IN THE
11 SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO CREATE TWO CIRCUIT JUDGESHIPS
15 IN THE SECOND 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 § 16-13-1003, concerning judges of the Second
21 Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
22 follows:

23 (e)(1) Effective July 1, 2003, there is created in the Second Judicial
24 District two (2) additional circuit judgeships, which shall have jurisdiction
25 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 each of the Second Judicial
28 District circuit judgeships created by this subsection (e), and the appointed
29 persons shall serve until December 31, 2004, or until their successors have
30 been elected and qualified, whichever occurs last.

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

34 (B) The additional judges 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 judges shall serve for elected terms of six (6)
3 years.

4 (4) The counties which comprise the Second Judicial District
5 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judges of
6 the circuit judgeships created by this subsection (e), which shall be paid
7 out 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 each of the judges of the
11 circuit judgeships created by this subsection (e), a court reporter and a
12 trial court administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid
13 in the manner provided by law for court reporters and trial court
14 administrative assistants of the circuit courts of this state.

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