

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  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1527

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5 By: Representative Parks  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF  
10 THREATENING A JUDICIAL OFFICIAL OR JUROR; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF  
15 THREATENING A JUDICIAL OFFICIAL OR  
16 JUROR.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. As used in this act:

22 (1) "Judicial official" means any district, circuit or Court of  
23 Appeals judge, any Supreme Court Justice, or any person authorized to hear  
24 evidence under oath;

25 (2) "Immediate family" means the spouse or child of a judicial  
26 official or juror; and

27 (3) "Juror" means any citizen of the state impaneled as a grand or  
28 petit juror.  
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30 SECTION 2. (a) A person commits the offense of threatening a judicial  
31 official or juror if the person, directly or indirectly, utters or otherwise  
32 makes a threat towards another person who the person knows, or should know,  
33 to be a judicial official, juror, or any member of a judicial official's or  
34 juror's immediate family.

35 (b)(1) Threatening a judicial official or juror is a Class B  
36 felony if the person threatens to cause death or serious physical injury to a



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1 judicial official, juror, or any member of a judicial official's or juror's  
2 immediate family, or threatens substantial damage to property owned or  
3 possessed by a judicial official, juror, or any member of a judicial  
4 official's or juror's immediate family.

5 (2) Threatening a judicial official or juror is a Class C felony  
6 if the person threatens to cause physical injury to a judicial official,  
7 juror, or any member of a judicial official's or juror's immediate family or  
8 threatens damage to property owned or possessed by a judicial official,  
9 juror, or any member of a judicial official's or juror's immediate family.

10 (c) It is an affirmative defense to any prosecution under this act  
11 that at the time the defendant engaged in the conduct, the threat did not  
12 relate to the person's status or actions as a judicial official, juror, or  
13 member of the immediate family of a judicial official or juror.

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