

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
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2396

5 By: Representatives Hathorn, Ledbetter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUIT COURT
10 APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUIT COURT
14 APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. (a) In order to assist the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly
20 meeting in regular session with determining the need to change the number and
21 boundaries of the circuit court districts, the number of circuit judges
22 within each circuit court district, and the number of circuit court law
23 clerks, case coordinators, secretaries, and other support staff within each
24 district, there is created the Circuit Court Apportionment Commission to be
25 composed of the following persons:

26 (1) The Chairman of the Senate Interim Judiciary Committee on
27 Judiciary or his designee, plus one (1) other member of the committee to be
28 selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

29 (2) The Chairman of the House Interim Committee on Judiciary or
30 his designee, plus one (1) other member of the committee to be selected by
31 the Speaker of the House;

32 (4) The Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court who shall
33 serve as chairperson;

34 (5) The Chief Judge of the Arkansas Court of Appeals; and

35 (6) The Chairman of the Arkansas Judicial Council;

36 (c) The Commission shall meet at the call of the chair and hold



1 hearings between July 1st and December 31st of 2004.

2 (d) The commission shall review the current circuit court districts,
3 judges, caseloads and staff and shall make a recommendation to the Eighty-
4 Fifth General Assembly on any changes to be made effective July 1, 2005.

5 (e) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide necessary
6 meeting space, staff, secretarial support, and technical assistance to the
7 commission.

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