

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

SENATE BILL 655

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5 By: Senator Hendren  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW CIRCUIT JUDGES TO SIGN ORDERS IN  
10 A GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OTHER THAN THE JUDICIAL  
11 CIRCUIT IN WHICH THE CAUSE OR MATTER IS PENDING;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 THAN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN WHICH THE  
17 CAUSE OR MATTER IS PENDING.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 16-13-210. Circuit judge may hear and adjudicate causes pending in the  
24 ~~district~~ circuit.

25 (a) Any circuit judge of this state, at any time while mentally and  
26 physically competent and physically present in the geographical area of the  
27 judicial ~~district~~ circuit which he or she serves as judge, may hear,  
28 adjudicate, or render any appropriate order with respect to, any cause or  
29 matter pending in any circuit court over which he or she presides, subject to  
30 such notice of the time, place, and nature of the hearing being given as may  
31 be required by law or by rule or order of the court. However, no contested  
32 case may be tried outside the county of the venue of the case, except upon  
33 the agreement of the parties interested.

34 (b) A circuit judge assigned to a cause or matter, either by regular  
35 docket assignment or by Supreme Court order, may render or sign orders in  
36 that cause or matter in a geographical location other than the judicial



1 circuit in which the cause or matter is pending.

2 (c) A retired circuit judge, chancellor, or circuit/chancery judge  
3 assigned to a cause or matter by Supreme Court order may render or sign  
4 orders in that cause or matter in a geographical location other than the  
5 judicial circuit in which the cause or matter is pending.

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