

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 753

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5 By: Senator Wilkins
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REAPPORTION THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR
10 THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS AND SET ELECTION
11 DATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO REAPPORTION THE ELECTORAL
15 DISTRICTS FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT OF
16 APPEALS AND SET ELECTION DATES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. Purpose.

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22 (a) For purposes of the 2004 general election and elections
23 thereafter, the State of Arkansas is divided into eight (8) districts for the
24 election of judges to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

25 (b) It is the purpose of this act to create new electoral districts
26 for the Arkansas Court of Appeals and to establish the dates for election of
27 the judges within each of those districts.
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SECTION 2. Court of Appeals Districts.

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30 (a) District 1 shall be composed of Clay, Craighead, Greene, Jackson,
31 Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp, and Woodruff counties.

32 (b) District 2 shall be composed of Baxter, Boone, Cleburne, Conway,
33 Faulkner, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Newton, Marion, Pope, Searcy, Stone,
34 Van Buren, and White counties.

35 (c) District 3 shall be composed of Benton, Carroll, Crawford,
36 Franklin, Johnson, Madison, and Washington counties.



1 (d) District 4 shall be composed of Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Logan,
 2 Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Polk, Saline, Sebastian, Scott, and Yell counties.

3 (e) District 5 shall be composed of Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia,
 4 Dallas, Grant, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada,
 5 Ouachita, and Sevier counties.

6 (f) District 6 shall be composed of Arkansas, Lonoke, Prairie and
 7 Pulaski counties.

8 (g) District 7 shall be composed of Cross, Crittenden, Lee,
 9 Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, and St. Francis counties.

10 (h) District 8 shall be composed of Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha,
 11 Drew, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Union counties.

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 13 SECTION 3. Court of Appeals elections.

14 (a) The elections under this section shall be for eight-year terms,
 15 except as otherwise provided by this act.

16 (b) The date of election for each of the twelve (12) positions of the
 17 Court of Appeals shall be according to the following schedule:

18 (1) The judgeship currently designated as District 1, position 1
 19 shall be designated as District 1 judge and shall be subject to election in
 20 2008;

21 (2)(A) The judgeship currently designated as District 1,
 22 position 2 shall be temporarily designated as District 1, position 2 and be
 23 subject to election in the combined Districts 1 and 7 in 2004.

24 (B) At the end of the eight-year term that begins in 2005,
 25 the judgeship currently designated as District 1, position 2 shall be
 26 designated District 7 judge and be subject to election in 2012 in District 7;

27 (3) The judgeship currently designated as District 2, Position 1
 28 shall continue to be designated as District 2, position 1 and shall be
 29 subject to election in 2010 in District 2;

30 (4) The judgeship currently designated as District 2, position 2
 31 shall continue to be designated as District 2, position 2 and shall be
 32 subject to election in 2004 in District 2;

33 (5) The judgeship currently designated as District 3, position 1
 34 shall continue to be designated as District 3, position 1 and shall be
 35 subject to election in 2010 in District 3;

36 (6) The judgeship currently designated as District 3, position 2

1 shall continue to be designated as District 3, position 2 and shall be
2 subject to election in 2006 in District 3;

3 (7) The judgeship currently designated as District 4, position 1
4 shall continue to be designated as District 4, position 1 and shall be
5 subject to election in 2004 in District 4;

6 (8) The judgeship currently designated as District 4, position 2
7 shall continue to be designated as District 4, position 2 and shall be
8 subject to election in 2004 in District 4;

9 (9) The judgeship currently designated as District 5, position 1
10 shall be designated as District 5 judge and shall be subject to election in
11 2004 in District 5;

12 (10)(A) The judgeship currently designated as District 5,
13 position 2 shall be temporarily designated as District 5, position 2 and be
14 subject to election in the combined Districts 5 and 8 in 2004.

15 (B) At the end of the eight-year term that begins in 2005,
16 the judgeship currently designated as District 5, position 2 shall be
17 designated District 8 judge and be subject to election in 2012 in District 8.

18 (11) The judgeship currently designated as District 6, position
19 1 shall continue to be designated as District 6, position 1 and shall be
20 subject to election in 2004 in District 6; and

21 (12) The judgeship currently designated as District 6, position
22 2 shall continue to be designated as District 6, position 1 and shall be
23 subject to election in 2004 in District 6.

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25 SECTION 4. Transition.

26 Each currently serving judge of the Court of Appeals shall continue in
27 office until his or her position shall be subject to election, as provided
28 under this act, regardless of the date otherwise set as the expiration of his
29 or her term, and regardless of any changes in the geographical boundaries in
30 the district from which he or she was elected.

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