

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PROBATE JUDGES TO APPOINT REFEREES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTING ALCOHOLICS FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Probate Judges may appoint referees to act under Act 411 of 1955, and Act 433 of 1971, as now or hereafter amended, pertaining to the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics. The referees shall be attorneys licensed in Arkansas. The referees shall have the same powers as the Probate Judges under Act 411 of 1955, and Act 433 of 1971, as now or hereafter amended, except that any decision of the referee may be appealed as a matter of right to the Probate Judge in the county in which the case was decided. Written notification of the appeal shall be made to the clerk of the probate court in the county in which the case was decided within three days, excluding weekends and holidays, following the decision of the referee. Upon request, the clerk shall cause to be transmitted to the Probate Judge all records pertaining to the case. A trial de novo shall be conducted by the Probate Judge of the county in which the case was decided within seven calendar days after the filing of the notice of appeal.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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