

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT 214 OF 1937, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 24-111], TO PROVIDE THAT THE THIRD, SEVENTH, EIGHTH, SIXTEENTH AND TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUITS SHALL BECOME DIVISION A CIRCUITS FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 214 of 1937, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 24-111, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. (A) The Division A Judicial Circuits are the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh West, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth; provided, that the Third, and Sixteenth Judicial Circuits are Division A circuits retroactive to January 1, 1987; the Eighth Judicial Circuit is a Division A circuit as of March 1, 1987; and the Seventh and Twentieth Judicial Circuits are Division A circuits as of July 1, 1987.

(B) The Division B Judicial Circuits are the First, Fifth, Ninth East, Ninth West, Eleventh East, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth East, Seventeenth West, Eighteenth East and Eighteenth West; provided, the Eighth Judicial Circuit will remain a Division B circuit until March 1, 1987 and the Seventh and Twentieth Judicial Circuits will remain Division B circuits until July 1, 1987."

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the salaries of the prosecuting attorneys of the Third, Seventh, Eighth, Sixteenth and Twentieth Judicial Circuits are insufficient to adequately compensate the persons filling those offices; that designating those circuits as Division A circuits instead of Division B circuits will entitle the prosecuting attorneys for those circuits to increased compensation; and that such increased compensation cannot occur until this Act becomes effective. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: February 19, 1987

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