

Act 55 of the Third Special Session of 1989.

Act 55

SB21

By: Senator Hardin

CALL ITEM 88

For An Act To Be Entitled
"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 16-17-218 AND
16-19-409, WHICH ALLOW A CHANGE OF VENUE FROM A JUSTICE OF
THE PEACE COURT TO A MUNICIPAL COURT IN THE SAME COUNTY; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) In any case, either civil or criminal, brought before a justice of the peace in any township in the county wherein a municipal court exists, the judge may grant a change of venue to the municipal court, upon defendant's motion and a showing of good cause, without the prepayment or tender of any fees. Upon granting of the motion, the justice of the peace shall have no further jurisdiction in the case, except for the purpose of preparing a transcript for the municipal court.

(b) In the event of any change of venue from a justice of the peace to a municipal court in the counties where more than one municipal court exists, the case shall be transferred to the nearest municipal court geographically in the county.

(c) In no event shall any change of venue lie from any municipal court to any justice of the peace in either civil or criminal cases.

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: November 16, 1989
