

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

**A BILL ACT 715 OF 1991**  
**HOUSE BILL 1923**

4 **By: Representatives Parkerson, Mullenix, and Allen**

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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL  
9 MUNICIPAL JUDGESHIP IN THE CITY OF HOT SPRINGS; TO SET THE  
10 SALARIES OF THE JUDGES AND CLERKS FOR THE HOT SPRINGS  
11 MUNICIPAL COURTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. (a) The quorum court of Garland County and the Board of  
16 Directors of the city of Hot Springs are hereby authorized by ordinances of  
17 the two bodies to create an additional municipal court judgeship for the Hot  
18 Springs Municipal Court. If such additional judgeship is created, the current  
19 municipal judge shall preside over the First Division of the Hot Springs  
20 Municipal Court and the person selected to the new judgeship shall preside  
21 over the Second Division of the Hot Springs Municipal Court.

22 If an additional judgeship is created as authorized herein, the person  
23 to fill such position shall be elected at the next General Election after such  
24 authorization for a term of four (4) years, and all successors shall be  
25 elected for terms of four (4) years.

26 (b) Each Hot Springs Municipal Court judge shall receive an annual  
27 salary of not less than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) nor more than fifty-  
28 nine thousand dollars (\$59,000) and each Hot Springs Municipal Court clerk  
29 shall receive an annual salary of not less than twenty-two thousand dollars  
30 (\$22,000) nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The salaries  
31 shall be determined by the governing body of the city of Hot Springs and the  
32 quorum court of Garland County.

33 (c) The salaries of the municipal judges and the municipal court clerks  
34 and any special judges authorized by this subdivision and the operating  
35 expenses of the Hot Springs Municipal Courts shall be paid fifty percent (50%)  
36 by the city of Hot Springs and fifty percent (50%) by Garland County. The

1 municipal judges shall be of good moral character, residents of the county and  
2 the state, and shall possess the qualifications required by law for circuit  
3 and chancery judges. In the event a municipal judge is ill, absent, or  
4 temporarily disqualified, that municipal judge shall designate a member of the  
5 bar regularly practicing in the court to serve in his place during the  
6 illness, absence, or disqualification of the municipal judge, and he shall  
7 have all the powers and authority of the municipal judge.

8 (d) Upon the vacancy in the office of municipal judge caused by death  
9 or otherwise, the governing body of the city shall appoint a person possessing  
10 the qualifications required for municipal judge, who shall serve until the  
11 next general election, at which election a municipal judge shall be elected in  
12 the manner provided by law for the election of the municipal judge to fill the  
13 unexpired term of the municipal judge so vacating the office.

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

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19 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
23 act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 4. (a) Arkansas Code 16-17-108(bb) is hereby repealed.

26 (b) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
27 repealed.

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APPROVED: 3-22-91

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