

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Representative Curran**

A Bill

ACT 1246 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 2020

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CASE COORDINATORS FOR THE CIRCUIT
9 COURT AND THE CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT IN THE FIFTH
10 JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND SET THE SALARY FOR THE DISTRICT CASE
11 COORDINATORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO ESTABLISH CASE COORDINATORS FOR THE
15 CIRCUIT, CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURTS IN
16 THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND SET
17 THEIR SALARY"

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

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21 SECTION 1. (a) (1) The Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fifth
22 Judicial District may appoint one (1) case coordinator for said district for
23 circuit matters.

24 (2) The Judge of the Chancery and Probate Court for the Fifth
25 Judicial District may appoint one (1) case coordinator for said district for
26 chancery and probate matters.

27 (b) The principal duties of the case coordinators shall be to maintain
28 the court calendar, schedule dates for the trial of cases and for the hearing
29 of motions, and other related and incidental duties at the direction of the
30 judges.

31 (c) The case coordinators authorized by this section shall be appointed
32 by the respective judges, shall be sworn officers of the court, and shall hold
33 office at the discretion of and during the term of the judge who appointed
34 him, except that he may be dismissed for incompetency, neglect of duty, or
35 misbehavior.

36 (d) Each case coordinator authorized by this section shall receive a

1 salary of not less than *fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)* nor more than
2 *twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000)* per calendar year payable in the
3 following manner: two-thirds (2/3) from Pope County, one-sixth (1/6) from
4 Johnson County, and one-sixth (1/6) from Franklin County.

5 (e) The salaries shall be payable in twenty-six (26) equal installments
6 by the paying offices of the respective counties.

7 (f) The beginning salary of each case coordinator shall be determined
8 by the judge of each court with consideration given to the case load of each
9 court.

10 (g) Each case coordinator shall receive expenses and automobile
11 allowances as authorized for county employees. The same shall be prorated
12 among the counties comprising the district in the same manner as the salary
13 set forth above and be paid out of the county treasury.

14 (h) *When the Pope county quorum court raises the salaries of Pope*
15 *county employees, the participating counties shall also raise salaries in a*
16 *proportionate amount for the case coordinators provided for in this section.*

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

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

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28 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
29 hereby repealed.

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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
32 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the case load of the Fifth Judicial
33 District is increasing significantly; that it is extremely important to retain
34 qualified and experienced court personnel to assure the efficient and swift
35 disposition of the work of the court; that the present salary of the personnel

1 affected by this act is inadequate; that this act will adjust the salary to a
2 more reasonable level; and that this act should be given effect immediately in
3 order to eliminate the inequities as soon as possible. Therefore, an
4 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the
5 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in
6 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

7 */s/Rep. Curran*

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9 BECAME LAW WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE: 4-13-95

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