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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representatives Wren, Courtway and Simon**

A Bill

ACT 170 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1260

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE
9 TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE
10 ANNOTATED 16-13-2803 TO DESIGNATE DIVISIONS OF EXISTING
11 TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY
16 JUDGESHIP IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
17 AND DESIGNATE DIVISIONS OF EXISTING 20TH
18 JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS"

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

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22 SECTION 1. (a) Effective immediately upon passage and approval of
23 this act, there is hereby created in the Twentieth Judicial District an
24 additional circuit-chancery judgeship, which shall have jurisdiction in law,
25 equity, and probate, and shall be designated "Division 4" in all
26 jurisdictions.

27 (b) As soon as possible after the effective date of this act, the
28 Governor shall appoint a qualified person to temporarily fill the Twentieth
29 Judicial District Circuit-Chancery judgeship created herein, and the appointed
30 person shall serve until December 31, 1996, or until a successor has been
31 elected and qualified, whichever occurs last.

32 (c) The qualified electors of the Twentieth Judicial District shall
33 elect the additional circuit-chancery judge created herein at the November
34 1996 general election to take office on January 1, 1997. The additional judge
35 shall be elected in the same manner and shall satisfy the same qualifications
36 for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other

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1 allowances as provided by law for judges of the circuit-chancery courts. The
2 judge shall serve for elected terms of four (4) years.

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4 SECTION 2. The counties which comprise the Twentieth Judicial District
5 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of
6 the circuit-chancery judgeship created by this act, which shall be paid out of
7 the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the
8 counties, out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the
9 counties for such purposes.

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11 SECTION 3. There shall be provided for the judge of the
12 circuit-chancery judgeship created by this act a court reporter, whose salary
13 shall be fixed and paid in the manner provided by law for court reporters of
14 the circuit-chancery courts of this state.

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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-13-2803 is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 "16-13-2803. Judges and chancellors.

19 (a) The qualified electors of the Twentieth Judicial District shall
20 elect:

- 21 (1) One (1) circuit judge;
- 22 (2) One (1) chancellor; and
- 23 (3) One (1) circuit-chancery judge.

24 (b)(1) The judgeship created by subdivision (a)(3) of this section
25 shall be the judge of the juvenile division of chancery court and shall be
26 designated Division 2 in all jurisdictions.

27 (2) The judge shall devote such time as may be required to
28 perform the duties of judge of the juvenile division, which duties shall be
29 the primary obligation of the judge, and shall sit as judge of the circuit,
30 chancery, or probate court as time permits.

31 (c) Effective January 1, 1995, the circuit judgeship created by
32 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall become a circuit-chancery judgeship
33 which shall have jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate and shall be
34 designated Division 1 in all jurisdictions.

35 (d) Effective January 1, 1997, the chancery judgeship created by

1 subdivision (a) (2) of this section shall become a circuit-chancery judgeship
2 which shall have jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate and shall be
3 designated Division 3 in all jurisdictions."

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5 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
6 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
7 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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9 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 act are declared to be severable.

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15 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
16 hereby repealed.

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18 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
19 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the caseload of the Twentieth Judicial
20 District necessitates the appointment of an additional circuit-chancery judge
21 immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act
22 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
23 and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
24 approval.

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26 */s/Rep. Wren, et al*

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