

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Senator Dowd**

# A Bill

**ACT 39 OF 1995**  
**SENATE BILL 3**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED  
§16-13-1701 TO TRANSFER PIKE COUNTY FROM THE NINTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT-EAST TO THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST  
AND TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO TRANSFER PIKE COUNTY TO THE 9TH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST AND CREATE A NEW  
CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP"

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated §16-13-1701 is amended to  
read as follows:

"16-13-1701. Composition.

(a) Effective immediately upon passage and approval of this act, the  
Ninth Judicial District-East shall be composed of the county of Clark.

(b) Effective immediately upon passage and approval of this act, the  
Ninth Judicial District-West shall be composed of the counties of Howard,  
Little River, Sevier, and Pike."

SECTION 2. (a) Effective immediately upon passage and approval of  
this act, there is hereby created in the Ninth Judicial District-West an  
additional circuit-chancery judgeship, which shall have jurisdiction in law,  
equity, and probate.

(b) The judge of the additional circuit-chancery judgeship created  
herein shall devote such time as may be required to perform the duties of  
judge of the juvenile division, which duties shall be the primary obligation

1 of the judge, and shall sit as judge of the circuit, chancery, or probate  
2 court as time permits.

3 (c) As soon as possible after the effective date of this act, the  
4 Governor shall appoint a qualified person to temporarily fill the Ninth  
5 Judicial District-West Circuit-Chancery judgeship created herein, and the  
6 appointed person shall serve until December 31, 1996, or until a successor has  
7 been elected and qualified, whichever occurs last.

8 (d) The qualified electors of the Ninth Judicial District-West shall  
9 elect the additional circuit-chancery judge created herein at the November  
10 1996 general election to take office on January 1, 1997. The additional judge  
11 shall be elected in the same manner and shall satisfy the same qualifications  
12 for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other  
13 allowances as provided by law for judges of the circuit-chancery courts. The  
14 judge shall serve for elected terms of four (4) years.

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16 SECTION 3. The counties which comprise the Ninth Judicial  
17 District-West shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for  
18 the judge of the circuit-chancery judgeship created by this act, which shall  
19 be paid out of the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands  
20 against the counties, out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum  
21 courts of the counties for such purposes.

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23 SECTION 4. There shall be provided for the judge of the  
24 circuit-chancery judgeship created by this act a court reporter, whose salary  
25 shall be fixed and paid in the manner provided by law for court reporters of  
26 the circuit-chancery courts of this state.

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

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32 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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

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6 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
7 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the caseload of the Ninth Judicial  
8 District necessitates the transferring of Pike County to the Ninth Judicial  
9 District-West and the appointment of an additional circuit-chancery judge  
10 immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act  
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
12 and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and  
13 approval.

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