

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

A Bill

ACT 743 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1280

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 16-13-503 TO PROVIDE FOR
9 THE REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF COURT REPORTING BY THE
10 SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS; TO REPEAL ACT 48 OF 1897
11 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF COURT STENOGRAPHERS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE
16 PRACTICE OF COURT REPORTING BY THE
17 SUPREME COURT."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-503 is amended to read as follows:

22 "16-13-503. Appointment - Compensation - Leave.

23 (a) Each judge of each circuit-chancery court district may appoint one
24 (1) or more court reporters as may be authorized by law.

25 (b)(1) The salaries of the reporters shall be prescribed by the General
26 Assembly in accordance with the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act,
27 §21-5-201 et seq.

28 (2) The salaries, together with such expenses as may be
29 authorized by law for the court reporters to be paid from state funds shall be
30 paid with moneys appropriated therefor by the General Assembly from the Court
31 Reporters' Fund.

32 (c) The official court reporters of the circuit and chancery courts in
33 the state shall be subject to, and their attendance and leave time shall be
34 governed by, the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act, as amended,
35 §21-4-201 et seq. However, the judge of the court served by each such reporter
36 shall have the authority and responsibility to administer the Uniform

1 Attendance and Leave Policy Act, § 21-4-201 et seq., as applied to the
2 respective court reporters.

3 (d) Rules for the regulation of the practice of court reporting in this
4 state, including but not limited to, certification, discipline, and provisions
5 for the retention of court reporter records, shall be the responsibility of
6 the Supreme Court of Arkansas. *Provided however that nothing in this section*
7 *shall permit the Supreme Court to require that counties or county officials*
8 *provide space for the storage of court reporter records."*

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

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14 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 4. (a) Act 48 of 1897 is hereby repealed.

21 (b) All other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Vess

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