

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

ACT 725 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1573

5 By: Representatives Faris, Maddox, Miller, George, Baker, Beatty, Rodgers, Wilkinson, Malone, Milum,
6 Wood, Hale, Hall, Thomas, Johnson, Simmons, Hausam, Teague, Choate, McGehee, Terry Smith, Horn, Broadway, Wallis, Mullenix,
7 Laverty, Schexnayder, Whorton, Newman, Northcutt, Young, Shoffner, Willems, Angel, Stewart, Dawson, Critcher, Wagner, Jeffress,
8 Bisbee, Pappas, Davis, Purdom, Simon, Hunton, Ammons, Cook, Ferguson, Fuqua, McJunkin, French, Kidd, Sheppard, Wren,
9 Fletcher, Trammell, Flanagan, and Goodwin
10 By: Senators Hopkins and Wilson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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13 "AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN PULASKI COUNTY
14 PURSUANT TO LAWS ESTABLISHING VENUE IN PULASKI COUNTY FOR
15 ALL SUCH ACTIONS IN THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. (a) For any civil action filed in circuit or chancery court
27 in Pulaski County pursuant to a law that declares Pulaski County to be the
28 venue for all such actions in the state, the action may be heard by a judge of
29 another judicial district who agrees to hear such actions pursuant to this
30 section.

31 (b) A judge may agree to hear the actions by notifying the
32 Administrative Office of the Courts on a form provided by the office.

33 (c) The assignment of a judge from another judicial district shall be
34 made pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Administrative Office of the
35 Courts unless the Arkansas Supreme Court adopts rules for the assignment of
36 judges. The rules shall provide for the random selection of the participating

1 judges.

2 (d) If an action is assigned to a judge of another judicial district,
3 the judge may hear the action in a court in Pulaski County or in the judicial
4 district of the judge.

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

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10 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
14 act are declared to be severable.

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

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20 /s/Rep. Wood, et al

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