

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

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# A Bill

ACT 797 OF 1997  
SENATE BILL 544

5 By: Senator Fitch  
6 By: Representative Laverty  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-EAST  
10 AND THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST; TO PROVIDE FOR  
11 THE JUDGES, COURT REPORTERS, AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS OF  
12 THE DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE NINETEENTH  
15 JUDICIAL DISTRICT-EAST AND THE  
16 NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Composition.

22 (a) Effective January 1, 1999 there is created the Nineteenth Judicial  
23 District-East, which shall be composed of Carroll County.

24 (b) Effective January 1, 1999 there is created the Nineteenth Judicial  
25 District-West, which shall be composed of Benton County.  
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27 SECTION 2. Judges and chancellors.

28 (a) As of January 1, 1999, the Circuit-Chancery Judge of the Nineteenth  
29 Judicial District, who sits as judge of the juvenile division and division  
30 three (3) of the circuit and chancery courts, is hereby designated as the  
31 Circuit-Chancery Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District-East and shall sit  
32 as the judge of the circuit, chancery and probate courts and the juvenile  
33 division.

34 (b) At the 1998 General Election, the qualified electors of the  
35 Nineteenth Judicial District-East shall elect the Circuit-Chancery Judge to  
36 take office on January 1, 1999.

1           (c) As of January 1, 1999, the Nineteenth Judicial District-West shall  
 2 be served by one (1) Circuit Judge of the First Division; one (1) Circuit  
 3 Judge of the Second Division; one (1) Chancery Judge of the First Division;  
 4 one (1) Chancery Judge of the Second Division; and an additional Circuit-  
 5 Chancery Judge who shall perform the duties of the judge of the juvenile  
 6 division and sit as judge of the circuit, chancery or probate court as time  
 7 permits. The additional Circuit-Chancery Judge shall be elected in 1998 to  
 8 take office on January 1, 1999.

9           (d) As of the 1998 General Election, the circuit, chancery, and  
 10 circuit-chancery judges of the Nineteenth Judicial District-West shall  
 11 hereafter be elected by qualified electors of the Nineteenth Judicial  
 12 District-West. The current Chancery Judges shall serve the balance of their  
 13 terms in the Nineteenth Judicial District - West.

14           (e) There shall be provided for the judge of the Circuit-Chancery  
 15 Judgeship created by this act a court reporter and a trial court  
 16 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner  
 17 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants  
 18 of the circuit and chancery courts of this state.

19           (f) All existing laws not in conflict herewith pertaining to the  
 20 Nineteenth Judicial District shall apply to the Nineteenth Judicial District -  
 21 East and the Nineteenth Judicial District - West.

22           (g) The judges of the Nineteenth Judicial District - East and the  
 23 Nineteenth Judicial District - West may, by agreement, temporarily exchange  
 24 districts or hold court for each other as they deem necessary or appropriate.

25           SECTION 3. Prosecuting Attorneys.

26           (a) At the 1998 General Election the qualified electors of Carroll  
 27 County shall elect a person who shall serve as the prosecuting attorney for  
 28 the Nineteenth Judicial District-East beginning January 1, 1999.

29           (b) At the 1998 General Election the qualified electors of Benton  
 30 County shall elect a person who shall serve as the prosecuting attorney for  
 31 the Nineteenth Judicial District-West beginning January 1, 1999.

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33           SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
 34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
 35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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1           SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
5 act are declared to be severable.

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7           SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
8 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Fitch et al*

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