

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

**Act 816 of 2001**  
HOUSE BILL 1416

5 By: Representatives C. Taylor, Stovall, Hickinbotham, Weaver, Milligan, Shoffner  
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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-2403 TO CREATE A  
10 NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL  
11 DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### **Subtitle**

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15 SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.  
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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 16-13-2403, concerning judges of the Sixteenth  
22 Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as  
23 follows:

24 (d)(1) Effective July 1, 2001, there is created in the Sixteenth  
25 Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship, which shall have  
26 jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate.

27 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person to temporarily  
28 fill the Sixteenth Judicial District circuit judgeship created by this  
29 subsection (d), and the appointed person shall serve until December 31, 2002,  
30 or until a successor has been elected and qualified, whichever occurs last.

31 (3) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the  
32 additional circuit judge created by this subsection (d) at the November, 2002,  
33 General Election to take office on January 1, 2003. The additional judge  
34 shall be elected from the district and shall satisfy the same qualifications  
35 for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other  
36 allowances as provided by law for judges of the circuit courts. The judge

1 shall serve for elected terms of six (6) years.

2 (4) The counties which comprise the Sixteenth Judicial District  
3 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of  
4 the judgeship created by this subsection (d), which shall be paid out of the  
5 county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the counties,  
6 out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the counties for  
7 such purposes.

8 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the judgeship  
9 created by this subsection (d) a court reporter and a trial court  
10 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner  
11 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants  
12 of the circuit courts of this state.

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14 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
15 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the caseload of the Sixteenth Judicial  
16 District necessitates the appointment of an additional judge immediately.  
17 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately  
18 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall  
19 become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is  
20 neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the  
21 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill.  
22 If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall  
23 become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

24 */s/ C. Taylor*

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27 APPROVED: 03/19/2001