A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE
DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
THE COURTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-10-102(b), concerning the Director of
the Administrative Office of the Courts, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The director shall possess the same qualifications and shall be
subject to the same restrictions as district judges meet the qualifications
as determined by the Supreme Court.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Director of the
Administrative Office of the Courts provides a vital function concerning the
operation of the judiciary; that the position of Director of the
Administrative Office of the Courts will soon be vacant due to the departure
of the current director; and that this act is immediately necessary because
the Supreme Court feels it is necessary to consider as many qualified persons
as necessary to fill the position. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:
(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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