State of Arkansas
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By: Senator Teague

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF LOCAL
DISTRICT COURTS INTO STATE DISTRICT COURTS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF LOCAL
DISTRICT COURTS INTO STATE DISTRICT
COURTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1114 is amended to read as follows:

16-17-1114. Reorganization of local district courts to state district
courts as of January 1, 2029 2025.

(a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2029 2025, the following cities and
counties that are currently served by local district courts pursuant to under
§ 16-17-901 et seq. shall be reorganized as state district courts and served
by state district court judges as assigned.

(2) The new state district court judgeships created by this
section shall become effective January 1, 2029 2025, and shall be placed on
the ballot to be elected in the 2028 2024 nonpartisan judicial election from
the newly constructed state district court district.

(3) The cities and counties that were previously served by local
district courts and will be served by state district courts shall comply with
the cost-sharing requirements established in § 16-17-1106, effective January
1, 2029 2025.

(b)(1) The Thirty-Sixth Judicial District shall be composed of the
counties of Little River, Sevier, Pike, and Howard.

(2) The Thirty-Sixth Judicial District shall have five (5) seven (7) departments as follows:

(A) One (1) located in Ashdown;
(B) One (1) located in Foreman;
(C) One (1) located in Winthrop;
(D) One (1) located in De Queen; and
(E) One (1) located in Nashville;
(F) One (1) located in Murfreesboro; and
(G) One (1) located in Glenwood.

(3) The Thirty-Sixth Judicial District shall be served by one two (2) state district court judge judges.

(4) The Thirty-Sixth Judicial District judge judges shall be elected districtwide.

(5) The Thirty-Sixth Judicial District court shall have districtwide jurisdiction.

(c)(1) The Fortieth District shall be composed of the counties of Clark and Pike.

(2) The Fortieth District shall have six (6) departments as follows:

(A) One (1) located in Arkadelphia;
(B) One (1) located in Amity;
(C) One (1) located in Caddo Valley;
(D) One (1) located in Gurdon;
(E) One (1) located in Murfreesboro; and
(F) One (1) located in Glenwood.

(3) The Fortieth District shall be served by one (1) state district court judge.

(4) The Fortieth District judge shall be elected districtwide.

(5) The Fortieth District court shall have districtwide jurisdiction.

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