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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1937

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION FROM LOCAL DISTRICT  
10 COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE TRANSITION FROM LOCAL  
16 DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS.  
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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 § 16-17-1113(e), concerning the transition to  
22 state district courts for Cleburne and Stone counties in 2021, is repealed.

23 ~~(e)(1) The Thirteenth District is composed of the counties of Stone~~  
24 ~~and Cleburne.~~

25 ~~(2) The Thirteenth District has five (5) departments as follows:~~

26 ~~(A) One (1) located in Heber Springs;~~

27 ~~(B) One (1) located in Greers Ferry;~~

28 ~~(C) One (1) located in Concord;~~

29 ~~(D) One (1) located in Quitman; and~~

30 ~~(E) One (1) located in Mountain View.~~

31 ~~(3) The Thirteenth District is served by one (1) state district~~  
32 ~~court judge.~~

33 ~~(4) The Thirteenth District judge is elected districtwide.~~

34 ~~(5) The Thirteenth District court has districtwide jurisdiction.~~  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1113(h), concerning the transition to



1 state district courts for Monroe and Arkansas counties in 2021, is repealed.

2 ~~(h)(1) The Sixteenth Judicial District shall be composed of the~~  
 3 ~~counties of Monroe and Arkansas.~~

4 ~~(2) The Sixteenth District shall have seven (7) departments as~~  
 5 ~~follows:~~

6 ~~(A) One (1) located in Stuttgart;~~

7 ~~(B) One (1) located in DeWitt;~~

8 ~~(C) One (1) located in Gillett;~~

9 ~~(D) One (1) located in St. Charles;~~

10 ~~(E) One (1) located in Brinkley;~~

11 ~~(F) One (1) located in Clarendon; and~~

12 ~~(G) One (1) located in Holly Grove.~~

13 ~~(3) The Sixteenth Judicial District shall be served by one (1)~~  
 14 ~~state district court judge.~~

15 ~~(4) The Sixteenth Judicial District judge shall be elected~~  
 16 ~~districtwide.~~

17 ~~(5) The Sixteenth Judicial District court shall have~~  
 18 ~~districtwide jurisdiction.~~

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 20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11, is  
 21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 16-17-1115. Reorganization of local district courts to state district  
 23 courts as of January 1, 2025.

24 (a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2025, the following cities and counties,  
 25 currently being served by a local district court under § 16-17-901 et seq.  
 26 shall be reorganized as a state district court and served by state district  
 27 court judges as assigned.

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

32 (3) The cities and counties that were previously served by local  
 33 district courts and will be served by state district courts shall comply with  
 34 the cost-sharing requirements established in § 16-17-1106, effective January  
 35 1, 2025.

36 (b)(1) The Thirteenth District is composed of the counties of Stone

1 and Cleburne.

2 (2) The Thirteenth District has five (5) departments as follows:

3 (A) One (1) located in Heber Springs;

4 (B) One (1) located in Greers Ferry;

5 (C) One (1) located in Concord;

6 (D) One (1) located in Quitman; and

7 (E) One (1) located in Mountain View.

8 (3) The Thirteenth District is served by one (1) state district  
9 court judge.

10 (4) The Thirteenth District judge is elected districtwide.

11 (5) The Thirteenth District court has districtwide jurisdiction.

12 (c)(1) The Sixteenth Judicial District shall be composed of the  
13 counties of Monroe and Arkansas.

14 (2) The Sixteenth District shall have seven (7) departments as  
15 follows:

16 (A) One (1) located in Stuttgart;

17 (B) One (1) located in De Witt;

18 (C) One (1) located in Gillett;

19 (D) One (1) located in St. Charles;

20 (E) One (1) located in Brinkley;

21 (F) One (1) located in Clarendon; and

22 (G) One (1) located in Holly Grove.

23 (3) The Sixteenth Judicial District shall be served by one (1)  
24 state district court judge.

25 (4) The Sixteenth Judicial District judge shall be elected  
26 districtwide.

27 (5) The Sixteenth Judicial District court shall have  
28 districtwide jurisdiction.

31 **APPROVED: 4/10/19**