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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 568

5 By: Senator Caldwell
6 By: Representative Hollowell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT;
10 CONCERNING DISTRICT COURT JUDGES; TO DECLARE AN
11 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL
16 DISTRICT; CONCERNING DISTRICT COURT
17 JUDGES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1110(19), concerning the twenty-fifth
23 judicial district, is amended to read as follows:

24 (19)(A) The Twenty-Fifth District is composed of St. Francis
25 County.

26 (B) The Twenty-Fifth District has three (3) departments as
27 follows:

28 (i) One (1) located in Forrest City;

29 (ii) One (1) located in Madison; and

30 (iii) One (1) located in Palestine.

31 (C) The Twenty-Fifth District is served by ~~one (1)~~ two (2)
32 state district court ~~judge~~ judges.

33 (D) The Twenty-Fifth District ~~judge is~~ judges are elected
34 districtwide.

35 (E) The Twenty-Fifth District ~~court has~~ courts have
36 districtwide jurisdiction;



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1113(k), concerning the Twenty-Fifth
3 Judicial District, is amended to read as follows:

4 (k)(1) The Twenty-Fifth District is composed of the counties of St.
5 Francis and Cross.

6 (2) The Twenty-Fifth District has six (6) departments as
7 follows:

- 8 (A) One (1) located in Forrest City;
- 9 (B) One (1) located in Madison;
- 10 (C) One (1) located in Palestine;
- 11 (D) One (1) located in Wynne;
- 12 (E) One (1) located in Cherry Valley; and
- 13 (F) One (1) located in Parkin.

14 (3) The Twenty-Fifth District is served by ~~one (1)~~ two (2) state
15 district court ~~judge~~ judges.

16 (4) The Twenty-Fifth District ~~judge is~~ judges are elected
17 districtwide.

18 (5) The Twenty-Fifth District ~~court has~~ courts have districtwide
19 jurisdiction.

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21 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Temporary legislation.

22 (a) For the district court judgeship created under this act, the
23 Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a resident of the judicial
24 district that is the subject of this act to temporarily fill the newly
25 created district court judgeship, and the appointed person shall serve until
26 January 1, 2021, or until a successor has been elected and qualified.

27 (b)(1) The qualified electors of the judicial district shall elect the
28 additional district court judge created by this act at the 2020 preferential
29 primary election to take office on January 1, 2021.

30 (2) The additional district court judge shall be elected from
31 the judicial district, shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding
32 office, and shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as
33 provided by law.

34 (3) The district court judge shall serve for an elected term of
35 four (4) years.

36 (c) The counties receiving the new district court judgeship shall

1 provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies as provided by law.

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3 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
4 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the twenty-fifth judicial
5 district has an immediate need for an additional district court judge due to
6 the number of cases pending in the judicial district. Therefore, an
7 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
9 on July 1, 2019.

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