

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

By: Representative Gazaway  
By: Senator Gilmore

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INSTALLMENT  
PAYMENTS BY A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT IN CIRCUIT COURT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INSTALLMENT  
PAYMENTS BY A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT IN  
CIRCUIT COURT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-226 is amended to read as  
follows:

16-13-226. Installment payments by a criminal defendant in circuit  
court — Priority of payment.

(a) An installment payment by a criminal defendant to a circuit court  
shall initially be ~~deemed to be a collection of court costs until the court  
costs have been collected in full, with any remaining installment payments  
representing collections of restitution, and then any applicable fines  
allocated in accordance with § 5-4-208.~~

(b) If ~~court costs~~, restitution, court costs, and fines are fully  
paid, all remaining installment payments shall be allocated to remaining  
amounts due as ordered by the circuit court.

(c) A municipal or county governing body that adopted municipal or  
county legislation before January 1, 2017, to provide an alternative method  
of installment payment allocation as then authorized by state law shall  
remain in effect until repealed by the municipal or county governing body.



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