Act 706 HB1813

By: Representatives Townsend, Brown and Walker

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WRIGHTSVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT AND SET THE SALARY RANGES FOR THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF THE WRIGHTSVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT."

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

SECTION 1. The Wrightsville City Court shall be upgraded and established as a municipal court with county-wide jurisdiction as set forth in the Constitution and statutes of the State of Arkansas.

SECTION 2. The municipal judge of said court shall be a qualified attorney and elector of the City of Wrightsville, or if no such qualified individual files, a qualified attorney who is an elector in Pulaski County may file for election and serve. The judge may succeed him or herself, if duly elected, by citizens of the City of Wrightsville, and serve four-year terms.

SECTION 3. The Wrightsville municipal judge shall receive an annual salary of not less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) nor more than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000). The municipal court clerk shall receive an annual salary of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000). The salary shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the City of Wrightsville. The salaries shall be paid by the City of Wrightsville.

SECTION 4. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

 $\tt SECTION 5.$ All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act is found unconstitutional or unlawful, it shall be severed and the remainder of this act shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the preservation of justice requires that certain salaries be affixed by law; that it is necessary for the continuation of administration of justice that this act take effect immediately. Therefore, this act being necessary for the preservation of the public health, welfare, and safety shall become effective immediately upon passage.

APPROVED: March 20, 1989