

Act 802 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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By: Reps. Sanson, Ellis, Purdom, Stephens

"AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE BY PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION AND DUTIES OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COORDINATORS OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Hereafter, each of the Circuit and Chancery Judges of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit shall be empowered and directed to employ a Case Coordinator for each division, whose duties shall be the maintenance of the court calendar, setting dates for trial of cases and for hearing of motions, and other related and incidental duties as directed by said Judges.

SECTION 2. The Case Coordinators shall be appointed by the Judges of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, one for each court, and shall serve at the will of the respective judge.

SECTION 3. The Case Coordinators shall perform the same functions as outlined in Section 1 for the newly created Juvenile/Circuit/Chancery Judgeship in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, without additional compensation, other than that provided in this Act, thereby saving the employment salary of additional personnel.

SECTION 4. (a) The salary for the period January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989 for the Chancery Case Coordinator shall be not less than at the rate of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) per year and for the Circuit Case Coordinator shall be not less than at the rate of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$19,500.00), and shall be paid by the counties in the Circuit, as follows:

Faulkner County at the rate of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (\$11,936.00) per year, payable to the Chancery Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments and Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$14,820.00) per year, payable to the Circuit Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

Van Buren County at the rate of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Four Dollars (\$2,704.00) per year, payable to the Chancery Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments and Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$3,159.00) per year, payable to the Circuit Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

Searcy County at the rate of One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,360.00) per year, payable to the Chancery Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments and One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-one Dollars (\$1,521.00) per year, payable to the Circuit Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

(b) The salary of the Chancery Case Coordinator beginning January 1,

1990, shall remain at the amount set above.

(c) The salary of the Circuit Case Coordinator beginning January 1, 1990, shall be at the rate of Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) per year and shall be paid by the counties in the Circuit as follows:

Faulkner County at the rate of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$15,950.00) per year, payable to the Circuit Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

Van Buren County at the rate of Three Thousand Four Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,402.00) per year, payable to the Circuit Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

Searcy County at the rate of One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars (\$1,638.00) per year, payable to the Circuit Case Coordinator in equal monthly installments.

SECTION 5. In lieu of any other expenses incurred by each court provided by law for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, each county of the circuit shall be responsible for the following amounts:

Searcy County - One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

Van Buren County - Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Faulkner County - All other expenses not otherwise provided for by law.

SECTION 6. This Act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1989.

SECTION 7. 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.

SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the respective Quorum Courts of the counties in the district from paying more than the amounts set forth herein.

SECTION 10. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the duties incumbent upon the Case Coordinators of the Circuit and Chancery Courts of the Twentieth Judicial District of Arkansas have materially increased because of increases in population, caseload and the trial dockets of said Circuit and Chancery District, and that there has been a substantial increase in the costs of living, necessitating an increase in salaries in order to properly cope with the prevailing conditions and prevent hardship. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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