

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
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A Bill

Act 114 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1219

5 By: Representatives Hickinbotham, Weaver, C. Taylor
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-1103 TO CREATE A
10 NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL
11 DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-1103
14 TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY
15 JUDGESHIP IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL
16 DISTRICT.
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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 16-13-1103, concerning judges of the Third
23 Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
24 follows:

25 (c)(1)(A) Effective immediately, there is created in the Third Judicial
26 District an additional circuit-chancery judgeship, which shall have
27 jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate.

28 (B) Pursuant to Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution,
29 the additional judgeship shall become a circuit judgeship on July 1, 2001.

30 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a
31 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Third Judicial District
32 judgeship created by this subsection (c), and the appointed person shall serve
33 until December 31, 2002, or until a successor has been elected and qualified,
34 whichever occurs last.

35 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the
36 additional circuit judge, created by this subsection (c), at the November 2002

1 general election to take office on January 1, 2003.

2 (B) The additional judge shall be elected from the district
3 and shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office and shall receive
4 the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by law for judges
5 of the circuit courts.

6 (C) The judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6)
7 years.

8 (4) The counties which comprise the Third Judicial District shall
9 provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of the
10 judgeship created by this subsection (c), which shall be paid out of the
11 county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the counties,
12 out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the counties for
13 such purposes.

14 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the judgeship
15 created by this subsection (c) a court reporter and a trial court
16 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner
17 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants
18 of the circuit courts of this state.

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20 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
21 Eighty-third General Assembly that the caseload of the Third Judicial District
22 necessitates the appointment of an additional judge immediately. Therefore,
23 an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
24 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective
25 on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved
26 nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
27 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
28 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
29 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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32 APPROVED: 2/7/2001
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