1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S3/22/01 A Bill 2 Act 1644 of 2001 83rd General Assembly SENATE BILL 756 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 By: Senator Webb 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-4-403 TO ALLOW A 9 JURY TO RECOMMEND THAT A SENTENCE BE SERVED 10 11 CONSECUTIVELY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 12 **Subtitle** 13 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-4-403 TO 14 15 ALLOW A JURY TO RECOMMEND THAT A SENTENCE 16 BE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY. 17 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 20 21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-4-403 is amended to read as follows: Multiple sentences - Concurrent and consecutive terms. 22 5-4-403. 23 (a) When multiple sentences of imprisonment are imposed on a defendant convicted of more than one (1) offense, including an offense for which a 24 25 previous suspension or probation has been revoked, the sentences shall run 26 concurrently unless, upon recommendation of the jury or the court's own motion, the court orders the sentences to run consecutively. 27 (b) When a sentence of imprisonment is imposed on a defendant who has 28 previously been sentenced to imprisonment, whether by a court of this state, 29 a court of another state, or a federal court, the subsequent sentence shall 30 31 run concurrently with any undischarged portion of the previous sentence unless, upon recommendation of the jury or the court's own motion, the court 32 33 imposing the subsequent sentence orders it to run consecutively with the previous sentence. 34 (c) The power of the court to order that sentences run consecutively 35 36 shall be subject to the following limitations:

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1	(1) A sentence of imprisonment for a misdemeanor and a sentence
2	of imprisonment for a felony shall run concurrently, and both sentences shall
3	be satisfied by service of sentence for a felony; and
4	(2) The aggregate of consecutive terms for misdemeanors shall
5	not exceed one (1) year.
6	(d) The court is not bound by recommendations of the jury concerning
7	sentencing options under this section.
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