

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.

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1 State of Arkansas  
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4

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 59

5 By: Senators Madison, B. Pritchard, Hendren, Whitaker  
6 By: Representatives L. Smith, Barnett, Hobbs, House, D. Hutchinson, King, Lindsey, Ragland, Slinkard,  
7 Summers  
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10 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE  
12 FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE  
16 FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY The Judicial Resources Assessment Committee  
22 of the Arkansas Judicial Council has reviewed the caseloads of various  
23 judicial districts and has determined that to ensure the smooth, efficient,  
24 and timely administration of justice an additional circuit judgeship is  
25 needed in the Fourth Judicial District. This act authorizes the  
26 establishment of one (1) additional circuit judgeship, articulates the  
27 election process of the additional circuit judge, and identifies various  
28 resources that will be available.  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 13, Subchapter 12 is  
31 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

32 16-13-1208. Additional judgeship.

33 (a) There is created in the Fourth Judicial District an additional  
34 circuit judgeship.

35 (b) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the additional



1 circuit judge created by subsection (a) of this section at the 2010  
2 general election for nonpartisan judicial offices held on the same dates and  
3 at the same times and places as the preferential primary election to take  
4 office on January 1, 2011.

5 (c)(1) The additional circuit judge shall be elected from the  
6 district, shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office, and shall  
7 receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by law  
8 for judges of the circuit courts.

9 (2) The circuit judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6)  
10 years.

11 (d) The counties that compose the Fourth Judicial District shall  
12 provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of the  
13 circuit judgeship created by subsection (a) of this section which shall be  
14 paid out of the county treasury in the same manner as other demands against  
15 the county and out of funds appropriated by the quorum court of the county  
16 for these purposes.

17 (e) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit judgeship  
18 created by subsection (a) of this section a court reporter and a trial court  
19 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner  
20 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants  
21 of the circuit courts of this state.

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23 */s/ Madison*

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25 **APPROVED: 3/03/2009**