

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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3 Regular Session, 2009
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1325

5 By: Representatives Overbey, T. Baker, Pyle
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRICT COURTS AND TERRITORIAL
10 JURISDICTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 CONCERNING DISTRICT COURTS AND
13 TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-88-101(a) [Effective until January 1,
20 2012], concerning jurisdiction, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a) The jurisdiction of the various courts of this state for the trial
22 of offenses shall be as follows:

23 (1) The Senate shall have exclusive jurisdiction of impeachment;

24 (2) The Supreme Court shall have general supervision and control
25 over all inferior courts in criminal cases;

26 (3) The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction,
27 exclusive of the district court and city court, for the trial of offenses
28 defined as felonies by state law and shall have original jurisdiction
29 concurrent with the district court and city court for the trial of offenses
30 defined as misdemeanors by state law.

31 (4) The district court shall have original jurisdiction,
32 exclusive of the circuit court, for the trial of violations of ordinances of
33 ~~the city or county in which the district court is located~~ any town, city, or
34 county within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court, and shall
35 have original jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court for the trial of



1 offenses defined as misdemeanors by state law and committed within the
2 territorial jurisdiction of the district court.

3 (5) The city court shall have original jurisdiction, exclusive
4 of the circuit court, for the trial of violations of ordinances of the city
5 in which the city court is located and shall have original jurisdiction
6 concurrent with the circuit court for the trial of offenses defined as
7 misdemeanors by state law and committed within the city in which the circuit
8 court is located.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-88-101(a) [Effective January 1, 2012],
11 concerning jurisdiction, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The jurisdiction of the various courts of this state for the trial
13 of offenses shall be as follows:

14 (1) The Senate shall have exclusive jurisdiction of impeachment;

15 (2) The Supreme Court shall have general supervision and control
16 over all inferior courts in criminal cases;

17 (3) The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction,
18 exclusive of the district court, for the trial of offenses defined as
19 felonies by state law and shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with
20 the district court for the trial of offenses defined as misdemeanors by state
21 law.

22 (4) The district court shall have original jurisdiction,
23 exclusive of the circuit court, for the trial of violations of ordinances of
24 ~~any town or city in the county in which the district court is located, for~~
25 ~~the trial of violations of ordinances of the county in which the district~~
26 ~~court is located, any town, city, or county within the territorial~~
27 jurisdiction of the district court and shall have original jurisdiction
28 concurrent with the circuit court for the trial of offenses defined as
29 misdemeanors by state law and committed within the territorial jurisdiction
30 of the district court.

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32 **APPROVED: 3/13/2009**