Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 685 of the Regular Session

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2	2 94th General Assembly A Bill		
3	3 Regular Session, 2023	SENATE BILL 373	
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5	5 By: Senator Caldwell		
6	6 By: Representative J. Moore		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF LOCAL		
10	DISTRICT COURTS TO CREATE THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL		
11	DISTRICT OF THE STATE DISTRICT COURT SYSTEM; TO ADD		
12	AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP TO THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL		
13	13 DISTRICT OF THE STATE DISTRICT COURT SYSTEM	1; AND FOR	
14	14 OTHER PURPOSES.		
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19	DISTRICT COURTS TO CREATE THE SIXTEENTH		
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33		ne (1) district court	
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35	-	(i) One (1) located in DeWitt;	
36	36 (ii) One (1) located in Gillett		

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                             (iii) One (1) located in St. Charles.
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                       (B) All three (3) departments are to be served by one (1)
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    judge.
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          (b) The judge of any district court located in Arkansas County shall
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    be elected by the electors of the judicial district in which the court is
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    located.
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          (c) In Arkansas County, the jurisdiction of the district court shall
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    be limited to the judicial district in which the court is located.
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           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-915 is repealed.
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          16-17-915. Monroe County District Court.
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          (a)(1) Monroe County shall have one (1) district court with three (3)
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    departments as follows:
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                       (A) One (1) located in Brinkley;
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                       (B) One (1) located in Clarendon; and
                       (C) One (1) located in Holly Grove.
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                 (2)(A) The department in Brinkley is to be served by one (1)
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    judge.
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                       (B) The two (2) departments in Clarendon and Holly Grove
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    are to be served by one (1) judge.
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          (b) The judges of the Monroe County District Court shall be elected
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    countywide.
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          (c) The Monroe County District Court shall have countywide
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    jurisdiction.
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           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1115(a)(2), concerning the
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    reorganization of local district courts to state district courts, is amended
     to read as follows:
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                 (2) The new state district court judgeship judgeships created by
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     this section shall become effective January 1, 2025, and shall be placed on
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     the ballot to be elected in the 2024 nonpartisan judicial election from the
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    newly constructed state district court district districts.
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           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1115(c), concerning the Sixteenth
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    District of the state district court system, is amended to read as follows:
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           (c)(1) The Sixteenth Judicial District shall be composed of the
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1	counties of Monroe and Arkansas.	
2	(2) The Sixteenth <u>Judicial</u> District shall have seven (7)	
3	departments as follows:	
4	(A) One (1) located in Stuttgart;	
5	(B) One (1) located in De Witt DeWitt;	
6	(C) One (1) located in Gillett;	
7	(D) One (1) located in St. Charles;	
8	(E) One (1) located in Brinkley;	
9	(F) One (1) located in Clarendon; and	
10	(G) One (1) located in Holly Grove.	
11	(3) $\underline{\text{(A)}}$ The Sixteenth Judicial District shall be served by one	
12	(1) two (2) state district court judges.	
13	(B) One (1) judgeship shall be designated as Division 1	
14	and one (1) judgeship shall be designated as Division 2.	
15	(4) The assignment of judges to departments under subdivision	
16	(c)(2) of this section shall be determined by the mutual agreement of the	
17	state district court judges of the Sixteenth Judicial District.	
18	(4)(5) The Sixteenth Judicial District judge judges shall be	
19	elected districtwide.	
20	$\frac{(5)}{(6)}$ The Sixteenth Judicial District court shall have	
21	districtwide jurisdiction.	
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23	SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. <u>Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective</u>	
24	on January 1, 2025.	
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