

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 658

CONCERNING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES, PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS, AND THE JUDICIARY; AND TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 658

Amend Senate Bill No. 658 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

"AN ACT CONCERNING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES AND THE JUDICIARY; TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGESHIPS FOR CERTAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF CIRCUIT JUDGES STATEWIDE; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete SECTION 3 in its entirety

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Delete SECTION 9 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 9. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.

(a) The House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee shall conduct a joint study on the composition of the judicial circuits and allocation of circuit court judgeships statewide and issue recommendations concerning the reassignment of judicial circuits and the reapportionment of circuit court judgeships, if necessary, to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2021 Regular Session.

(b) The recommendations, if any, under this section shall be made no later than September 1, 2020, in order to be available for potential budgetary considerations during hearings of the Joint Budget Committee before the 2021 Regular Session."

AND

Delete SECTION 11 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that certain judicial districts under this act have an immediate need for additional circuit court judges due



to the number of cases pending in the judicial district. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and all Sections except Section 2 of this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2019."

AND

Renumber the sections appropriately

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Hester

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Secretary