

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 796

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5 By: Senator Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LAW CLERKS
10 BY CIRCUIT JUDGES IN EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LAW
15 CLERKS BY CIRCUIT JUDGES IN EACH
16 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. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 16-13-226. Law clerks.

24 (a)(1) Unless otherwise provided by law, each circuit judge of every
25 judicial district may appoint one (1) law clerk who is a licensed attorney.

26 (2) A law clerk is to serve at the discretion of and under the
27 direction of the circuit judge by whom he or she is appointed.

28 (3) The powers and duties of the law clerk are to:

29 (A) Administer oaths and affirmations;

30 (B) Take acknowledgments, affidavits, and depositions;

31 (C) Conduct research;

32 (D) Conduct pretrial hearings and prejudgment hearings;

33 and

34 (E) Make recommendations for dispositions to the circuit
35 judge.

36 (4) A law clerk may be assigned additional duties at the



1 discretion of the circuit judge that are not inconsistent with the
2 Constitution and laws of the State of Arkansas.

3 (g)(1) The appointment of the a law clerk is subject to the approval
4 of the quorum courts of the counties of the judicial district in which the
5 law clerk is appointed.

6 (2)(A) The quorum courts of the counties of the judicial
7 district are to set by agreement the salaries of the law clerks and apportion
8 the payment of the salaries among the counties of the judicial district.

9 (B) A law clerk is entitled to the same benefits as other
10 regular county employees.

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