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A Bill

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5 By: Representatives Bragg, *Rushing*
6 By: Senators B. Pierce, Maloch
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL
10 DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE
11 THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
16 LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS TO STATE DISTRICT
17 COURTS IN THE THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL
18 DISTRICT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-1112(b)(7), concerning reorganization*
25 *of local district courts to state district courts in the Thirty-Third*
26 *District as of January 1, 2017, is repealed.*

27 ~~*(7)(A) The Thirty Third District shall be composed of the*~~
28 ~~*Counties of Grant and Hot Spring.*~~

29 ~~*(B) The Thirty Third District shall have five (5)*~~
30 ~~*departments as follows:*~~

31 ~~*(i) One (1) located in Sheridan;*~~

32 ~~*(ii) One (1) located in Malvern;*~~

33 ~~*(iii) One (1) located in Donaldson;*~~

34 ~~*(iv) One (1) located in Friendship; and*~~

35 ~~*(v) One (1) located in Rockport.*~~

36 ~~*(C) The Thirty Third District shall be served by one (1)*~~



1 ~~state district court judge.~~

2 ~~(D) The Thirty Third District judge shall be elected~~
3 ~~districtwide.~~

4 ~~(E) The Thirty Third District court shall have district-~~
5 ~~wide jurisdiction.~~

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11, is
8 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

9 16-17-1113. Reorganization of local district courts to state district
10 courts of the Thirty-Third Judicial District as of January 1, 2021.

11 (a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the cities and counties of the
12 Thirty-Third Judicial District that are currently served by local district
13 courts under § 16-17-901 et seq. shall be reorganized into a state district
14 court district and served by state district court judges as provided in
15 subsection (b) of this section.

16 (2) The new state district court judgeships created in the
17 Thirty-Third Judicial District by this section shall become effective January
18 1, 2021, and shall be placed on the ballot to be elected in the 2020
19 nonpartisan judicial election from the newly constructed state district court
20 district.

21 (3) The cities and counties of the Thirty-Third Judicial
22 District that were previously served by local district courts and will be
23 served by a state district court shall comply with the cost-sharing
24 requirements established in § 16-17-1106, effective January 1, 2021.

25 (b)(1) The Thirty-Third District shall be composed of the counties of
26 Grant and Hot Spring.

27 (2) The Thirty-Third District shall have five (5) departments as
28 follows:

29 (A) One (1) located in Sheridan;

30 (B) One (1) located in Malvern;

31 (C) One (1) located in Donaldson;

32 (D) One (1) located in Rockport; and

33 (E) One (1) located in Friendship.

34 (3) The Thirty-Third District shall be served by one (1) state
35 district court judge.

36 (4) The Thirty-Third District judge shall be elected

1 districtwide.

2 (5) The Thirty-Third District court shall have district-wide

3 jurisdiction.

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/s/Bragg

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