# ARKANSAS SENATE 

81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY<br>Regular Session, 1997

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Amendment No. $\qquad$ to $\qquad$ Bill No. 1951
Amend _HOUSE Bill No. 1951 as engrossed 3-12-97 by
deleting everything in the Title on lines 9 and 10 of page 1 and substituting therefor the new Title as follows: ""AN ACT TO REDEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."";

AND
by deleting everything in the Subtitle on lines 13 and 14 of page 1 and substituting therefor the new Subtitle as follows: ""TO REDEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICTS."";
and
by deleting everything in SECTIONs 1. through 3. and substituting therefor new SECTIONs. 1. through 3. and new SECTIONs 4 through 7 as follows:
"SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 1999, the Court of Appeals Districts shall be as follows:
(a) District 1A shall be composed of the counties of Mississippi, Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, and Arkansas;
(b) District $1 B$ shall be composed of the counties of Monroe, Prairie, Lonoke, Woodruff, Cross, Jackson, Poinsett, and Craighead;
(c) District 1 C shall be composed of the counties of Greene, Clay, Randolph, Sharp, Fulton, Izard, Stone, Cleburne, Searcy, Independence, and Lawrence;
(d) District 2A shall be composed of the counties of Pulaski and Saline;
(e) District 2B shall be composed of the counties of Pulaski and

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Saline;
(f) District 2C shall be composed of the counties of Yell, Perry, Conway, Van Buren, Faulkner, and White;
(g) District 3A shall be composed of the counties of Carroll, Boone, Marion, Baxter, Madison, Newton, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Logan, Scott, and Polk;
(h) District $3 B$ shall be composed of the counties of Benton, Washington, Crawford, and Sebastian;
(i) District $3 C$ shall be composed of the counties of Benton, Washington, Crawford, and Sebastian;
(j) District 4A shall be composed of the counties of Little River, Sevier, Howard, Pike, Montgomery, Hempstead, Miller, Lafayette, Nevada, Ouachita, and Columbia;
(k) District 4B shall be composed of the counties of Clark, Hot Spring, Grant, Garland, Dallas, Calhoun, and Union;
(1) District 4C shall be composed of the counties of Jefferson, Cleveland, Bradley, Ashley, Drew, Lincoln, Desha, and Chicot.

SECTION 2. At the general election in 1998, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 1A, one member shall be elected from District 2B, one member shall be elected from District 2C, one member shall be elected from District $3 A$, one member shall be elected from District $3 C$, and

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one member shall be elected from District 4A. The six (6) members of the Court of Appeals elected at the general election in 1998 shall by lot draw terms of office so that two (2) will serve four (4) year terms, two (2) will serve six (6) year terms, and two (2) will serve eight (8) year terms. Their successors shall serve full eight (8) year terms.

SECTION 3. At the general election in 2000, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 1B, and one member shall be elected from District 2A. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the current District 1 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 1B for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from current District 6 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 2A for the remainder of her current term.

SECTION 4. At the general election in 2002 , one member of the court of Appeals shall be elected from District 1C, and one member shall be elected from District 3B. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the current District 2 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 1C for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from current District 3 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 3B for the remainder of his current term.

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SECTION 5. At the general election in 2004, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 4B, and one member shall be elected from District 4C. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the current District 4 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 4B for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from current District 5 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 4 C for the remainder of his current term.

SECTION 6. Except as provided in Section 2, members of the Court of Appeals shall serve eight (8) year terms.

SECTION 7. Members of the Court of Appeals serving on the effective date of this act shall continue to serve the remainder of their terms."; AND
by renumbering the subsequent SECTIONs appropriately;
AND
by deleting everything on line 15 of page 3 after the period (.) and everything on lines 16 through 34 of page 3 and substituting therefor new subsections (a) through (c) as follow:
" (a) Arkansas Code 16-12-101(c) (2) as enacted by Section 1 of Acts 11 and 15 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1995, which were not codified, is hereby repealed.

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(2) The qualified electors of the Court of Appeals Districts established in compliance with subsection (c) of this section shall elect the additional Court of Appeals judges at the November, 1998 general election to take office on January 1,1999 .
(b) Arkansas Code 16-12-101(d) through (f) as enacted by Section 1 of Acts 11 and 15 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1995 , which were not codified, is hereby repealed.
(d) Two (2) of the additional Court of Appeals judges elected pursuant to subsection (c) (2) of this section shall be elected to an initial term of four (4) years; two (2) shall be elected to an initial term of six (6) years; and two (2) shall be elected to an initial term of eight (8) years. The initial terms of these additional judges shall be determined by lot during the first public session of the court after their elected terms shall commence. Thereafter, these judges shall be elected for full eight (8) year terms. Each of the judges shall be a resident of the district from which elected and shall have the same qualifications for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses and other allowances as provided by law for other judges of the Court of Appeals.
(e)(1) The 81st General Assembly shall determine the number and Iocation of Court of Appeals districts from which the members of the Court of Appeals shall be selected.
(2) In order to assist the Genexal Assembly with the

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establishment of these districts, there is hereby created the court of Appeals Apportionment Commission to be composed of the following persons:
(A) The Governor or his designee;
(B) The Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committec or his designee, plus one (1) other member of the Senate Judiciary Committee to be selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
(C) The Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee or his designee, plus one (1) other member of the House Judiciaxy Committec to be selected by the Speaker of the House;
(D) The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;
(E) A citizen, appointed by the Governor, who shall represent the interest of minority votexs; and
(F) A member to be selected by the Arkansas Bar Association.
(3) The Commission shall review the curxent court of Appeals districts and shall make a recommendation to the 81st General Assembly on the ehanges, if any, to be made to the districts, effective January 1, 1998. (f) The Joint Interim Judiciary Committee shall review and make recommendations on the additional needs of the court of Appeals, wueh as facilities, equipment, and operational funds, resulting from increasing its membership.
(c) All other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.".

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