

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1443

By: Representatives Willems and Rice

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (o) OF SECTION 1 OF ACT 432 OF 1977 [ARK. STATS. 22-365(o)] TO CREATE THE FIFTEENTH EAST CIRCUIT-CHANCERY COURT CIRCUIT COMPOSED OF CONWAY AND YELL COUNTIES AND THE FIFTEENTH WEST CIRCUIT-CHANCERY COURT CIRCUIT COMPOSED OF SCOTT AND LOGAN COUNTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTORS OF THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT-EAST SHALL ELECT ONE CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGE AND THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT-WEST SHALL ELECT ONE (1) CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (o) of Section 1 of Act 432 of 1977, the same being Arkansas Statutes 22-365(o) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(o) (1) Fifteenth Circuit-East. Effective July 1, 1987, the Fifteenth Circuit-East shall be composed of the counties of Conway and Yell. The qualified electors of the Fifteenth Circuit-East shall elect one (1) circuit-chancery judge who shall have jurisdiction in law, equity and probate.

(2) Fifteenth Circuit-West. Effective July 1, 1987, the Fifteenth Circuit-West shall be composed of the counties of Scott and Logan. The qualified electors of the Fifteenth Circuit-East shall elect one (1) circuit-chancery judge who shall have jurisdiction in law, equity and probate.

The judges of the Fifteenth East Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit and the Fifteenth West Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit may by agreement temporarily exchange circuits or hold court for each other as they deem necessary or appropriate.

Beginning with the 1990 General Election, qualified electors of Conway and Yell Counties shall elect a prosecuting attorney to serve only the Fifteenth East Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit and the qualified electors of

Scott and Logan Counties shall elect a prosecuting attorney to serve only the Fifteenth West Circuit-Chancery Court Circuit."

SECTION 2. The provisions of this Act shall not decrease or increase the terms of the office of the judges and prosecuting attorney of the Fifteenth Circuit serving on the effective date of this Act. One judge shall be assigned to the Fifteenth West Division and the other judge will be assigned to the Fifteenth East Division until the expiration of their terms.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

