

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 535

By: Senators Howell, Allen, Hoofman, Jewell and Brandon

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE JUDGES OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TO APPOINT LAW CLERKS TO PRESCRIBE THE FUNCTION, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF SAID LAW CLERKS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Law clerk. Each judge of the Sixth Judicial District may appoint a law clerk, who may also serve as Master, who shall be a graduate of a law school approved by the State Board of Law Examiners. Each law clerk shall serve at the discretion and under the direction of the judge.

SECTION 2. Powers and duties. The powers and duties of the law clerk shall be to administer oaths and affirmations, take acknowledgements, affidavits, depositions, serve as Master, and to conduct pre-trial and pre-judgment hearings and recommendations for disposition to the circuit, chancery or probate judge. The law clerks may be assigned such additional duties at the discretion of the respective judges as are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arkansas.

SECTION 3. Salary schedule. The salary of each law clerk, for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, shall be set as follows:

Item_No.	Title	Years	
		Experience	Annual_Salary
1	Law Clerk I	0-1	24,000.00
2	Law Clerk II	1-2	24,666.66
3	Law Clerk III	2-3	25,333.32
4	Law Clerk IV	3-4	25,999.98
5	Law Clerk V	4-5	26,666.64

6	Law Clerk VI	5-6	27,333.30
7	Law Clerk VII	6-7	27,999.96
8	Law Clerk VIII	7-8	28,666.62
9	Law Clerk IX	8-9	29,333.28
10	Law Clerk X	9-10	29,999.94

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1987.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that adequate lawful funding should be provided for the Sixth Judicial District; and that the lawful funding is currently inadequate; and that this Act is immediately necessary to grant such authority. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

