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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1480

By: Representative Shaver

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; TO REQUIRE THAT THE JUDGE SERVE AS THE JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE DIVISION OF CHANCERY COURT; TO PROVIDE A COURT REPORTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby created an additional circuit-chancery judgeship for the First Judicial District.

(b) The judge of this judgeship created by this act shall be the judge of the juvenile division of chancery court.

SECTION 2. (a) The judgeship created by this act shall be effective on and after August 1, 1989. The Governor shall appoint a person to serve in the position from August 1, 1989 through December 31, 1990.

(b) The qualified electors of the respective judicial circuits shall elect the additional circuit-chancery judge at the November, 1990 General Election to take office January 1, 1991. The judge shall be elected in the same manner and shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses and other allowances as provided by law for judges of circuit-chancery courts. The judge shall serve for an elected term of four (4) years.

SECTION 3. The judge created in this act shall devote such time as may be required to perform the duties of the judge of the juvenile division, which duties shall be the primary obligation of the judge, and shall sit as judge of the circuit or chancery court as time permits.

SECTION 4. The circuit-chancery judge is hereby authorized to employ a court reporter. Such court reporter shall receive such compensation as is now or may hereafter be provided by law.

SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the juvenile division of chancery court is to be created to replace the juvenile court system provided for in Act 14 of 1987 and that the immediate passage of this act is necessary to insure that there is an orderly and efficient administration of the juvenile justice system of this state. 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.

