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A Bill

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By: Representative Givens

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-17-107 (a) TO PRESCRIBE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT MAGISTRATES; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-17-210 (c) TO PRESCRIBE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONS APPOINTED OR OTHERWISE SELECTED TO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL JUDGE WHEN THE REGULAR JUDGE IS ABSENT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-17-603 (b) TO PRESCRIBE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT REFEREES APPOINTED BY MUNICIPAL JUDGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-17-107 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) Any municipal court judge may appoint no more than two (2) municipal court magistrates, who shall serve at the pleasure of the judge. The magistrates shall be attorneys licensed in the State of Arkansas and shall possess the same legal qualifications required of the municipal judge appointing them, except that they shall be required to have practiced law in the state of Arkansas for a minimum of two (2) years and except that they shall not be required to restrict the extent of their practice of law."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 16-17-210 (c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) A special judge selected by the practicing attorneys or appointed by the regular judge of a municipal court shall have the same power and authority in the court as the regular judge would have if present and presiding and shall have the same qualifications as are required by law for the regular municipal judge, except that such special judge shall be required

to have practiced law in the state for at least two (2) years."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 16-17-603 (b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) The referee shall have the same qualifications as are required of the municipal judge, except that the referee shall be required to have practiced law in the state of Arkansas for at least two (2) years."

SECTION 4. 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 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

