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1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: Representative Thurman**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1601**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE SEPARATE OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERK AND  
9 *CIRCUIT CLERK IN COUNTIES HAVING A POPULATION FROM 16,500*  
10 *TO 17,000 PERSONS ACCORDING TO THE 1980 FEDERAL DECENNIAL*  
11 *CENSUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*"

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

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15 SECTION 1. (a) Beginning January 1, 1993, the offices of county clerk  
16 *and circuit clerk are separated in counties having a population from 16,500 to*  
17 *17,000 persons according to the 1980 decennial census. The officers shall be*  
18 *elected and qualified as other county officers and shall hold the office for*  
19 *a term of two (2) years.*

20 (b) The county clerk and the circuit clerk first elected to hold  
21 *separate offices under this act shall be elected at the regular November*  
22 *general election in 1992.*

23 (c) The county clerk and the circuit clerk shall be entitled to such  
24 *salary, allowance for hiring deputies, and other allowances as shall be*  
25 *determined by the quorum court.*

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27 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
28 *nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas*  
29 *Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.*

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31 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
32 *any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect*  
33 *other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without*  
34 *the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this*  
35 *act are declared to be severable.*

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/ J. R. Thurman*