

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

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPAL COURT TO CONTRACT WITH AN
9 INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATION FOR CERTAIN SERVICES; TO REQUIRE
10 SUCH INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATIONS TO MEET CERTAIN
11 STANDARDS; 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 municipal court may, upon approval of the governing body
16 or governing bodies exercising control over the municipal court, contract with
17 an individual or corporation for the individual or corporation to provide any
18 of the following services:

- 19 (1) probation services;
20 (2) pretrial supervised release programs;
21 (3) alternate sentencing programs; and
22 (4) the collection and enforcement of fines and costs.

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24 SECTION 2. (a) To insure the integrity of the court and to protect the
25 city and county officials, before services authorized by this section are
26 rendered, the individual or corporation shall register with the Secretary of
27 State and shall file with the Secretary of State a surety bond or certificate
28 of deposit. The amount of the surety bond or certificate of deposit shall be
29 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). The city or county or any person suffering
30 damage by reason of the acts or omissions of the individual or the corporation
31 or its employees in the performance of services under this act may bring
32 action on the bond for damages.

33 (b) An individual or corporation shall be ineligible to provide
34 services under this act if the individual or the owner, operator, or a
35 stockholder of the corporation has been convicted of a felony.

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SECTION 3. 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 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

