

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Second Extraordinary Session, 1994**
4 **By: Senator Bradford**

A Bill

Call Item 000
SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CHANCERY JUDGE AT LARGE;
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CHANCERY
13 JUDGE AT LARGE"

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

17 SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby created the position of Chancery Judge
18 at Large, which shall be appointed by the Governor as authorized by law and
19 assigned by the Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court pursuant to
20 Arkansas Code Annotated 16-10-101 from those Chancery Judges who lost two
21 years of their elected terms pursuant to the United States District Court
22 Consent Decree in the case of Eugene Hunt et al. v. State of Arkansas et al.

23 (b) The Chancery Judge at Large shall have original jurisdiction in all
24 matters of equity in judicial districts where assigned and shall serve until
25 December 31, 1996, when the provisions of this act shall expire.

26 (c) The Chancery Judge at Large shall receive compensation at the same
27 rate as fixed by law for regularly elected Chancery Judges.

28 (d) The Chancery Judge at Large may appoint a court reporter as provided
29 by law, whose salary and expenses shall be paid from the Court Reporter_s
30 Fund.

32 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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8 hereby repealed.

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10 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
11 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many Chancery Court districts of this
12 state have heavy caseloads and that the chancellor or chancellors of those
13 districts require some assistance; that certain chancery judges lost two years
14 from their elected terms pursuant to the United States District Court Consent
15 Decree in the case of Eugene Hunt et al. v. State of Arkansas et al.; that
16 delay in providing a remedy for these situations could work irreparable harm
17 upon the proper administration of justice. Therefore, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation
19 of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect
20 from and after its passage and approval.

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