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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1280

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 16-13-503 TO PROVIDE FOR  
THE REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF COURT REPORTING BY THE  
SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS; TO REPEAL ACT 48 OF 1897  
REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF COURT STENOGRAPHERS; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE  
PRACTICE OF COURT REPORTING BY THE  
SUPREME COURT."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-503 is amended to read as follows:

"16-13-503. Appointment - Compensation - Leave.

(a) Each judge of each circuit-chancery court district may appoint one  
(1) or more court reporters as may be authorized by law.

(b)(1) The salaries of the reporters shall be prescribed by the  
General Assembly in accordance with the Uniform Classification and  
Compensation Act, §21-5-201 et seq.

(2) The salaries, together with such expenses as may be  
authorized by law for the court reporters to be paid from state funds shall  
be paid with moneys appropriated therefor by the General Assembly from the  
Court Reporters' Fund.

(c) The official court reporters of the circuit and chancery courts in  
the state shall be subject to, and their attendance and leave time shall be  
governed by, the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act, as amended,  
§21-4-201 et seq. However, the judge of the court served by each such

1 reporter shall have the authority and responsibility to administer the  
2 Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act, § 21-4-201 et seq., as applied to  
3 the respective court reporters.

4 (d) Rules for the regulation of the practice of court reporting in  
5 this state, including but not limited to, certification, discipline, and  
6 provisions for the retention of court reporter records, shall be the  
7 responsibility of the Supreme Court of Arkansas. *Provided however that*  
8 *nothing in this section shall permit the Supreme Court to require that*  
9 *counties or county officials provide space for the storage of court reporter*  
10 *records."*

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12 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
13 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
14 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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22 SECTION 4. (a) Act 48 of 1897 is hereby repealed.

23 (b) All other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
24 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Vess*

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