

1 State of Arkansas  
2 80th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1995  
4 By: Representative Curran

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2020

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CASE COORDINATORS FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT AND THE CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND SET THE SALARY FOR THE DISTRICT CASE COORDINATORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO ESTABLISH CASE COORDINATORS FOR THE CIRCUIT, CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURTS IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND SET THEIR SALARY"

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

SECTION 1. (a)(1) The Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial District may appoint one (1) case coordinator for said district for circuit matters.

(2) The Judge of the Chancery and Probate Court for the Fifth Judicial District may appoint one (1) case coordinator for said district for chancery and probate matters.

(b) The principal duties of the case coordinators shall be to maintain the court calendar, schedule dates for the trial of cases and for the hearing of motions, and other related and incidental duties at the direction of the judges.

(c) The case coordinators authorized by this section shall be appointed by the respective judges, shall be sworn officers of the court, and shall hold office at the discretion of and during the term of the judge who appointed him, except that he may be dismissed for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misbehavior.

1 (d) Each case coordinator authorized by this section shall receive a  
2 salary of not less than *fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)* nor more than  
3 *twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000)* per calendar year payable in the  
4 following manner: two-thirds (2/3) from Pope County, one-sixth (1/6) from  
5 Johnson County, and one-sixth (1/6) from Franklin County.

6 (e) The salaries shall be payable in twenty-six (26) equal  
7 installments by the paying offices of the respective counties.

8 (f) The beginning salary of each case coordinator shall be determined  
9 by the judge of each court with consideration given to the case load of each  
10 court.

11 (g) Each case coordinator shall receive expenses and automobile  
12 allowances as authorized for *county* employees. The same shall be prorated  
13 among the counties comprising the district in the same manner as the salary  
14 set forth above and be paid out of the county treasury.

15 (h) *When the Pope county quorum court raises the salaries of Pope*  
16 *county employees, the participating counties shall also raise salaries in a*  
17 *proportionate amount for the case coordinators provided for in this section.*  
18

19 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
20 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
21 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
22

23 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
27 act are declared to be severable.  
28

29 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
30 hereby repealed.  
31

32 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the  
33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the case load of the Fifth  
34 Judicial District is increasing significantly; that it is extremely important  
35 to retain qualified and experienced court personnel to assure the efficient

1 and swift disposition of the work of the court; that the present salary of  
2 the personnel affected by this act is inadequate; that this act will adjust  
3 the salary to a more reasonable level; and that this act should be given  
4 effect immediately in order to eliminate the inequities as soon as possible.  
5 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being  
6 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and  
7 safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and  
8 approval.

9 */s/Rep. Curran*

10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35

***As Engrossed: 3/22/95***

**HB 2020**

1

2

3

**0313951017.jjd685**