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4 By: Senator Malone

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 196

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

"TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS FOR THE COURT OF  
APPEALS."

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

SECTION 1. The Districts for the Court of Appeals are hereby established as having the same boundaries as the four United States Congressional Districts. These Districts consist of the following counties:

A. District One--Fulton, Sharp, Randolph, Clay, Iazard, Lawrence, Greene, Searcy, Stone, Independence, Jackson, Craighead, Mississippi, Cleburne, Poinsett, Woodruff, Cross, Crittenden, Lonoke, Prairie, Monroe, St. Francis, Lee, Arkansas, and Phillips.

B. District Two--Yell, Van Buren, Conway, Perry, Faulkner, Saline, Pulaski, and White.

C. District Three--Benton, Carroll, Boone, Marion, Baxter, Washington, Madison, Newton, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Sebastian, Logan, Scott, and Polk.

D. District Four--Montgomery, Garland, Little River, Howard, Sevier, Pike, Miller, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Clark, Nevada, Lafayette, Columbia, Ouachita, Dallas, Grant, Jefferson, Cleveland, Calhoun, Union, Bradley, Lincoln, Desha, Drew, Ashley, and Chicot.

SECTION 2. If the boundaries of any of the four United States Congressional Districts are changed due to the decennial redistricting and

1 said change affects an incumbent judge, that judge shall retain a seat in the  
2 judge\_s original District until that judge runs for reelection.

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4 SECTION 3. Each of the judges shall be designated as position one,  
5 two, or three of their respective District.

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7 SECTION 4. Judicial Terms by Court of Appeals District:

8 A. District One--The incumbent Court of Appeals judges in this  
9 District shall be assigned positions one (1) and two (2) and shall run for  
10 eight (8) year terms, standing for reelection in the years 2000 and 2002  
11 respectively, as previously established. The additional judge shall be  
12 assigned position three (3) and shall run for an eight (8) year term.

13 B. District Two--The incumbent Court of Appeals judge in this District  
14 shall be assigned position one (1) and shall run for an eight (8) year term,  
15 standing for reelection in the year 2000 as previously established. The  
16 first additional judge shall be assigned position two (2) and shall run for  
17 an eight (8) year term. The second additional judge shall be assigned  
18 position three (3) and shall run for an initial six (6) year term, then an  
19 eight (8) year term thereafter.

20 C. District Three--the incumbent Court of Appeals judge in this  
21 District shall be assigned position one (1) and shall run for an eight (8)  
22 year term, standing for reelection in the year 2002 as previously  
23 established. The first additional judge shall be assigned position two (2)  
24 and shall run for an eight (8) year term. The second additional judge shall  
25 be assigned position three (3) and shall run for an initial four (4) year  
26 term, then an eight (8) year term thereafter.

27 D. District Four--The incumbent Court of Appeals judges in this  
28 District shall draw lots before the end of the filing period for the November  
29 1996 general election to determine who shall run for position one (1) and who  
30 shall run for position two (2). The term for the judge in position one (1)  
31 shall be eight (8) years. The judge in position two (2) shall run for an  
32 initial six (6) year term, than an eight (8) year term thereafter. The judge  
33 in position three (3) shall run for an initial four (4) year term, then an  
34 eight (8) year term thereafter.

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1           SECTION 5. The qualified electors of the Court of Appeals Districts  
2 established by this Act shall elect the additional Court of Appeals judges at  
3 the November 1996 general election to take office on January 1, 1997.

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5           SECTION 6. Ark. Code Ann. 16-12-101(b) as well as all other laws and  
6 parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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8           SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
9 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
10 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12           SECTION 8. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 act are declared to be severable.

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18           SECTION 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
19 hereby repealed.

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