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4 By: Senator Dowd

A Bill

SENATE BILL 3

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED
9 §16-13-1701 TO TRANSFER PIKE COUNTY FROM THE NINTH
10 JUDICIAL DISTRICT-EAST TO THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST
11 AND TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE
12 NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO TRANSFER PIKE COUNTY TO THE 9TH
16 JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST AND CREATE A NEW
17 CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP"

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated §16-13-1701 is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 "16-13-1701. Composition.

24 (a) Effective immediately upon passage and approval of this act, the
25 Ninth Judicial District-East shall be composed of the county of Clark.

26 (b) Effective immediately upon passage and approval of this act, the
27 Ninth Judicial District-West shall be composed of the counties of Howard,
28 Little River, Sevier, and Pike."

30 SECTION 2. (a) Effective immediately upon passage and approval of
31 this act, there is hereby created in the Ninth Judicial District-West an
32 additional circuit-chancery judgeship, which shall have jurisdiction in law,
33 equity, and probate.

34 (b) The judge of the additional circuit-chancery judgeship created
35 herein shall devote such time as may be required to perform the duties of

1 judge of the juvenile division, which duties shall be the primary obligation
2 of the judge, and shall sit as judge of the circuit, chancery, or probate
3 court as time permits.

4 (c) As soon as possible after the effective date of this act, the
5 Governor shall appoint a qualified person to temporarily fill the Ninth
6 Judicial District-West Circuit-Chancery judgeship created herein, and the
7 appointed person shall serve until December 31, 1996, or until a successor
8 has been elected and qualified, whichever occurs last.

9 (d) The qualified electors of the Ninth Judicial District-West shall
10 elect the additional circuit-chancery judge created herein at the November
11 1996 general election to take office on January 1, 1997. The additional
12 judge shall be elected in the same manner and shall satisfy the same
13 qualifications for holding office and shall receive the same salary,
14 expenses, and other allowances as provided by law for judges of the
15 circuit-chancery courts. The judge shall serve for elected terms of four (4)
16 years.

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18 SECTION 3. The counties which comprise the Ninth Judicial
19 District-West shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for
20 the judge of the circuit-chancery judgeship created by this act, which shall
21 be paid out of the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands
22 against the counties, out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum
23 courts of the counties for such purposes.

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25 SECTION 4. There shall be provided for the judge of the
26 circuit-chancery judgeship created by this act a court reporter, whose salary
27 shall be fixed and paid in the manner provided by law for court reporters of
28 the circuit-chancery courts of this state.

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30 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
31 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
32 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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

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8 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
9 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the caseload of the Ninth
10 Judicial District necessitates the transferring of Pike County to the Ninth
11 Judicial District-West and the appointment of an additional circuit-chancery
12 judge immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and
13 this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
14 health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its
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