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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 320

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 16-13-2403 TO  
CONVERT A CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP AND A CHANCERY JUDGESHIP TO  
CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIPS IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-1103 TO CONVERT THE  
CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO A  
CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"AN ACT TO CONVERT A CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP  
AND A CHANCERY JUDGESHIP TO  
CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIPS IN THE  
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND  
CONVERTING THE CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO A CIRCUIT-  
CHANCERY JUDGESHIP."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-2403 is amended to read as follows:

"16-13-2403. Judges and chancellors.

(a) The qualified electors of the Sixteenth Judicial District shall  
elect:

- (1) One (1) circuit judge;
- (2) One (1) chancellor; and
- (3) One (1) circuit-chancery judge.

(b)(1) The judge of the judgeship created by subdivision (a)(3) of

1 this section shall be the judge of the juvenile division of chancery court.  
2 The judge shall serve as judge of the juvenile division in lieu of the judge  
3 who would otherwise be designated as judge of the juvenile division of  
4 chancery court in the judicial district.

5           (2) The judge of the additional circuit-chancery judgeship  
6 created in subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall devote such time as may  
7 be required to perform the duties of judge of the juvenile division, which  
8 duties shall be the primary obligation of the judge, and shall sit as judge  
9 of the circuit, chancery, or probate court as time permits.

10           (c) Effective *January 1, 1999*, the circuit judgeship created by  
11 subdivision (a)(1) of this section and the chancery judgeship created by  
12 subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall become circuit-chancery judgeships  
13 and shall have jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate."  
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15           *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 16-13-1103 is amended to read as follows:*

16           *"16-13-1103. Judges and chancellors.*

17           *(a) The qualified electors of the Third Judicial District shall elect*  
18 *one (1) circuit judge and one (1) chancellor.*

19           *(b) Effective July 1, 1999, the circuit judgeship created by*  
20 *subsection (a) of this section shall become circuit-chancery judgeship and*  
21 *shall have jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate."*  
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23           SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
24 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
25 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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27           SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
31 act are declared to be severable.  
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33           SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
34 hereby repealed.  
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*/s/Bell*