

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

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 551

## 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. Twelve (12) districts for the Court of Appeals are hereby  
established. These districts consist of the following counties:

(1) District One: Benton and Washington.

(2) District Two: Carroll, Boone, Marion, Madison, Newton, Searcy,  
Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Van Buren, and Conway.

(3) District Three: Baxter, Fulton, Randolph, IZard, Sharp, Lawrence,  
Stone, Independence, Cleburne, Jackson, and Woodruff.

(4) District Four: Clay, Green, Craighead, Poinsett, and Mississippi.

(5) District Five: Crawford, Sebastian, Logan, Scott, and Yell.

(6) District Six: Perry, Garland, Saline, Hot Spring, and Grant.

(7) Districts Seven and Eight: Pulaski and Faulkner.

(8) District Nine: White, Lonoke, Prairie, Jefferson, and Arkansas.

(9) District Ten: Cross, Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee, Monroe,  
Phillips, Desha, and Chicot.

(10) District Eleven: Polk, Montgomery, Sevier, Howard, Pike, Little  
River, Hempstead, Nevada, Miller, Lafayette, and Columbia.

(11) District Twelve: Clark, Dallas, Cleveland, Lincoln, Ouachita,  
Calhoun, Bradley, Drew, Union, and Ashley.

1           SECTION 2. On or after July 1, 1995, the Court of Appeals shall be  
2 composed of twelve (12) judges, one (1) judge elected from each Court of  
3 Appeals district.

4  
5           SECTION 3. Each of the judges shall be a resident of the district from  
6 which elected and shall have the same qualifications for holding office and  
7 shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by  
8 law for other judges of the Court of Appeals.

9  
10          SECTION 4. Judicial terms by Court of Appeals district.

11          (a) District One: The incumbent Court of Appeals judge in this  
12 district shall stand for re-election in the year 2002 as previously  
13 established.

14          (b) District Two: The new Court of Appeals judge in this district  
15 shall run for an initial two (2) year term, then an eight (8) year term  
16 thereafter.

17          (c) District Three: The incumbent Court of Appeals judge in this  
18 district shall stand for re-election in the year 2002 as previously  
19 established.

20          (d) District Four: The new Court of Appeals judge assigned District  
21 Eight shall run for an initial four (4) year term, then an eight (8) year  
22 term thereafter.

23          (e) District Five: The new Court of Appeals judge in this district  
24 shall run for an initial four (4) year term, then an eight (8) year term  
25 thereafter.

26          (f) District Six: The incumbent Court of Appeals judge in this  
27 district shall stand for re-election in the year 1996 and shall run for an  
28 initial two (2) year term, then an eight (8) year term thereafter.

29          (g) Districts Seven and Eight: The incumbent Court of Appeals judge  
30 assigned District Seven shall stand for re-election in the year 2000 as  
31 previously established. The new Court of Appeals judge in this district  
32 assigned District Eight shall run for an initial two (2) year term, then an  
33 eight (8) year term thereafter.

34          (h) District Nine: The new Court of Appeals judge in this district  
35 shall run for an initial four (4) year term, then an eight (8) year term

1 thereafter.

2 (i) District Ten: The incumbent Court of Appeals judge in this  
3 district shall stand for re-election in the year 2000 as previously  
4 established.

5 (j) District Eleven: The new Court of Appeals judge in this district  
6 shall run for an initial four (4) year term, then an eight (8) year term  
7 thereafter.

8 (k) District Twelve: The incumbent Court of Appeals judge in this  
9 district shall stand for re-election in the year 1996 and shall run for an  
10 initial two (2) year term, then an eight (8) year term thereafter.

11

12 SECTION 5. The qualified electors of the Court of Appeals districts  
13 established by this act shall elect the additional Court of Appeals judges at  
14 the November 1996 general election to take office on January 1, 1997.

15

16 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
17 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
18 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

19

20 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
24 act are declared to be severable.

25

26 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-12-101(b) as well as all other  
27 laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

1

2