

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1951

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5 By: Representative Booker
6 By: Senator Kennedy

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

14 "TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS FOR THE COURT OF
15 APPEALS"

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

19 SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 1999, the Court of Appeals Districts
20 shall be as follows:

21 (a) District 1A shall be composed of the counties of Mississippi,
22 Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, and Arkansas;

23 (b) District 1B shall be composed of the counties of Monroe, Prairie,
24 Greene, Woodruff, Cross, Jackson, Poinsett, and Craighead;

25 (c) District 1C shall be composed of the counties of Independence,
26 Clay, Randolph, Sharp, Fulton, Izard, Stone, Cleburne, Searcy, Marion, Baxter,
27 and Lawrence;

28 (d) District 2A shall be composed of the counties of Pulaski and
29 Lonoke;

30 (e) District 2B shall be composed of the counties of Pulaski and
31 Lonoke;

32 (f) District 2C shall be composed of the counties of Pope, Conway, Van
33 Buren, Faulkner, and White;

34 (g) District 3A shall be composed of the counties of Yell, Perry,
35 Garland, Madison, Newton, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, and Hot Spring;

36 (h) District 3B shall be composed of the counties of Benton,

1 Washington, Crawford, Carroll, Boone, and Sebastian;

2 (i) District 3C shall be composed of the counties of Benton,

3 Washington, Crawford, Carroll, Boone, and Sebastian;

4 (j) District 4A shall be composed of the counties of Little River,

5 Sevier, Howard, Pike, Montgomery, Hempstead, Miller, Lafayette, Nevada, Scott,

6 Polk, and Columbia;

7 (k) District 4B shall be composed of the counties of Grant, Dallas,

8 Saline, Jefferson, Cleveland, and Lincoln;

9 (l) District 4C shall be composed of the counties of Bradley, Ashley,

10 Drew, Desha, Ouachita, Calhoun, Clark, Union, and Chicot.

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12 SECTION 2. At the general election in 1998, one member of the Court of
13 Appeals shall be elected from District 1A, one member shall be elected from
14 District 2A, one member shall be elected from District 2C, one member shall be
15 elected from District 3B, one member shall be elected from District 4A, and
16 one member shall be elected from District 4B. The six (6) members of the
17 Court of Appeals elected at the general election in 1998 shall by lot draw
18 terms of office so that two (2) will serve four (4) year terms, two (2) will
19 serve six (6) year terms, and two (2) will serve eight (8) year terms. Their
20 successors shall serve full eight (8) year terms.

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22 SECTION 3. At the general election in 2000, one member of the Court of
23 Appeals shall be elected from District 1B, and one member shall be elected
24 from District 2B. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the
25 current District 1 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 1B
26 for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently
27 serving from current District 6 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of
28 District 2B for the remainder of her current term.

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30 SECTION 4. At the general election in 2002, one member of the Court of
31 Appeals shall be elected from District 1C, and one member shall be elected
32 from District 3C. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the
33 current District 2 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 1C
34 for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently
35 serving from current District 3 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of
36 District 3C for the remainder of his current term.

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SECTION 5. At the general election in 2004, one member of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from District 3A, and one member shall be elected from District 4C. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from the current District 4 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 3A for the remainder of his current term. The Court of Appeals Judge currently serving from current District 5 shall serve as the Court of Appeals Judge of District 4C for the remainder of his current term.

10 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
11 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
12 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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14 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 act are declared to be severable.
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20 SECTION 8. (a) Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 16-12-101(c)(2) and 16-12-
21 101(d) as amended by Acts 11 and 15 of 1995 First Extraordinary Session are
22 repealed:

23 ~~_____ (2) The qualified electors of the Court of Appeals Districts~~
24 ~~established in compliance with subsection (c) of this section shall elect the~~
25 ~~additional Court of Appeals judges at the November, 1998 general election to~~
26 ~~take office on January 1, 1999.~~

27 ~~_____ (d) Two (2) of the additional Court of Appeals judges elected pursuant~~
28 ~~to subsection (c)(2) of this section shall be elected to an initial term of~~
29 ~~four (4) years; two (2) shall be elected to an initial term of six (6) years;~~
30 ~~and two (2) shall be elected to an initial term of eight (8) years. The~~
31 ~~initial terms of these additional judges shall be determined by lot during the~~
32 ~~first public session of the court after their elected terms shall commence.~~
33 ~~Thereafter, these judges shall be elected for full eight (8) year terms. Each~~
34 ~~of the judges shall be a resident of the district from which elected and shall~~
35 ~~have the same qualifications for holding office and shall receive the same~~
36 ~~salary, expenses and other allowances as provided by law for other judges of~~

1 ~~the Court of Appeals.~~

2 (b) All other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
3 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Booker

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