

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 544

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5 By: Senator Fitch
6 By: Representative Laverty

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-EAST
10 AND THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST; TO PROVIDE FOR
11 THE JUDGES, COURT REPORTERS, AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS OF
12 THE DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
15 DISTRICT-EAST AND THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
16 DISTRICT-WEST."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Composition.

22 (a) Effective January 1, 1999 there is created the Nineteenth Judicial District-East, which shall be composed of Carroll County.

23 (b) Effective January 1, 1999 there is created the Nineteenth Judicial District-West, which shall be composed of Benton County.

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25 SECTION 2. Judges and chancellors.

26 (a) As of January 1, 1999, the Circuit-Chancery Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District, who sits as judge of the juvenile
27 division and division three (3) of the circuit and chancery courts, is hereby designated as the Circuit-Chancery Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial
28 District-East and shall sit as the judge of the circuit, chancery and probate courts and the juvenile division.

29 (b) At the 1998 General Election, the qualified electors of the Nineteenth Judicial District-East shall elect the Circuit-Chancery
30 Judge to take office on January 1, 1999.

31 (c) As of January 1, 1999, the Nineteenth Judicial District-West shall be served by one (1) Circuit Judge of the First Division; one
32 (1) Circuit Judge of the Second Division; one (1) Chancery Judge of the First Division; one (1) Chancery Judge of the Second Division; and an
33 additional Circuit-Chancery Judge who shall perform the duties of the judge of the juvenile division and sit as judge of the circuit, chancery or
34 probate court as time permits. The additional Circuit-Chancery Judge shall be elected in 1998 to take office on January 1, 1999.

35 (d) As of the 1998 General Election, the circuit, chancery, and circuit-chancery judges of the Nineteenth Judicial District-West
36 shall hereafter be elected by qualified electors of the Nineteenth Judicial District-West. The current Chancery Judges shall serve the balance of

1 their terms in the Nineteenth Judicial District - West.

2 (e) There shall be provided for the judge of the Circuit-Chancery Judgeship created by this act a court reporter and a trial court
3 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative
4 assistants of the circuit and chancery courts of this state.

5 (f) All existing laws not in conflict herewith pertaining to the Nineteenth Judicial District shall apply to the Nineteenth Judicial
6 District - East and the Nineteenth Judicial District - West.

7 (g) The judges of the Nineteenth Judicial District - East and the Nineteenth Judicial District - West may, by agreement,
8 temporarily exchange districts or hold court for each other as they deem necessary or appropriate.

9 SECTION 3. Prosecuting Attorneys.

10 (a) At the 1998 General Election the qualified electors of Carroll County shall elect a person who shall serve as the prosecuting
11 attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial District-East beginning January 1, 1999.

12 (b) At the 1998 General Election the qualified electors of Benton County shall elect a person who shall serve as the prosecuting
13 attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial District-West beginning January 1, 1999.

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15 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated
16 and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity
19 shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
20 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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

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