

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1434

5 By: Representatives Minton, Hunt, Bevis, Glover, Shoffner, Wood
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
10 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
11 DISTRICT-EAST TO THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND
12 THE NAME OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST TO
13 THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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18 JUDICIAL DISTRICT-EAST TO THE
19 SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND THE
20 NAME OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
21 DISTRICT-WEST TO THE TWENTY-THIRD
22 JUDICIAL DISTRICT. "

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-2501 is amended to read as follows:

28 "16-13-2501. Composition.

29 (a) Effective immediately, ~~The the~~ Seventeenth Judicial District-East
30 shall be composed of the counties of Prairie and White.

31 (b) Effective immediately, ~~The the~~ ~~Seventeenth Judicial District-West~~
32 Twenty-Third Judicial District shall be composed of Lonoke County. "
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 16-13-2502 is amended to read as follows:

35 "16-13-2502. Terms of court.

36 (a) The terms of court ~~in each county in the~~ ~~Seventeenth Judicial~~

1 ~~District~~ Twenty-Third Judicial District shall commence on the following dates:

2 ~~(1) Lonoke County: On the third Monday in February and the first~~
3 ~~Monday in September;~~

4 (b) The terms of court in each county in the Seventeenth Judicial
5 District shall commence on the following dates:

6 ~~(2)(1)~~ (A) In the Northern District of Prairie County: On the
7 third Mondays in March and September;

8 (B) In the Southern District of Prairie County: On the
9 first Monday in March and the third Monday in August;

10 ~~(3)(2)~~ White County: On the third Monday and the tenth Monday
11 after the third Monday in January and the third Monday and the tenth Monday
12 after the third Monday in July. However, grand and petit juries selected at
13 the January and July terms of the court may serve for a period of six (6)
14 months."

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16 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 16-13-2503 is amended to read as follows:

17 "16-13-2503. Judges and chancellors.

18 (a) The qualified electors of the Seventeenth Judicial District ~~East~~
19 shall elect:

20 (1) One (1) circuit judge;

21 (2) One (1) chancery judge; and

22 (3)(A) One (1) circuit-chancery judge.

23 (B) The circuit-chancery judgeship created by subdivision
24 (a)(3)(A) of this section within the Seventeenth Judicial District ~~East~~,
25 whose primary responsibility shall be to perform the duties of a judge of the
26 juvenile division of chancery court, shall sit as judge of the circuit,
27 chancery, and probate courts as time permits.

28 (b)(1) The qualified electors of the ~~Seventeenth Judicial District West~~
29 Twenty-Third Judicial District shall elect one (1) circuit-chancery judge who
30 shall have jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate.

31 (2)(A) Effective January 1, 1995, there is hereby created in the
32 ~~Seventeenth Judicial District West~~ Twenty-Third Judicial District an
33 additional circuit-chancery judgeship, which shall have jurisdiction in law,
34 equity, and probate.

35 (i) The judge of the additional circuit-chancery
36 judgeship created herein shall sit as judge of the circuit, chancery, or

1 probate court as time permits.

2 (ii) The additional judge shall be elected in the
3 same manner and shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office and
4 shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by
5 law for judges of the circuit-chancery courts.

6 (iii) The judge shall serve for elected terms of four
7 (4) years.

8 (B) The county which comprises the ~~Seventeenth Judicial~~
9 ~~District-West~~ Twenty-Third Judicial District shall provide courtroom and
10 office facilities and supplies for the judge of the circuit-chancery judgeship
11 created by this subdivision (b)(2), which shall be paid out of the county
12 treasury, in the same manner as other demands against the county, out of funds
13 appropriated by the quorum court of the county for such purposes.

14 (C) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit-
15 chancery judgeship created by this subdivision (b)(2) a court reporter, whose
16 salary shall be fixed and paid in the manner provided by law for court
17 reporters of the circuit-chancery courts of this state."

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19 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 16-13-2504 is amended to read as follows:
20 "16-13-2504. Exchange of districts.

21 The judges of the ~~Seventeenth Judicial District-West~~ Twenty-Third
22 Judicial District and the ~~Seventeenth Judicial District-East~~ may, by
23 agreement, temporarily exchange districts or hold court for each other as they
24 deem necessary and appropriate."

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26 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 16-21-139 is amended to read as follows:
27 "16-21-139. The ~~Seventeenth Judicial District-East~~.

28 The ~~Seventeenth Judicial District-East~~ shall be a Division A Judicial
29 District."

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31 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 16-21-140 is amended to read as follows:
32 "16-21-140. The ~~Seventeenth Judicial District-West~~ Twenty-Third Judicial

33 District.

34 The ~~Seventeenth Judicial District-West~~ Twenty-Third Judicial District
35 shall be a Division B Judicial District."

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1 SECTION 7. Subject to review by the Senate Interim Committee on
2 Judiciary of the Arkansas General Assembly, the Arkansas Code Revision
3 Commission is authorized and directed to prepare a technical corrections bill
4 for introduction in the next regular or special session of the Arkansas
5 General Assembly to make the necessary changes to the Arkansas Code of 1987
6 Annotated consistent with the provisions of this act. Specifically, in
7 addition to other necessary changes determined to be consistent with this act
8 and subject to review by the Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary, the
9 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall prepare legislation to change
10 references to the Seventeenth Judicial District-East and the Seventeenth
11 Judicial District-West, as well as similar and related references used
12 throughout the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated to references consistent with
13 the Seventeenth Judicial District and the Twenty-Third Judicial District, or
14 divisions thereof, for purposes of uniformity and style.

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16 SECTION 8. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to decrease the term
17 of office of the judges and prosecuting attorneys of the Seventeenth Judicial
18 District-East or the Seventeenth Judicial District-West serving on the
19 effective date of this Act. The judges and prosecuting attorneys shall
20 continue to serve in their respective capacities in the Seventeenth Judicial
21 District and the Twenty-Third Judicial District until the expiration of their
22 terms.

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24 SECTION 9. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28 SECTION 10. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
32 act are declared to be severable.

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34 SECTION 11. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
35 hereby repealed.

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