

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2203

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5 By: Representative Rodgers  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-17-602 RELATING TO  
10 THE SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL COURTS; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

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14 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO THE  
15 SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL  
16 COURTS. "

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-17-602 is amended to read as follows:

22 "~~16-17-602. Small claims division to be established in municipal courts.~~

23 (a)(1) Each municipal court in this state shall establish a division  
24 within the court to be known as the small claims division.

25 (2) The small claims division shall have ~~the same~~ jurisdiction  
26 over ~~amounts~~ matters where the amount in controversy as provided under § 16-  
27 17-704 does not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

28 (3) However, in counties having more than one (1) municipal  
29 court, the judges of the respective courts, by written agreement, may  
30 designate one (1) or more municipal courts to be responsible for all small  
31 claims litigation arising within that county.

32 (b) The small claims division may maintain its own docket of the  
33 municipal court, and the docket shall be heard at times and places as may be  
34 determined by the judge or judges of the municipal court. "

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36 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
11 hereby repealed.