

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

State of Arkansas

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82nd General Assembly

A Bill

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SENATE BILL 59

By: Senators Dowd, Beebe, Harriman, Webb

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO RE-ENACT *PART OF* ARKANSAS CODE § 16-90-115
WHICH WAS INADVERTANTLY REPEALED BY ACT 1341 OF 1997;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

"TO RE-ENACT *PART OF* ARKANSAS CODE § 16-90-
115 WHICH WAS INADVERTANTLY REPEALED BY ACT
1341 OF 1997. "

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

SECTION 1. (a) All courts of record, municipal courts, city courts, corporation courts, mayor's courts, police courts, justice-of-the-peace courts and courts of common pleas in this state shall have the authority to suspend the imposition of sentences, or the imposition of fines, or both, in all criminal cases pending before the courts, unless specifically prohibited by law.

(b) At any time before a court has entered a judgment of conviction against a criminal defendant, the court may dismiss the case, and, in that instance, any fine imposed against the defendant shall be considered a civil penalty. The court, however, shall assess and disburse the appropriate court costs pursuant to Arkansas Code §§16-10-305 et seq.

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity 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 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/ Dowd