

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

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

A Bill

SENATE BILL 600

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5 By: Senator Scott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES FOR THE ADMINSTRATIVE
10 OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO GATHER MUNICIPAL JUDGES'
11 SALARY AND EXPENSE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VARIOUS
12 MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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16 "TO DIRECT THE ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICE OF
17 THE COURTS TO GATHER MUNICIPAL JUDGES'
18 SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITY AND
19 COUNTY GOVERNMENTS. "

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. (a) In addition to its other duties, the Administrative
26 Office of the Courts shall assist in the gathering of information for the
27 Arkansas General Assembly concerning its duty under Amendment 43 of the
28 Arkansas Constitution of 1874 to set the salaries and expenses for the judges
29 of the various municipal courts in Arkansas.

30 (b) Beginning July 1, 2000, and each July 1, of each even-numbered year
31 thereafter, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall send
32 a request for a salary recommendation to each local government jurisdiction,
33 each municipality and county, which financially supports the operation of a
34 municipal court in Arkansas. The mayor of each municipality and each county
35 judge shall be contacted to ask for their recommendations regarding the salary
36 and expense requirements for the judge of the municipal court under their

1 respective jurisdiction.

2 (c) By September 30, 2000, and each September 30, of each even-numbered
3 year thereafter, the mayor and county judge shall confer with the governing
4 body of their respective local political subdivision and, with its
5 concurrence, shall arrive at a recommendation regarding the salary and
6 expenses necessary for the judge of the municipal court. The municipal
7 judges' salaries and expenses may be increased but not diminished during the
8 term for which they were elected.

9 (d) The mayor and county judge shall send any recommendations regarding
10 the salary and expenses for the judge of the municipal court to the Director
11 of the Administrative Office of the Courts by November 1, 2000, and each
12 November 1, of each even-numbered year thereafter.

13 (e) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall
14 compile the salary and expenses recommendations for the municipal court judges
15 into a report to be submitted to the House and Senate Interim Committees on
16 Judiciary. The report shall be sent to the Committees by December 1, 2000,
17 and each December 1, of each even-numbered year thereafter.

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

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23 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
27 act are declared to be severable.

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

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