

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1219

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5 By: Representatives Hickinbotham, Weaver, C. Taylor  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-1103 TO CREATE A  
10 NEW CIRCUIT-CHANCERY JUDGESHIP IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
11 DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 JUDGESHIP IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
17 DISTRICT.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-1103, concerning judges of the Third  
23 Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as  
24 follows:

25 (c)(1)(A) Effective immediately, there is created in the Third Judicial  
26 District an additional circuit-chancery judgeship, which shall have  
27 jurisdiction in law, equity, and probate.

28 (B) Pursuant to Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution,  
29 the additional judgeship shall become a circuit judgeship on July 1, 2001.

30 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a  
31 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Third Judicial District  
32 judgeship created by this subsection (c), and the appointed person shall serve  
33 until December 31, 2002, or until a successor has been elected and qualified,  
34 whichever occurs last.

35 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the  
36 additional circuit judge, created by this subsection (c), at the November 2002

1 general election to take office on January 1, 2003.

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

6 (C) The judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6)  
7 years.

8 (4) The counties which comprise the Third Judicial District shall  
9 provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of the  
10 judgeship created by this subsection (c), which shall be paid out of the  
11 county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the counties,  
12 out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the counties for  
13 such purposes.

14 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the judgeship  
15 created by this subsection (c) a court reporter and a trial court  
16 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner  
17 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants  
18 of the circuit courts of this state.

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20 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
21 Eighty-third General Assembly that the caseload of the Third Judicial District  
22 necessitates the appointment of an additional judge immediately. Therefore,  
23 an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for  
24 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective  
25 on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved  
26 nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the  
27 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is  
28 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective  
29 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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