

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.

State of Arkansas

83rd General Assembly

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2225

By: Representative Hathorn

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-502(a)(2)(B) TO
PROVIDE FOR CLERKS OF THE PROBATE DIVISION OF CIRCUIT
COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-502
(a)(2)(B) TO PROVIDE FOR CLERKS OF THE
PROBATE DIVISION OF CIRCUIT COURT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-14-502(a)(2)(B), concerning distribution
of powers in county government, is amended to read as follows:

(B) There may be elected a county clerk in like manner as
a circuit clerk, and in such cases, the county clerk may be ex officio clerk
of the probate division of circuit court, if such division exists, of the
county until otherwise provided by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. This act shall be effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General
Assembly of the State of Arkansas that portions of Amendment 80 to the
Constitution of the State of Arkansas which merge courts of law and equity
become effective July 1, 2001, and it is unclear what effect that will have
on the county clerks' role as probate clerk; that this act should be
effective July 1, 2001 to coincide with the related provisions of Amendment
80. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being

1 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
2 safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor.
3 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
4 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
5 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
6 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides
7 the veto.