

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 2519

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5 By: Representatives Biggs, Bookout, Allison, Childers, Goss  
6 By: Senators Wooldridge, Bryles

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP IN THE  
11 SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP  
15 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-1003, concerning judges of the Second  
21 Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as  
22 follows:

23 (e)(1) Effective July 1, 2001, there is created in the Second Judicial  
24 District an additional circuit judgeship, which shall have jurisdiction in  
25 law, equity, probate and juvenile matters.

26 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a  
27 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Second Judicial District  
28 circuit judgeship created by this subsection (e), and the appointed person  
29 shall serve until December 31, 2002, or until a successor has been elected  
30 and qualified, whichever occurs last.

31 (3) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the  
32 additional circuit judge, created by this subsection (e), at the November  
33 2002 general election to take office on January 1, 2003. The additional judge  
34 shall be elected from the district and shall satisfy the same qualifications  
35 for holding office and shall receive the same salary, expenses, and other  
36 allowances as provided by law for judges of the circuit courts. The judge

1 shall serve for elected terms of six (6) years.

2 (4) The counties which comprise the Second Judicial District  
3 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of  
4 the circuit judgeship created by this subsection (e), which shall be paid out  
5 of the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the  
6 counties, out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the  
7 counties for such purposes.

8 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit  
9 judgeship created by this subsection (e) a court reporter and a trial court  
10 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner  
11 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants  
12 of the circuit courts of this state.

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14 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
15 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the caseload of the Second  
16 Judicial District necessitates the appointment of an additional circuit  
17 judge. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
18 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
19 safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor.  
20 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become  
21 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor  
22 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
23 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides  
24 the veto.

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