

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

SENATE BILL 143

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5 By: Senator Everett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "JUDICIAL DISTRICTS APPORTIONMENT
10 COMMISSION"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "JUDICIAL DISTRICTS
14 APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION".
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. (a) In order to assist the General Assembly with a
20 reapportionment of the various judicial districts, there is created a
21 legislative commission to be known as the "Judicial Districts Apportionment
22 Commission".

23 (b) The commission shall consist of ten (10) voting members selected
24 and designated as follows:

25 (1) One (1) member of the Senate Judiciary Committee to be chosen
26 from its membership;

27 (2) One (1) member of the House Judiciary Committee to be chosen
28 from its membership;

29 (3) Two (2) judges to be designated by the Arkansas Judicial
30 Council;

31 (4) Four (4) lawyers, one (1) from each Congressional District,
32 to be designated by agreement between the chairpersons of the Senate and House
33 Judiciary Committees;

34 (5) One (1) county judge to be designated by the Arkansas County
35 Judges' Association; and

36 (6) One (1) sheriff to be designated by the Arkansas Sheriffs'

1 Association.

2 (c) The commission shall review populations based on the 2000 Decennial
3 Census, geographical boundaries, number of judgeships, caseloads, and any
4 other pertinent information regarding the current judicial districts and shall
5 present recommendations on changes to the judicial districts, if any, to be
6 made effective July 1, 2003, together with proposed implementing legislation,
7 to the Senate Interim Judiciary Committee and the House Interim Judiciary
8 Committee, meeting jointly, prior to the convening of the 84th General
9 Assembly.

10 (d)(1) Non-legislative members of the commission shall not be entitled
11 to compensation for their service, but shall be eligible to receive
12 reimbursement for mileage and expenses as provided in Arkansas Code 25-16-901
13 through 908 from funds appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts
14 for that purpose.

15 (2) Legislative members shall be entitled to reimbursement for
16 expenses and per diem at the same rate as provided by law for members of the
17 General Assembly attending meetings of interim committees.

18 (e) The commission shall elect a chairperson from its membership, shall
19 adopt and may modify rules for the conduct of its business, and shall keep a
20 public record of its transactions, findings, and determinations.

21 (f) A quorum shall consist of not less than six (6) members present at
22 any regular or special meeting, and an affirmative vote of such number shall
23 be necessary for the disposition of any business.

24 (g) The designating authorities shall have the power to fill any
25 vacancy which occurs if the member designated by them is unable to serve.

26 (h) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff
27 support, secretarial support, technical support, and supplies to the
28 commission.

29 (i) The commission shall cease to exist at midnight on December 31,
30 2002.

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