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.

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2	83rd General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2001		SENATE BILL 174	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE INTIMIDATION OF JUDICIAL			
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:	
19	SECTION 1 Arkar	nsas Coda Titla 5 Chantar 53 Subc	hanter 1 is amended	
20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 53, Subchapter 1 is amended by adding an additional section to read as follows:			
21	5-53-135. Intimidation of judicial officers.			
22	(a) "Judicial officer" means any judge, justice, arbitrator,			
23	administrative law judge, magistrate, referee, hearing examiner, commissioner,			
24	or any other person authorized to hear evidence under oath.			
25		commits the offense of intimidatin		
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27	<u>(</u> A)	The person communicates with a jud	icial officer <i>with</i>	
28	the intent and purpose	of influencing the judicial office	r's future rulings,	
29	decisions, or opinions;	and		
30	<u>(B)</u>	The communication was made with a	threat, either	
31	directly or indirectly, expressly or implied, that the judicial officer or th			
32	judicial officer's immediate family would suffer harm to their health and			
33	safety, property, or economic condition.			
34	<u>(2) Commun</u>	(2) Communications by an elected or appointed governmental		
35	official to a judicial officer concerning the continued employment of the			
36	judicial officer shall not constitute a threat of economic harm.			

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1	(3) A person does not commit the offense of intimidating a		
2	judicial officer if the person communicates to the judicial officer the		
3	person's intent to either support or not support the judicial officer in any		
4	future election, or that the person intends to file an ethics complaint		
5	against the judicial officer.		
6	(c) Intimidating a judicial officer is a Class A misdemeanor.		
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