

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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A Bill

SENATE BILL 606

By: Senator Everett

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT INTO THE
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT-NORTH AND THE SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT-SOUTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT INTO THE SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT-NORTH AND THE SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT-SOUTH.

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

SECTION 1. Composition.

(a) Effective January 1, 2003, there is created the Second Judicial
District-North composed of Clay, Craighead and Greene counties.

(b) Effective January 1, 2003, there is created the Second Judicial
District-South composed of Crittenden, Mississippi and Poinsett counties.

SECTION 2. Terms of court.

(a) There shall be no stated terms of the circuit courts of Second
Judicial District-North and the Second Judicial District-South, except as
provided by the judge of each court.

(b) The circuit courts of the Second Judicial District-North and the
Second Judicial District-South shall always be open for the transaction of
business and all matters of which they have jurisdiction, except on those days
excluded by law, if any.

(c) There shall be no final adjournments, but the circuit courts may

1 adjourn from day to day as business demands. These adjournments shall be
2 considered recesses and shall not prohibit the court from sitting at any time.

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4 SECTION 3. Judges.

5 (a) The qualified electors of the Second Judicial District-North shall
6 elect:

7 (1) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
8 Circuit-Chancery Division 3;

9 (2) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
10 Circuit-Chancery Division 7;

11 (3) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
12 Circuit-Chancery Division 9; and

13 (4) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
14 Chancery Division 1.

15 (5) The circuit judgeship created effective July 1, 2001 by the
16 83rd General Assembly of the State of Arkansas.

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18 (b) The qualified electors of the Second Judicial District-South shall
19 elect:

20 (1) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
21 Circuit-Chancery Division 2;

22 (2) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
23 Circuit-Chancery Division 4;

24 (3) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
25 Circuit-Chancery Division 5;

26 (4) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
27 Circuit Division 6; and

28 (5) The circuit judgeship which is currently designated as
29 Circuit-Chancery Division 8;

30 (c) The circuit judges of the Second Judicial District-North and the
31 Second Judicial District-South may, by agreement, adopt such rules as they
32 deem appropriate for the assignment of cases in the circuit courts of their
33 respective districts.

34 (d) There shall be provided for each circuit judge of the Second
35 Judicial District-North and the Second Judicial District-South a court
36 reporter whose salary shall be fixed and paid in the manner provided by law

1 for court reporters of the circuit courts of this state.

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

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9 *SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 16-21-122 is amended to read as follows:*

10 *16-21-122. The Second Judicial District-North and South.*

11 (a) The Second Judicial District-North shall be a Division A Judicial
12 District.

13 (b) The Second Judicial District-South shall be a Division A Judicial
14 District.

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16 *SECTION 5. (a) At the November, 2002, General Election the qualified*
17 *electors of the Second Judicial District-North shall elect a person who shall*
18 *serve as the prosecuting attorney for the Second Judicial District-North*
19 *beginning January 1, 2003.*

20 *(b) At the November, 2002, General Election the qualified electors of*
21 *the Second Judicial District-South shall elect a person who shall serve as the*
22 *prosecuting attorney for the Second Judicial District-South beginning January*
23 *1, 2003.*

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25 *SECTION 6. Effective January 1, 2003, Arkansas Code §§ 16-13-1001, 16-*
26 *13-1002, 16-13-1003, 16-13-1004, 16-13-1005, 16-13-1006, and 16-13-1007 are*
27 *repealed.*

28 /s/ Everett
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