

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 792

By: Senator Everett

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST OF COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS SHALL BE BORNE EQUALLY BY THE COUNTIES AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST OF COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS SHALL BE BORNE EQUALLY BY THE COUNTIES AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-87-210 is amended to read as follows:
16-87-210. Attorney's fees and expenses.

(a) When private attorneys are appointed to represent an indigent person and authorized by the Public Defender Commission, ~~the attorneys or trial public defenders shall be paid by the commission~~ the commission shall bear one-half (1/2) of the cost of the appointed attorneys, and the county of the appointing court shall bear the other one-half (1/2) of the cost of the appointed attorneys.

(b) The commission may authorize the disbursement of interim fees in complex cases.

(c) The attorneys shall also be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.