

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 961

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5 By: Senator Simes  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ALLOW EVERY CIRCUIT JUDGE TO APPOINT A LAW  
10 CLERK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO ALLOW EVERY CIRCUIT JUDGE TO  
14 APPOINT A LAW CLERK.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 (a)(1) Every circuit judge may appoint a law clerk who shall be a  
20 licensed attorney or a graduate of a law school approved by the State Board of  
21 Law Examiners.

22 (2) Each law clerk shall serve at the discretion and under the  
23 direction of the circuit judge by whom the law clerk is employed.

24 (b)(1) The powers and duties of the law clerks shall be to administer  
25 oaths and affirmations, to take acknowledgments, affidavits, and depositions,  
26 to serve as a master, and to conduct pretrial and prejudgment hearings and  
27 recommendations for disposition to the circuit judge.

28 (2) The law clerks may be assigned such additional duties at the  
29 discretion of the circuit judge by whom the law clerk is employed which are  
30 not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State of Arkansas.

31 (c) The salary of each law clerk shall be set by and apportioned  
32 between the counties of the judicial district in which the law clerk serves by  
33 agreement of the quorum courts.  
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