

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

HOUSE BILL 2396

5 By: Representatives Hathorn, Ledbetter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUIT COURT
10 APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUIT COURT
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 Arkansas General Assembly and
20 the Arkansas Supreme Court with the respective duties and responsibilities
21 which they are assigned under the Arkansas Constitution to establish the
22 jurisdiction of state courts and to set the number and boundaries of circuit
23 court districts, there is created the Circuit Court Apportionment Commission
24 to be composed of the following persons:

25 (1) The Chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary
26 or his or her designee, plus two (2) other members of the committee to be
27 selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

28 (2) The Chairman of the House Interim Committee on Judiciary or
29 his or her designee, plus two (2) other members of the committee to be
30 selected by the Speaker of the House;

31 (3) The Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court or his or
32 her designee, who shall serve as chair of the commission;

33 (4) The President of the Arkansas Judicial Council;

34 (5)(A) Two (2) circuit judges appointed by the Arkansas
35 Judicial Council, one (1) of whom shall be a minority.

36 (B) The judges shall be from different congressional



1 districts;

2 (6) The President of the Arkansas Bar Association or his or her
3 designee; and

4 (7) Two (2) persons appointed by the Governor, one (1) of whom
5 shall be a minority.

6 (b) In addition to the voting members identified in subsection (a) of
7 this section, the following persons shall serve as nonvoting ex-officio
8 members of the commission:

9 (1) The Prosecutor Coordinator or his or her designee;

10 (2) The Executive Director of the Public Defender Commission or
11 his or her designee;

12 (3) The dean of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
13 School of Law, or his or her designee; and

14 (4) The dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School
15 of Law or his or her designee.

16 (c) The commission shall meet at the call of the chair and hold
17 hearings between July 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004.

18 (d) The commission shall review the current jurisdiction of state
19 courts and the number and location of circuit court districts and make a
20 recommendation to the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly and the Arkansas Supreme
21 Court.

22 (e) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide necessary meeting
23 space, staff, clerical support, and technical assistance to the commission.

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25 /s/ Hathorn, et al
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