

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1737

5 By: Representatives Thyer, Berry, Ragland
6 By: Senator Baker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP
11 IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE
12 FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF THE CIRCUIT
13 JUDGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 JUDGESHIP IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
17 DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-2803, concerning judges of the
26 Twentieth Judicial District, is amended to add an additional subsection to
27 read as follows:

28 (f)(1) Effective July 1, 2005, there is created in the Twentieth
29 Judicial District an additional circuit judgeship, that shall have
30 jurisdiction in law, equity, probate, and juvenile matters.

31 (2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified person who is a
32 resident of the district to temporarily fill the Twentieth Judicial District
33 circuit judgeship created by this subsection (f), and the appointed person
34 shall serve until December 31, 2006, or until a successor has been elected
35 and qualified.

36 (3)(A) The qualified electors of the district shall elect the



1 additional circuit judge created by this subsection (f) at the November 2006
2 general election to take office on January 1, 2007.

3 (B) The additional judge shall be elected from the
4 district, shall satisfy the same qualifications for holding office, and shall
5 receive the same salary, expenses, and other allowances as provided by law
6 for judges of the circuit courts.

7 (C) The judge shall serve for elected terms of six (6)
8 years.

9 (4) The counties that comprise the Twentieth Judicial District
10 shall provide courtroom and office facilities and supplies for the judge of
11 the circuit judgeship created by this subsection (f), which shall be paid out
12 of the county treasuries in the same manner as other demands against the
13 counties and out of funds appropriated by the respective quorum courts of the
14 counties for these purposes.

15 (5) There shall be provided for the judge of the circuit
16 judgeship created by this subsection (f) a court reporter and a trial court
17 administrative assistant whose salaries shall be fixed and paid in the manner
18 provided by law for court reporters and trial court administrative assistants
19 of the circuit courts of this state.

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21 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
22 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Judicial Resources
23 Assessment Committee has reviewed the caseloads of the various judicial
24 districts; that the caseload of the Twentieth Judicial District necessitates
25 the appointment of an additional circuit judge; and that this act is
26 immediately necessary to ensure the smooth, efficient, and timely
27 administration of justice in the counties affected. Therefore, an emergency
28 is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
29 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.