

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
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2628

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5 By: Representatives T. Hutchinson, J. Hutchinson, Lamoureux

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES MAY EMPLOY
10 DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AS CRIMINAL MAGISTRATES; TO
11 ALLOW COUNTIES TO COMPENSATE DISTRICT COURT
12 JUDGES FOR ACTING AS CRIMINAL MAGISTRATES; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES MAY
17 EMPLOY DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AS CRIMINAL
18 MAGISTRATES AND TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO
19 COMPENSATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES FOR
20 ACTING AS CRIMINAL MAGISTRATES.

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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 Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1 is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 16-17-135. Counties authorized to employ and compensate district court
28 judges as criminal magistrates.

29 (a)(1) A county may employ one (1) or more district court judges to
30 act as criminal magistrates in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.8(a)
31 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure.

32 (2) A district court judge acting as a criminal magistrate may
33 be authorized to perform any of the duties described in Rule 1.8(b) of the
34 Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure.

35 (b) A county may compensate a district court judge acting as a
36 criminal magistrate in excess of his or her salary as a district court judge



1 in an annual amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the district court
2 judge's maximum annual salary as set forth in § 16-17-108.

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